

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Walton County Broadband Wifi

2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake

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## 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

***If answer to 4a is ?No? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E***

b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)
Input Amounts:					2,100,000	2,100,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? Yes

5a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Economic Opportunity

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of allocated funds.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Rick Wilson
- b. Organization: Walton County Administration
- c. Email: wilrick@co.walton.fl.us
- d. Phone #: (850)892-8155

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Rick Wilson
- b. Organization: Walton County Administration
- c. Email: wilrick@co.walton.fl.us
- d. Phone #: (850)892-8155

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Walton County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Walton
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Walton

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Government
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

To bridge the digital divide in Walton County by providing free internet access to our residents in our underserved and most rural areas of Walton County.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Poles, Repeaters, AP's, UPC's, Etc.	1,000,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Installation of Wifi Equipment	1,000,000
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	10 Gig Internet backbone	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		2,100,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

N/A

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

Yes

14a. Will this information technology project be managed within a state agency to support state agency program goals?

No

14b. What is the total cost (all years) to design and build the project?

9,000,000

14c. What are the ongoing (annual recurring) maintenance and operation costs once the project is completed?

100,000

14d. Can the state agency fund the ongoing annual recurring costs within its current operating budget?

Yes

14e. What are the specific business objectives or needs the IT project is intended to address?

1. Provide law enforcement, first responders and public works with reliable communications., 2. Provide residents with the ability to utilize tele-medicine and tel-health alternatives., 3. Create economic development opportunities for agro-tourism, eco-tourism , and fIOT opportunities for farmers throughout the rural areas of Walton County. 4. Attempt to reverse the trend of transfer of wealth by providing student of all ages with connectivity to further their educations post high school.

14f. Based upon the identified business objectives or needs, what are the success factors that must be realized in order for the state agency to consider the proposed IT project a success?

1. Efficiency,more accurate mapping, locating, and transfer of real time information. 2. Reduce the number of cars on the roads, improve resident health, and and bring world class health care to rural Walton County. 3. An increase in agro-tourism and eco-tourism measured by the TDC. Economic development utilizing e-commerce for farmers. 4.Improved education leads to improved workforces, which is one of th factors a large business considers when searching for a new location.

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

The BOCC has made broadband one of their legislative priorities for four years in a row.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

A broadband feasibility study is currently underway. Connected Nation Inc. is currently conducting the survey. The County formed the Walton United Broadband Initiative, which consists of community leaders, elected officials, and residents resoundingly desire improved access and to close the digital divide in Walton County.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Free Internet access for residents within the coverage areas. Tele-medicine and tele-health, secondary education opportunities, improved public safety services, social connectivity, e-commerce.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Free Internet Access and the benefits that accompany broadband.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- ☒ Elderly persons
- ☒ Persons with poor mental health
- ☒ Persons with poor physical health
- ☒ Jobless persons
- ☒ Economically disadvantaged persons
- ☒ At-risk youth
- ☒ Homeless
- ☐ Developmentally disabled
- ☐ Physically disabled
- ☐ Drug users (in health services)
- ☐ Preschool students
- ☒ Grade school students
- ☒ High school students
- ☒ University/college students
- ☒ Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- ☒ Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- ☒ Victims of crime

- ☐ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- ☐ < 25
- ☐ 25-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 101-200
- ☐ 201-400
- ☐ 401-800
- ☒ >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	By providing tele-medicine and tele-health options from our rural health clinics, and utilizing mobile applications to connect to world class health care.	Working with the health department, this can be tracked and measured.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Reduced number in suicides, and calls to dispatch for mental health issues.	Compare suicide numbers from area from year to year.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Allow users to communicate in a social manner, reach out to neighbors.	Surveying users on a yearly basis can provide this information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Farmers can utilize GPS based equipment for more efficient farming techniques.	Surveying users on a yearly basis can provide this information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Providing secondary educational opportunities for the under-served	Case studies can be performed by all K-12 students by working with the

	and underprivileged. .	schools.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Improved public safety can be realized by better communications for first responders.	Call times, patient care level at arrival at hospital can be gathered by implementing SOP of documentation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	Utilizing mobile applications can notify drivers of many different hazards or road conditions issues.	Surveying users on a yearly basis can provide this information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Residents can use the internet connection to sell their home made crafts, woodworking, or crops.	Working with the local EDA, this information can be gathered and tracked
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Providing farmers with eco and agri-tourism opportunities.	The Walton County Tourist Development Council can assist with this information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	By having a connection to the outside world, the Individuals could take vocational classes or college classes online, research skills important to them.	Working with Career Source and yearly surveys can assist in gathering this information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Provide residents with an outlet to further their education or situation.	Working with the Sheriff, this can be tracked in the coverage area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	2,100,000	51.2%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	1,700,000	41.5%	No
4. Local:	300,000	7.3%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No