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Full Legal Organization Name (Required)	East Lake Community Library
Street Address (Required)	4125 East Lake Road
City (Required)	Palm Harbor
State (Required)	FL
Zip Code (Required)	34685
Organization Website (URL)	eastlakelibrary.org
Organization President / Executive Director (Required)	Lois Eannel
Title (Required)	Library Director
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501(c)(3)? (Required)	Yes
Registered in Florida? (Required)	Yes
Year Established (Required)	1999

Total Organization Annual Budget (Required)	$1,200,000
Taxpayer / Employer ID # (Required)	59-2720211
Brief Description of Organization and It's Mission (approx. 600 characters) (Required)	East Lake Community Library, which opened its doors in 1999 at its present location, serves the communities along the East Lake Road corridor in north Pinellas County. In addition to providing in-person programs and services to almost 70,000 patrons each year, the library also provides remote access to information, e-resources, and downloadable library materials to thousands more. This library has become the educational, recreational, and cultural center for local residents. ELCL Mission Statement - Strengthening our community through inspiration, enrichment, and education.
Project Name (Required)	Technology Upgrades
Requested Program Budget (Required)	$20,000
Community Need: Describe the problem or need to be addressed by this project. (Required)	As part of last year's Technology Plan for East Lake Community Library, a thorough evaluation of the technology infrastructure reflected a need for improved connectivity and upgrades to hardware and software. As part of the initial phase of the Technology Plan, much of this came from patron and staff surveys concerning technology issues and concerns. Due to rising costs of materials and labor as well as the need to divert funds for COVID-related supplies the past several years, much-needed improvements were put on hold. Outdated technology costs more in poor user experiences (for both staff and patrons) and a potential lack of security which can result in lower productivity and frustrated patrons who go elsewhere for their needs.
Project Summary: Describe how the project will be fully implemented and how it will address the need or gap in the community. Identify and describe other funding sources, if	All three aspects of this proposal will be completed for vendors who have already installed and done maintenance/repairs to these systems; therefore, they are thoroughly familiar with the components and can make the necessary upgrades in a timely manner: Network Infrastructure - Addition of Cat 6 wiring and access points throughout the building to improve connectivity; outside access points to expand WiFi availability on library property. Community Room - Update A/V equipment by replacing the HDMI wall plate with wireless HDMI capability, reducing the problem of

any, for this project/program. (Required)	dropped signals, etc. Road Sign on East Lake Road - Updating hardware and software to our nine-year-old road sign. Any additional costs over the $20,000 will be paid for out of the library's capital reserves.
Program Outcomes: Describe the time-line by which the project will be implemented including short-term and long-term results. (Required)	Once the proposal is approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the Library will notify the vendors that the project can proceed. Since these vendors have already installed/maintained these existing systems/components and are merely upgrading, not installing new systems, we will work with these vendors exclusively so that service agreements/warranties are not negated. The project is expected to be completed within three months of BOCC approval and prior to the end of this fiscal year. Community Room A/V System - Improved connectivity and ease-of-use for library programs and outside groups requiring A/V equipment for their presentations. Road Sign - Improved visibility and greater capabilities for a sign that is in front of 60,000 cars per day. This would result in better marketing and publicity for ELCL and our community partners. Technology Infrastructure - Improved connectivity inside the building; broader access to the library's WiFi both inside the building and our library property.
Describe how your project aligns with the County's Strategic Plan: (Required)	Technology must be viewed as a vehicle to offer more efficient and effective delivery of current services. The path toward accommodating digital upgrades in public libraries has evolved from basic computer literacy to include emerging technologies, device support, and more online access. This obviously aligns with Pinellas County's Strategic Plan as part of the goal of delivering first class service to the public and our customers.
Additional Information	MSTU_Proposal_Packet_for_ELCL.pdf (762 KB)
Authorized Signature (Printed Name / Title) (Required)	Lois Eannel/Library Director, East Lake Community Library
Authorization Date (Required)	01-23-2023

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