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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)	$1,000,000
Taxpayer / Employer ID # (Required)	59-2720211

Brief Description of Organization and It's Mission (approx. 600 characters) (Required)	ELCL Mission Statement - Strengthening our community through inspiration, enrichment, and education. ELCL Vision Statement - Our library aspires to be the center of information and discovery in the community. Through innovative programming, relevant collections, and responsive services, we support lifelong learning and the joy of reading, and provide cultural and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. Although this library building has only been in existence since 1999, it serves almost 100,000 residents per year along the East Lake corridor.
Project Name (Required)	Technology Refresh and Outdoor Tech Deck
Requested Program Budget (Required)	$20,000
Community Need: Describe the problem or need to be addressed by this project. (Required)	Prior to the current health crisis, the library budgeted part of its operational funds to replace older, outdated desktop computers and laptops for our patrons and staff members. However, when COVID hit, this money had to be utilized for protective measures, supplies for staff and patrons, acrylic barriers, signage, weekly defogging, etc., all of which continues to this day. In anticipation of a "return to normal" in the near future, we are in dire need of updating these computers so that we can meet the needs of the staff and our residents. With the anticipated loss of revenue from the elimination of fines in October 2021, this funding can no longer come out of our operational budget without cutting from somewhere else. The pandemic has also resulted in a loss of usable space for patrons to utilize their own devices; for example, our Community Room has become a "quarantine zone" for returned library materials until they can safely be checked in. In light of this situation, and the fact that we are the smallest library in Pinellas County, we would also like to extend our WiFi to a new "Tech Deck" - a covered pavilion with outlets, USB ports, and device chargers on our side patio. This is another way to fulfill our mission and effectively serve the community - not to mention the health benefits of being outdoors!
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 any, for this	Implementation of this technology project will allow the library to stay current with technology and provide our patrons with the necessary equipment and space to truly utilize both the library's computers and digital resources as well as their own devices. All aspects of this project can be implemented in a timely, efficient manner by preplanning days/times when it is least intrusive to staff and patrons. The Library believes that these relevant, future-focused goals will significantly enhance customer service and improve efficiency. Furthermore, the addition of the Tech Deck will provide a multipurpose space as an extension of the library, maximizing every opportunity and

project/program. (Required)	serving many different purposes (tutoring, small group meetings, etc.). Although the anticipated expenses might exceed the requested amount, the Library is prepared to use its capital reserves for any unforeseen expenses associated with this project.
Program Outcomes: Describe the time-line by which the project will be implemented including short-term and long-term results. (Required)	As soon as approval is given to this project, the hardware necessary to replace the outdated computers in the library (three laptops and seventeen desktops) will be ordered. Once these are received and loaded with the updated software, they will be installed throughout the building. This can be completed within the first two months, a few at a time if necessary, to prevent disruption to staff or patrons. The positive impact will be immediately evident - the speed, features, etc. of the new computers will be a welcome change. With the older computers, there were the increasing concerns of freezing as well as lost files and data. An order will also be placed for the pavilion that, due to its dimensions, will not require special permitting. This structure will be delivered and assembled by a local contractor at the side of the Community Room. Once installed, an electrical contractor will be scheduled to provide the necessary conduits and hookups for the outdoor outlets and USB ports. The completion of this portion of the project will provide outdoor space, internet accessibility, and the opportunity for social interaction for students and adults.
Describe how your project aligns with the County's Strategic Plan: (Required)	In line with Pinellas County's mission to provide superior public service, this technology plan will move the East Lake Community Library forward by providing outstanding services and resources to our residents and (5.4) striving to exceed customer expectations. Designated public computers at ELCL have been used in the past as Census 2020 stations and presently as a COVID Vaccination Information Station – patrons need to have easy access and qualified assistance (i.e. library staff) on reliable computers so that we can better serve our community. This has become even more critical since the pandemic with increased requests for assistance with online job applications, resumes, and filing for unemployment insurance.
Additional Information	Summary_of_Project_Expenses.docx (203k)
Authorized Signature (Printed Name / Title)	Lois Eannel/Library Director, East Lake Community Library

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Authorization Date (Required)	03-12-2021

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