1. Provide a brief description of the project.
   Replace a current MRI scanner, which is more than 10 years old and beyond its service life and economic repair, with a new and more capable MRI. Since the new unit will be installed in the same Sky Lakes Outpatient Imaging suite that houses the current unit, only relatively minor construction will be required.

2. Board of Directors approval date:
   March 27, 2017

3. Proposed start date:
   May, 2017

4. Expected completion date:
   September, 2017

5. What is the expected project cost?
   $1,300,000

6. Describe the expected benefits to the community that your facility serves. Include both direct financial benefits such as charity care as well as qualitative benefits such as access to care and quality improvements. Attach additional pages if needed.
   The new MRI will allow us to continue providing required scanning and diagnostic services to our community. Further, MRI technology has evolved over the past decade and a new MRI will provide an enhanced level of services to the patient population.

7. In what ways may this project negatively impact the community that your facility serves? Include direct cost such as bonds as well as indirect impacts such as service interruptions. Attach additional pages if needed.
   The current scanner has outlived its useful life and can no longer meet the medical needs of our providers. Because of its age, it is costly to maintain and prone to being out of service for extended periods. Not replacing the unit would negatively impact patients who would be required to either wait for extended periods before a diagnostic screening could be completed or travel outside the community in order to have a diagnostic study completed.

8. How has your facility evaluated the need for this project within the community that
you serve?

Sky Lakes Medical Center regularly conducts marketplace and service need studies including patients and providers. Providers indicate the new unit will help them meet the needs of their patients.

9. Are the medical services created by this project already available in the community that your facility serves?

The new outpatient MRI unit’s capabilities will complement those of the unit in the hospital and will make it more convenient for patients. The new unit’s magnet will be twice the strength of the in-house magnet, which means providers will get excellent images with shorter patient wait times, as well as being able to conduct more types of studies, including exams for pediatric patients; the in-house unit does not have this capability. Having MRI units in the hospital and in an outpatient setting adds capacity that is more in line with demand, and that means improved access to the service for both patients and providers. Also, the new unit’s table will accommodate larger and heavier patients versus the in-house unit thus providing a more comfortable option for that population.