



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3278

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The project will include relining gravity sewer lines and manholes that have aged beyond their usable service life and are leaking throughout the County's service areas. The mainlines will be completely relined with cured-in-place pipe (CIPP). Manholes will be completely relined, including the re-establishment of structural integrity as needed, also dependent on condition of each manhole. The County has lined approximately 21.8 miles of vitrified clay gravity sewer mains during the past 4 years, but additional investments must be made to minimize the environmental risks of leaking sewer lines.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years		450,000	LINE ITEM 1668A OF	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

OCWS has committed \$1M per year from their O&M budget, derived from user fees, toward gravity sewer rehabilitation. There are no additional funds available to be used in lieu of state funding to expand the annual budget, which slows the rate at which aging infrastructure can be rehabilitated.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

OCWS has received \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds, \$2,000,000 a year starting in FY2022, to support gravity sewer rehabilitation. With the additional funds, over 15 miles of vitrified clay pipe has been lined.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Sewer System is an enterprise fund department of Okaloosa County.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The funds will be used to rehabilitate and replace aging sewer infrastructure to mitigate the risks to the environment from the aged wastewater collection system and sanitary sewer overflows. The goal is to reduce inflow and infiltration, prevent blockages, reduce exfiltration, and improve system inefficiencies.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

This project would continue the rehabilitation by CIPP lining of gravity sewer lines including service connections, as well as the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes, wetwells and other wastewater structures, by structural upgrades and lining, as needed.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Protect the health of all citizens by reducing sanitary sewer overflows and prevent health advisories for higher levels of bacteria on public beaches or other areas where there is risk of human exposure from sewage spills. In addition, the system will operate more efficiently and economically by reducing the excess quantity of groundwater, stormwater and rainwater entering the piping of the system, reducing the quantity of diluted wastewater being transported to and treated at the wastewater treatment facility. These savings will allow the system to postpone rate increases in the future.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

All customers of Okaloosa County Water and Sewer system throughout their four sewer service areas. The served population is 98,000+ as of end of year 2022. Indirectly, the entire population of Okaloosa County and the County's rivers' watersheds, as well as thousands of tourists are served by keeping sewage spills and overflows from polluting the local waterways.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Protect the general public health from harm, improve stormwater management, improve surface water quality, and enhance, preserve, and improve environmental quality by reducing point source pollution discharge into nearby surface waters to include the Choctawhatchee Bay and its watershed from leaking, aged wastewater infrastructure. Another benefit would be to improve economic activity by preserving the emerald green waters the region has become known for and contribute to economic growth focused on fisheries and ecotourism. The methodologies to which the outcomes are measured are the following:

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

There are standard penalties or violations in place by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that takes into account all violations and the volume of sanitary sewer spills.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?



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21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?