



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1860

1. Project Title Okaloosa County - Shoal River Ranch Water Reclamation Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Doug Broxson

3. Date of Request 02/20/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Okaloosa County Water and Sewer plans to design and construct a new water reclamation plant in the County's northern Service area to include the rapid development of the Shoal River Ranch gigasite. The service area is characterized as a part of the area being primed for residential, commercial and industrial growth. An new Water reclamation facility is needed in order to provide public sewer connections for future users of the system, potentially millions of gallons flow per day over current capacity at the JDM WRF. The Shoal River Ranch Reclamation facility will be a modern, state-of-the-art, robust conventional plant to include on-site effluent disposal as well as public access reclaimed water for irrigation and industrial use. The new facility will strengthen the County's critical infrastructure, enhance resiliency, prepare for future demand and equip the area for economic growth and environmental stability.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	7,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	17,600,000	59%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,450,000	18%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	30,050,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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



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Yes

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

\$8,500,000 dollars has been received from the American Rescue Plan Act to be used for the design and construction of the Shoal River Ranch Water Reclamation Facility.

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

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/31/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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.

Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners are the legal owners of all facilities. Okaloosa County Water and 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	Design and construction of a new state-of-the-art water reclamation facility to serve the Shoal River Ranch Gigaite. To include design and construction of utility conveyance and effluent disposal.	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The funds will be used for the design and construction of the new water reclamation plant to include utility conveyance and effluent disposal.

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

Provide access to public sewer services in this portion of the county and protect the health of all citizens by reducing existing and preventing the installation of new on-site storage systems (septic tanks).

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

All population of North Okaloosa County Water and Sewer service connections, with potential expansion to the City of Crestview customers. The estimated population served is 13,000 based on the proposed size of the initial plant.

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

The expected benefit is the construction of the new facility to better serve and protect the general public health. Prevent and reduce the installation of new septic tanks. The outcome will be measured by the following:

- Direct increase in capacity of waste water;
- Reduction of septic tanks

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?

Standard contract penalties and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

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

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- ☒ 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?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026