



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2955

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

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be used to construct an approximately four mile long reclaimed water pipeline. The City of Niceville is located in region designated by the State of Florida as a Water Resource Caution Area (WRCA). Municipal water systems in a WRCA are required to use reclaimed water unless it is determined not to be economically, environmentally, or technically feasible. With the growth expected from a new 3500 unit/1,100 acre subdivision, the demands for irrigation water will be substantial and meeting those demands with potable water will have significant negative impacts on the Floridan Aquifer. This pipeline will extend the existing system to this new subdivision and help reduce those negative impacts greatly as the proposed pipeline will be able to supply all the irrigations needs of this entire subdivision.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,612,000	21%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,970,000	38%
Local	150,000	2%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,732,000	100%

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

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

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.

Recurring funds, of approximately \$3 million dollars, would be requested in FY 2025-2026 if the \$2,970,000 AWS grant that we applied for through the NW FL Water Management District in early 2023 does not get approved. This grant has not yet been approved and is noted in Question 7 above. If this grant is approved, no additional State funds would be required in FY 2025-2026.



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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.

The City of Niceville received approximately \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in 2021 and another approximately \$4 million in 2022. To date, the City of Niceville has used these funds on infrastructure projects around the city. The city will expend all of its remaining ARPA funds in FY24 including \$1,612,000 on this pipeline project.

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.

This reclaimed water pipeline will be exclusively owned and operated by the City of Niceville.

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	This funding will be used to pay the FY24 constructions cost for an approximately 4 mile reclaimed water pipeline to a new 3500 unit, 1,100 acre subdivision in Niceville, FL.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

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?

Construction of the pipeline to provide reclaimed water service to each unit within the subdivision plus parks and other common areas of the subdivision.

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

This reclaimed water pipeline will extend Niceville's existing reclaimed water system and will enable the supply of all irrigation needs to a new 3500 unit, 1,100 acre subdivision. It will also continue to encourage the use of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes and offset the demands and negative environmental impacts on the Floridan Aquifer.

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

The target population is the general population of the City of Niceville. 10,000-12,000 residents will be served by this water project. This number could increase significantly in future years if the City of Niceville builds off this pipeline to provide reclaimed water to other neighborhoods throughout Niceville.

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

This pipeline will significantly reduce the environmental damage on the Floridan Aquifer caused by high potable water consumption rates due to irrigation. It will allow the aquifer to recover, prevent saltwater intrusion into the aquifer, and ensure Niceville residents have safe drinking water for years to come. Additionally, the distribution of reuse water over a large geographic area, rather than disposal at lower quality sites, in a traditional effluent disposal method will reduce the nutrient load at the existing sprayfield and surrounding surface waters in the vicinity of the disposal area. The outcome will be measured through measurement of water quality levels in existing monitoring and production wells in the City of Niceville.

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?

If deliverables or performance measures are not met, a corrective action plan should be required to determine the root cause of the failing deliverables and/or performance measures. The corrective action plan should document non-compliance issues and develop measurable and feasible solutions and practical deadlines.

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) Municipality

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) Applied for AWS grant through NFWMD in early 2023. No results yet.
- 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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Designed and ready for construction, but still finishing right of way process with Eglin, AFB.

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025