



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2569

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) is seeking funding assistance for hardening improvements to their operations located in a historic office building that was constructed in 1915, which originally served as the People's Bank of Okeechobee. Funds will be used to replace old entryways, roof replacement, ADA compliance improvements, electrical, telephone, data links and painting etc.

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	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

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)	750,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.



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### 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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/30/2025

**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.**

Okeechobee Utility Authority is both owner and entity.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds used to replace old entryways, roof replacement, ADA compliance improvements, electrical, telephone, data links and painting etc.	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) is seeking funding assistance for hardening improvements to their operations located in a historic main office building that was constructed in 1915, originally serving as the People's Bank of Okeechobee. Funds will be used to replace old entryways, roof replacement, ADA compliance improvements, painting, telephone, electrical, data networks, etc.

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



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To seek contractual services through the OUA procurement policies and procedures for resiliency hardening improvements needed for protection of personnel, customers, records and for efficient and effective services and operations, which are conducted in a 1915 building, which originally served as the People's Bank of Okeechobee.

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

Improvements allow for citizens to safely utilize OUA services via walk-in or drive through service to make utility payments, open/close accounts and undertake related business and for the protection of personnel during daily operations.

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

Citizenry, visitors, tourists, City and County residents, Greater than 40,000

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

Expected results & benefits associated from the requested funds includes employment maintained from project in this Rural Area of Opportunity, repair, rehabilitation and construction of 1920s facility per the design specifications. Completion and certification of the renovations and construction allows the OUA to provide services safely, efficiently and effectively.

**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?**

Non-payment of outstanding invoices, implementation of the corrective action plan, invoking the public construction bond or performance bond.

**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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Special District

d. First Name  Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number