



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2975

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Coastal Stormwater Retrofit Program involves the retrofitting of stormwater treatment facilities, and the rehabilitation of failing segments of an aging stormwater management system, in Okaloosa County subbasins draining to Choctawhatchee Bay. Priority sub-basins include: Cinco Bayou, Gap Creek, and Lake Lorraine. This program will retrofit stormwater treatment facilities and best management practices (BMPs), and will implement other system upgrades, such as hydrodynamic separators, to reduce excess sediment, bacteria, and nutrient loads to Cinco Bayou, Gap Creek, Lake Lorraine, and ultimately Choctawhatchee Bay.

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	1,460,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,460,000

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)	1,460,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	77%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,460,000	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.

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



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

Okaloosa County BCC has expended approximately \$37 million in federal assistance for a variety of costs as a result of COVID. Okaloosa County is also receiving \$40 million in ARPA funding for a variety of projects.

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?

March 30, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 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.

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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	Will need state funding for study, design, and permitting.	790,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	State funding would be used to supplement the construction cost.	670,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,460,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this program is to retrofit stormwater treatment facilities and to rehabilitate failing segments of an aging stormwater management system in Okaloosa County sub-basins draining to Choctawhatchee Bay. The objectives of the project include: (1) reduce excess sediment, bacteria, and nutrient loadings; (2) improve water quality and habitat conditions in receiving waters; and (3) promote the recovery of seagrass and oyster communities in areas effected by excess nonpoint source pollutant loads.



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

The Okaloosa County Stormwater Retrofit Program will include the following project components at the identified priority locations: 1. Construct stormwater retention/detention treatment areas. 2. Repair broken/aging pipes that are allowing excess sediments into the system. 3. Install hydrodynamic sediment separators in priority locations. 4. Remove accumulated sediment deltas from outfall locations.

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

Enhanced community resilience by reducing sediment in the bay and improving water quality.

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

All Citizens and visitors to Okaloosa County.

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

The program will include pre- and post-construction water quality monitoring in receiving waters to document system improvements.

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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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

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?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?