



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2308

1. Project Title Sopchoppy Water System Improvements Phase 1

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 02/27/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Sopchoppy supplies potable water to Sopchoppy and one half of the City of Crawfordville. Currently, the City has multiple needs for their aging water system. The City operated 7 wells, 4 elevated tanks and 1 ground storage tank. These issues have been prioritized and the two issues with the highest priority are the ground storage tank at well 2, the well appurtenances at well 2 and the well designated Well 5. The ground storage tank has been in operation since 1987 and has several issues including leaks, maintenance hatches and the aeration system. Ultimately, and Ground Storage Tank, the Well 2 pumps and the pump controllers (VFD) along with all piping and electrical components need to be replaced. Well 5 is located close to an expanding gasoline plume and the City has been given 1 year to cap the well and find a new location for Well 5.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,500,000	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.

The American Cares Act - \$246,420.00. Funds have not been utilized to date.

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?

12/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/2026

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.

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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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineer and Construction	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

To continue to serve Sopchoppy and southern Crawfordville with Potable Drinking Water and Fire Protection.

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

Design and construction of the tank and wells



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

A safer potable water system.

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

12,000 citizens of the City of Sopchoppy and Crawfordville

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

To continue to provide potable drinking water and fire protection for the citizens of Sopchoppy and Crawfordville. Pressure testing of the system and quality control testing of the potable water system.

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?

Pull funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Ashley **Last Name** Schilling
b. Organization City of Sopchoppy
c. E-mail Address ashley.schilling@sopchoppy.org
d. Phone Number (850)962-4611 **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Sopchoppy
b. Municipality and County Wakulla

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 Lara **Last Name** Edwards
e. E-mail Address lara.edwards@sopchoppy.org
f. Phone Number (850)212-3184

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None
b. Firm Name None



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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?

Construction not yet started

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0%

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/2026