



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1199

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Escambia River Electric Cooperative (EREC) Water System has identified four projects in which we are requesting funding for:

- 1) Replace approximately 14,300 linear feet of 6" asbestos pipes with 8" PVC Class 200 pipe which supplies Northview High School.
- 2) Purchase and replace 4 emergency generators needed to power the area's main water supply well pumps in the event of a power outage. The current generators at specific locations have failed before and cannot be cost-effectively repaired due to out of date and hard to acquire parts.
- 3) Replacement of approximately 1,400 manual read meters with updated automated meters in order to have real time water usage readings. Communications to well sites for SCADA is also needed.
- 4) Construction of a new potable water well to provide water in the vicinity of Walnut Hill, around the Arthur Brown/Hwy 97 intersection. The current well capacity is beginning to diminish. Feasibility studies, new generator and switch also needed.

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	54,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,054,000

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)	5,054,000	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 2024-2025	5,054,000	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.**



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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.

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.

EREC is a member-owned cooperative. EREC directly owns all facilities. The member-owners, in this case, the 1,600 water members indirectly own EREC Water facility.

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	1) Design, survey, permitting and engineering services	54,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1) EREC Water System will construct water line replacement to Northview High School (~\$650K) 2) This includes engineering, bidding and installation construction of replacement of emergency generators (~\$550K) 3) Construction services of new water meters (~\$1.2M) 4) Construction of new water well and capping of current water well (~\$2.6M)	5,000,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	5,054,000
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14. Program Performance

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

Specific outline of all projects/goals are attached in full detail.

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

Approximately 1,600 residents/businesses will benefit from improved water quality, uninterrupted operation of well pumps in the case of a power outage, give EREC Water System a more reliable source for gathering water usage data and detecting leaks; and a better way to provide water to the area of Walnut Hill through a new potable water well.

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

- 1) The new water main will improve overall water services and quality.
- 2) Reliable and uninterrupted water service for the residents and businesses served by EREC Water System.
- 3) AMI will give EREC Water System not only a more reliable source to gathering water usage data, but a quicker way to detect water leaks.
- 4) Provide new source of water since current well has diminished.

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

EREC Water System has approximately 1,600 meters (which includes businesses). The entire member base will be served by funding of these projects.

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

Replacement of the water line is essential to improve the water quality in the area needed. Water quality is tracked and reported to the environmental departments as well as through NPDES. The goal is to show water quality improvement through these reports. The measurement on the emergency generators is the decrease in expenses and labor needed to repair the outdated ones as well as the downtime from power outages. Changing from manual to automatic metering will reduce staff time for reading meters and decrease the amount of water that is lost during leakage and will bring this small rural water system to current technology.

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?

Repayment of funds would be conducted if failure to meet deliverables or performance measures. Construction disbursements would not be made if construction of the project is not completed.

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



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Non-Profit 501(c) (12)

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)
- Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
- 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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N/A

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

N/A

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2026