



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2229

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

4. Project/Program Description

In 2018, Hurricane Michael destroyed a significant portion of the water delivery infrastructure for Lighthouse Utilities water system, a private enterprise serving much of the southern portion of Gulf County near the coast. Because of the extent of the damage, Gulf County purchased the utility in order to rehabilitate the system and seek a more suitable location for its wells and other infrastructure. The search for and development of a more inland source of water is supported and partially funded by the Northwest Florida Water Management District. This project will supplement existing funds for the continued construction of the Gulf County Water System in a more inland location. An inland location will help ensure the protection of the Gulf County Water System and a continuity of service to its residents and visitors should Gulf County experience natural disasters (i.e. hurricanes, storm surge) in the future.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,500,000 |

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) | 2,500,000 | 15% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 7,012,869 | 41% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 6,784,183 | 40% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 728,996 | 4% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 17,026,048 | 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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$6,996,367.63 used for rental and mortgage assistance, emergency medical services and equipment, emergency management, small business assistance, payroll, public health & safety, medical expenses, public health expenses, government services, etc.

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.

Gulf County will own the 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 | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Funding will be used to supplement funding from state, federal, and water management district sources for the construction of the Gulf County Water System. | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,500,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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A relocated water system to be more inland will protect it from natural disasters, such as hurricanes and storm surges. Moving away from the coastline will also protect it from saltwater intrusion.

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

The water system will provide a safe and reliable drinking water source for the County's residents and visitors that will be more resilient during disasters.

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

An inland water system will provide the citizens with a reliable and safe water source, even during and after disasters.

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

Approximately 14,192 residents of Gulf County as well as visitors that travel to Gulf County.

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

Storm vulnerability analyses were conducted after the devastating impacts of Hurricane Michael left significant portions of the county's residents without a reliable source of water. The analyses call for the securing of the county's drinking water source, and the Northwest Florida Water Management District conducted inland well performance studies and paid for the construction of a production well to help identify and secure a more reliable source than that which was destroyed at the coast. A relocated water system to be more inland will protect it from natural disasters, such as hurricanes and storm surges. Moving away from the coastline will also protect it from saltwater intrusion. An inland water system will make it more resilient to hurricanes and storm surges. Safe and reliable water is a must for any community, especially during disasters.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables or performance measures would impact future funding request.

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



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Other (please specify)

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) Resilient Florida Programs
- 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?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?