



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1288

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

ECUA requests an appropriation of \$3.5M to construct a 16-inch diameter distribution/transmission main to accommodate and incentivize the development of OLF8, benefiting your constituents through job creation. In addition to other projects, ECUA is investing \$6.5M to construct a new water well and plans to add \$4.5M to spend on a storage tank to meet increasing demands nearby. ECUA funds are budgeted for the distribution/transmission main, but it is recognized that the 500-acre OLF8 property may be developed to accommodate commercial and/or light industrial use.

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	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	12,500,000	78%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	16,000,000	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.

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?

09/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2025

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.

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority: Owner of facility and entity requesting funding.

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	Portion of total construction cost.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goal of the funds used for this project is the construction of a 16-inch diameter distribution/transmission main to accommodate and incentivize the development of OLF8, benefiting your constituents through job creation. The 500-acre OLF8 property may be developed to accommodate commercial and/or light industrial use creating a higher water demand.

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



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These funds (\$3.5M) are requested to further match ECUA funds that specifically targets water supply and infrastructure for growth of the Beulah area and the planned development of OLF 8.

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

ECUA is already planning for growth in the Beulah area by installing a new well, a storage tank, and a distribution/transmission main. The grant funds used to construct the water main will benefit your constituents in a few key ways: 1.) helping to keep water service rates down, 2.) provide for potable water capacity for the development of OLF 8, and 3.) availability of water capacity and the infrastructure backbone that helps to spur economic development.

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

The target population (in the thousands) that would be served by the upgrade in pipeline size would be in the Beulah area. Additionally, the upgrades that ECUA is planning to its potable water system (new well, storage tank, and pipelines) will provide ECUA's entire system with increases in resiliency, supply, and fire protection.

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

The outcome of the project will be the increased resiliency, supply, and fire protection to better serve the Beulah area. Moreover, the water system will be better prepared for the development of OLF8 for more commercial and light industrial growth.

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?

Revocation of appropriation funds.

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) (Local) - Independent 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

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?