



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1289

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The ECUA has a goal to reduce or eliminate effluent discharges from the Pensacola Beach Water Reclamation Facility to the Santa Rosa Sound. ECUA was awarded grant funds from FDEP prior to the impacts of COVID to help with other phases of the project, which are currently under construction. Impacts from COVID significantly impacted construction costs. \$3.5M is requested to further match ECUA funds to complete the 3-mile long reclaimed water distribution backbone from the south end of Bob Sikes Bridge down Via De Luna Drive to Avenida 23. The work has been divided into phases to minimize the impacts during peak tourism seasons. ECUA has already completed the construction of a ground storage tank, is under construction on a reclaimed water transmission and distribution main from the Pensacola Beach WRF to Ft. Pickens Road, and is designing the booster pumping facilities. This project is also necessary for ECUA to comply with Senate Bill 64 (SB64-2021).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,257,000	38%
Local	3,343,000	30%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	11,100,000	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.



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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.

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?



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The goal of the project is to expand the ECUA reclaimed water system to limit the surface water discharge of the Pensacola Beach WRF effluent to the Santa Rosa Sound to the maximum extent possible, being ideally zero discharge to the Sound. This expansion will make reclaimed water available to large users (i.e. hotels, businesses, etc.) and more medians along the Pensacola Beach Blvd. and the Via De Luna corridor. Future phases will be constructed down Ft. Pickens Road and/or Via De Luna and into neighborhoods as reclaimed water supply allows.

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

These funds (\$3.5M) are requested to further match ECUA funds and previously awarded FDEP grant funds to construct additional phases of the reclaimed water transmission and distribution mains down Via De Luna Drive from the Bob Sikes bridge to Fort Pickens Road during off-peak tourism periods.

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

The intent of SB4(2021) is to limit the draw on Florida's aquifers by limiting the surface water discharge of wastewater treatment plants. Each gallon of effluent that is being reused for irrigation is one less gallon of potable water being pulled from the local aquifers.

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

The target population will be the general public on Pensacola Beach within the limits of the reclaimed water distribution system. The Pensacola Beach WRF permitted capacity is 2.4 million gallons per day. A reclaimed water system, when fully built-out and balancing the supply versus demand, would greatly reduce the plant's surface water discharge volume.

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 completion of the backbone of the reclaimed water transmission and distribution system. Upon completion of the project, reclaimed water will be made available to many large irrigation customers along the business corridor on Pensacola Beach.

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



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University or College

Other (please specify) (Local) - Independent Special District

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) FDEP Water Quality Grant

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?



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07/31/2025