



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2735

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project includes a request for funding by Okaloosa Gas District for a gas main extension to provide natural gas service to an underserved communities in Laurel Hill and Paxton where homeowners are currently paying higher prices for propane and/or electricity. This expansion will also enable homeowners in this area to have backup generators installed that utilize natural gas providing power to their homes during and following extreme weather events that disrupt the power grid.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,626,694
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,626,694</b>

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)	1,626,694	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,626,694</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2024

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.

Okaloosa Gas District will be the owner. The beneficiaries will be businesses, residents and military installations along SR20 from Niceville to Freeport FL to include Blue Water Bay, USN EOD School, Choctaw Beach, Portland, USAF Site C-6, and Hammock Bay and Freeport.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering, Planning and Construction of natural gas main line.	1,626,694
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,626,694</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Extend natural gas lines to the rural towns of Laurel Hill and Paxton located in North Okaloosa and Walton Counties in Florida.

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

Engineering, Design and Installation of Natural Gas Pipeline to the described area adjacent to Highway 85 North to Laurel Hill then East to Paxton. All lines will serve all homes, businesses and first responders in these areas.



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

Availability of Natural Gas Service to all home owners that will provide them a less expensive and more reliable energy option than electricity and propane.

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

All homeowners, business owners and emergency responders along the intended and adjacent path of the natural gas main extension. This will include the current populated areas and future growth of the market area.

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

Expected Benefit to the project allows for the opportunity to serve natural gas to a rural area of the Northwest Florida Community. Natural Gas will provide a less expensive and more reliable energy source for the citizens and surrounding areas of Laurel Hill and Paxton to include natural gas in times of emergency for home generation and a more effective heating source during the winter.

**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?**

In the event of non performance as outlined by the Funding Initiative Request, all penalties that are outlined would be expected to be enforced.

**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) Special District to the State

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**



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#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>