



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1590

1. Title of Project: Okaloosa County Water & Sewer Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation

2. Senate Sponsor: George Gainer

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Upgrading outdated sewer systems in order to reduce the frequency and severity of pollution events. Currently the County has approx. 50 miles of aging vitrified clay (VC) gravity sewer mains proximate to the bay and which are at or beyond their useful lives.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	44.44%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	2,500,000	55.56%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	4,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2014-15		450,000	1668A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Construction	2,000,000
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Environmental Protection Reduce point source pollution discharge to nearby surface waters including Choctawhatchee Bay and its watershed from leaking, aged wastewater infrastructure.

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

Centralized wastewater treatment systems are ongoing source of nutrients and bacteria to Choctawhatchee Bay and upgrading or retrofitting out of date systems would reduce the frequency and severity of pollution events (NFWFMD 2017). Currently the County has approx. 50 miles of aging vitrified clay (VC) gravity sewer mains proximate to the bay and which are at or beyond their useful lives. Approximately 7 miles have already been rehabilitated with cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) since 2015 by OCWS. This funding will go toward completion of the project.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Preserving the emerald green waters the region has become known for, will contribute to economic growth in the County and adjacent areas, especially its fishery and ecotourism.

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

Florida tourists and citizens of Okaloosa County, population over 200,000

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

Reduce point source pollution discharge to nearby surface waters including Choctawhatchee Bay and its watershed from leaking, aged wastewater infrastructure. Outcomes will be measured by changes in the seagrass coverage in Choctawhatchee Bay; and changes in the frequency and/or severity of sewer overflow or pipe failure incidents as well as changes in ambient water quality (nutrient and bacterial concentrations) in Santa Rosa Sound and Choctawhatchee Bay adjacent to the project area;

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 in the contract?

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12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Okaloosa County Water & Sewer

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Mark Wise
- b. **Organization:** Okaloosa County Water & Sewer
- c. **E-mail Address:** mwise@myokaloosa.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)685-0297

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Okaloosa County Water & Sewer
- b. **County:** Okaloosa
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Mark Wise
- e. **E-mail Address:** mwise@myokaloosa.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)685-0297

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** Sarah Busk Suskey
- b. **Firm Name:** The Advocacy Group at Cardenas Partners
- c. **E-mail Address:** sbs@cardenaspartners.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)222-8900

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A



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17. 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

18. What is the status of construction? Ready

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 09/30/2023