



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2673

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

OCWS plans to construct a new elevated storage tank in the County's western service area to include Florosa and unincorporated City of Mary Esther. The service area in concern is characterized as a part of the Coastal Lowlands physiographic division with low-lying topography. A new elevated storage tank is needed in order to provide sufficient water available for all existing and future uses of the system. The West County public water supply wells were taken out of service due to concern for the Floridan Aquifer cone of depression and long-term concerns of saltwater intrusion. The service area is composed of approximately 3,500 service connections and receives 100% of its potable water from a County transmission main from the east. In order to strengthen the County's critical infrastructure, enhance resiliency, prepare for future supply demand, and be equipped for emergencies, a second elevated tank is needed for additional storage, fire protection, and sustaining system pressure.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	3,000,000	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?

Yes

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

Okaloosa County BCC has expended approximately \$37 million in federal assistance for a variety of costs as a result of COVID.

11. 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	Construction	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

A new elevated storage tank is needed in order to have sufficient water available for all existing and future uses of the system. The West County public water supply wells, located in the Water Resource Caution Area, were taken out of service out of concern for the Floridan Aquifer cone of depression and long-term concerns of saltwater intrusion. The new elevated storage tank will strengthen the County's critical infrastructure, enhance resiliency, and prepare for future supply demand. It will better prepare the County for emergencies and a second elevated tank is needed for additional storage, fire protection, and sustaining pressure.

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

The funds will be used for the construction of a new elevated storage tank to provide additional potable water storage capacity in a low lying coastal area prone to tropical weather events, increased fire protection capacity, and sustained pressure to the customers in the West County Service area in Okaloosa County.

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

The direct services of more than doubling the elevated potable water storage capacity for County West customers includes increased fire protection capacity, sustained pressure during main breaks and fires (reducing the inconvenience of boil water notices), as well as enhanced resiliency during the period immediately following tropical events with major power outages.

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

All population of West Okaloosa County Water and Sewer service connections. Currently, there are approximately 3,500 connections to the system with an average of 2.6 person per connection for an approximate population of 9,100 residents.



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

Protect the general public health from harm, improve ground water quality, improve drinking water quality, and enhance, preserve, and improve environmental quality by boosting efficiency of water resources. This project will reduce the reliance on the coastal portion of the Floridan Aquifer while adding system interconnections and water storage capacity. Currently, Okaloosa County is within Region II of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD). Since Region II is the largest and fastest growing water supply planning region in the District, a regional water supply plan is released yearly to evaluate the conditions of operations. The outcome will be measured by the following:

- Direct increase in water supply capacity;
- Sustainability of water pressure and flow into the West County Service area;
- Reduction of Water Boil Notices; and
- Positive changes in hydrologic data (rise in potentiometric surface of the local Floridan Aquifer, etc.)

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?

Standard contract penalties and/or revocation of grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

13. 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.

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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. 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

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

Not Ready

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

0

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2025