



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2674

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In support of Eglin Air Force Base and the region, numerous orphan parcels are being primed for development by Eglin and other stakeholders. Potential development in the Poquito Area includes a research & technology park, attainable housing, commercial businesses, hotels, convention center and an expansion to the Air Force Enlisted Village (800 more residents, skilled nursing facility, and a fire station). The above-mentioned projects will provide direct benefits to Eglin and the community. For these projects to occur, major water and sewer infrastructure needs to be installed, including a master lift station, 4.7-mile sewer force main, and a 1-mile potable water main. These development projects cannot occur without these water/sewer projects. The water main project will also increase water pressure and supply for existing customers in the Poquito area. Stakeholders on this project include Okaloosa County, Eglin AFB, AFEV, Ocean City Wright Fire Control District, & private development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,700,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,700,000	65%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	35%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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?

05/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/11/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Once completed the projects will be included in Okaloosa County Water & Sewer's operation and maintenance (O&M) budget.

11. 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 County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
Okaloosa County Water & Sewer (an enterprise fund which is a department of the BCC)

12. 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		
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	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,700,000

13. Program Performance

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

The construction of new water and sewer infrastructure to support population growth, economic growth, environmental protection, general well-being of the public, job opportunities, improve wastewater management, and subsequently drinking water quality.

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



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The funds will be used for the construction of new water and sewer infrastructure, including the following:

- New master lift station
- 4.7-mile wastewater forcemain
- 1-mile of potable water main

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

The direct services include new water & sewer infrastructure to new and existing customers, improving water pressure and fire flow as well as supporting local economic growth. The new watermain will provide sustained pressure to customers in the Poquito area, as well as higher fire flows. The new master lift station and forcemain will enhance the existing wastewater system in the area as well as ensure improved wastewater management resiliency during the period immediately following tropical (and other severe weather) events normally accompanied by major power outages.

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

The population within Poquito Bayou, approximately 2,500 people, as well as the potential population growth from proposed development in the area. The expansion is currently planned for 350-500 residential units (townhomes and multi family residences) which could house up to 1,330 additional residents, at the County's current populatoin of 2.66 persons per household. Additional temporary residents will be served by the addition of a proposed convention center and adjacent hotel.

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

The expected outcome is the completion of the construction of the necessary water and sewer infrastructure to support future development in the area, as outlined above.

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?

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

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:



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b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Please complete questions 17 through 21 for Water Projects only.

17. Have you been awarded or applied for alternative state funding for this project?

- Water Quality Improvement Grant Program
- Resilient Florida Grant Program
- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify, ex. Alternative Water Supply Grants)
- N/A

18. 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

19. What is the status of construction?

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

22. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

23. 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 Ext.

24. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.