



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2580

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) is seeking funding assistance to be used for contractual preliminary engineering, final design, surveying, bidding, project management, engineering during construction and construction services for water infrastructure that includes water mains, fire hydrants for the Basswood community which comprises of 855 residential houses predominately low income housing. Project protects life, health and safety of all citizenry in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,400,000</b>

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)	4,400,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>4,400,000</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?**



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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.

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is the entity and the owner.

### 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	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual preliminary engineering, final design, surveying, bidding, project management, engineering during construction and construction services for water infrastructure that includes water mains and fire hydrants.	4,400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,400,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

To design and construct water infrastructure that includes water mains, fire hydrants in the Basswood community, which comprises of 855 residential houses predominately low income housing. Goal is for protection of life, health and safety of all citizenry in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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



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To seek contractual preliminary engineering, final design, surveying, bidding, project management, engineering during construction and construction services for water infrastructure that includes water mains and fire hydrants through the OUA's competitive procurement policy.

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

Protection of life, health, property with installation of potable water and fire system infrastructure for all citizenry in this Rural Area of Opportunity.

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

Target population is the residents of the Basswood community which comprises of 855 residential houses predominately low income housing.

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

Expected benefit is completion of the infrastructure and measure is improved water quality and flows to protect life, health, wildlife, the environment and property in area that is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity. Completion, operation and certification of the project.

**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?**

Contractual milestones established throughout the project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

**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

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

**e. E-mail Address**



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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)
- 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?