

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Septic to Sewer for Enhancement of Economic Development in the Brownsville Area Phase II

2. Date of Submission: 10/03/2019

3. House Member Sponsor: Alex Andrade

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					3,500,000	3,500,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Environmental Protection

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Failure to meet deliverables will result in a return of funds to administering agency.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Lois Benson
- b. Organization: Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)
- c. Email: lois.benson@ecua.fl.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)969-3300

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Stacy Hayden
- b. Organization: Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA)
- c. Email: stacy.hayden@ecua.fl.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)969-6648

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Pierce Schuessler
- b. Firm: Metz, Husband and Daughton, P.A.
- c. Email: Pierce.Schuessler@MHDFirm.com
- d. Phone #: (850)509-9977

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Escambia
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Escambia

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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

Design and construction, in two phases, of sanitary sewer infrastructure expansion (septic-to-sewer) improvements within the Mobile Hwy / Cervantes St commercial corridor in Escambia County. With the construction of a sanitary sewer system, economic development will be sparked and the sewer system will be positioned to expand to serve nearby low income areas. Ultimately, the work will improve and protect the surface water quality in the Bayou Chico watershed, which is a BMAP program area.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Planning & design services for Phase 2 sanitary sewer improvements - within the Mobile Hwy/Cervantes St commercial corridor - primarily between Lynch St and N Kirk St.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of approx 3,000 lf of sanitary sewer along Mobile	3,400,000

	Hwy/Cervantes St, N Green St, and W Cervantes St and a new 30-foot deep lift station.	
TOTAL		3,500,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Support for this project has been expressed in discussions conducted by both the ECUA Board and the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners. Both groups support wastewater infrastructure improvements for the improvement and advancement of water quality, as well as economic development - within Mobile Hwy / Cervantes St business frontage in the Brownsville Community.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The Bayou Chico BMAP study is aimed at reduction of fecal bacteria loading in the watershed. The proposed sewer expansion improvements (septic-to-sewer) will make central sewer service available to approximately 300 property parcels. This expansion will also serve as the backbone for future sewer expansion projects.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Reduction of illnesses attributable to improperly or poorly functioning septic tanks through connection to central sewer system	Plan and confer with the Escambia County Health Department to review, monitor and evaluate related illnesses
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Reduction of improperly or poorly functioning septic tanks through connection to central sewer system	Monitor and evaluate the number of septic tanks abandoned and new sewer connections within the project area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Reduction of improperly or poorly functioning septic tanks through connection to central sewer system	Monitor and evaluate the number of septic tanks abandoned and new sewer connections within the project area
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Provision of central sewer service and phase-out of septic tanks for commercial properties in the project area.	Upon availability of central sewer service, advise benefiting property owners and monitor new connections. ECUA waives the capacity impact fees for new

		connections made within 365 days of availability of service.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management	The construction of the expanded wastewater collection system infrastructure will help in the reduction of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) due to failing septic systems.	Upon availability of central sewer service, advise benefiting property owners and monitor SSOs and new connections. ECUA waives the capacity impact fees for new connections made within 365 days of availability of service.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	Effluent from septic systems are no longer discharged to the ground where the potential exists for surcharging and eventual discharge to public waters.	Monitor levels of fecal bacterial in Bayou Chico.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	3,500,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	3,500,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

Ongoing activity – no total cost

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?
ECUA utility rates

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?
No

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?
 a. Wastewater Revolving Loan
 b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan
 c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
 d. Other (Please describe)
 e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?
No

25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community? (as defined in Chapter 62-552, F.A.C.)
Yes

26. What is the population economic status?
 a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality
 b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
 c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress
 d. N/A

27. What is the status of planning?
 a. Ready
 b. Not Ready

28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed?
10 percent

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

5/31/2020

30. What is the status of design?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

31. What percentage of design has been completed?

5 percent

32. What is the estimated design completion date?

1/31/2021

33. List all required permits.

Florida Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Permit, Florida Department of Environmental Protection collection System Permit

34. What is the status of permitting?

a. Planned

b. Submitted

c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0 percent

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/31/2023