
City of Rice Lake

2026 Legislative Priorities

Sewer and Water Main Extensions

Rice Lake is requesting \$3.8 million for sewer and water main extensions along Rice Lake and Martin Roads, which include 6,900 linear feet of gravity sewer and 10,200 linear feet of water main. These projects are needed due to the almost \$35 million in State and Federal funding that St. Louis County has received to reconstruct these roads. The utility infrastructure must be completed prior to the road reconstruction, so we are not tearing up new pavement. These projects will also spur on economic development in our city as well as provide clean, reliable water to an area of the city that is prone to wells running dry. Rice Lake City Council would like to request our legislators help in supporting our bonding request.

Regional Public Safety Center

Rice Lake has a state bonding request to plan and construct a regional public safety/emergency shelter for \$8.5 million. This facility would be used to train fire and EMS personnel for Rice Lake and the surrounding townships, serve as a dedicated backup Emergency Operations Center for St. Louis County, as well as an emergency shelter for our regional needs. Rice Lake works well with our smaller surrounding communities and could help facilitate a much-needed regional public safety operations center and training facility for our area. Rice Lake City Council would like to request our legislators help in supporting our bonding request.

Small Cities Assistance & Local Government Aid

Rice Lake City Council would like to thank all our legislators for the work you did in updating the LGA formula and securing extra funding for this much needed aid as well as securing ongoing funding for Small Cities Assistance and would like to stress the importance of continuing to fund these valuable programs.

Thanks for your hard work!



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