



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

# Fiscal Year 2022 Cooperative Funding Initiative

**Workshop and Webinar**

**August 6, 2020**

Southwest Florida Water Management District

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**Joel Brown**  
**Government Affairs Regional Manager**  
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# Agenda

- Introductions
- District Presentation
- Interactive Q&A
  - Online viewers submit questions during live workshop through chat function in Microsoft Teams



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# Introductions



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# Introductions



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## **Rita Harrod**

Project Management Analyst  
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**Kevin Wills**  
**Cooperative Funding Initiative Lead**  
Southwest Florida Water Management District



# Application Requirements

- On-line Application
- Priority Ranking Letter, Funding Letter & Map
- Complete & Accurate
- Deadline: **October 2, 2020 at 5 p.m.**

# FY2022 Timeline

August 6, 2020

- Application goes live Aug. 6

October 2, 2020

- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

November 2020

- District staff begins review of applications and project rankings

December 2020

- Governing Board receives a copy of submitted project proposals

February 2021

- Regional subcommittees presented with preliminary evals and rankings by District staff

April 2021

- Regional subcommittees presented with final evals and rankings

June 2021

- Governing Board reviews projects and budgets

September 2021

- Governing Board approves final budget, including CFI projects

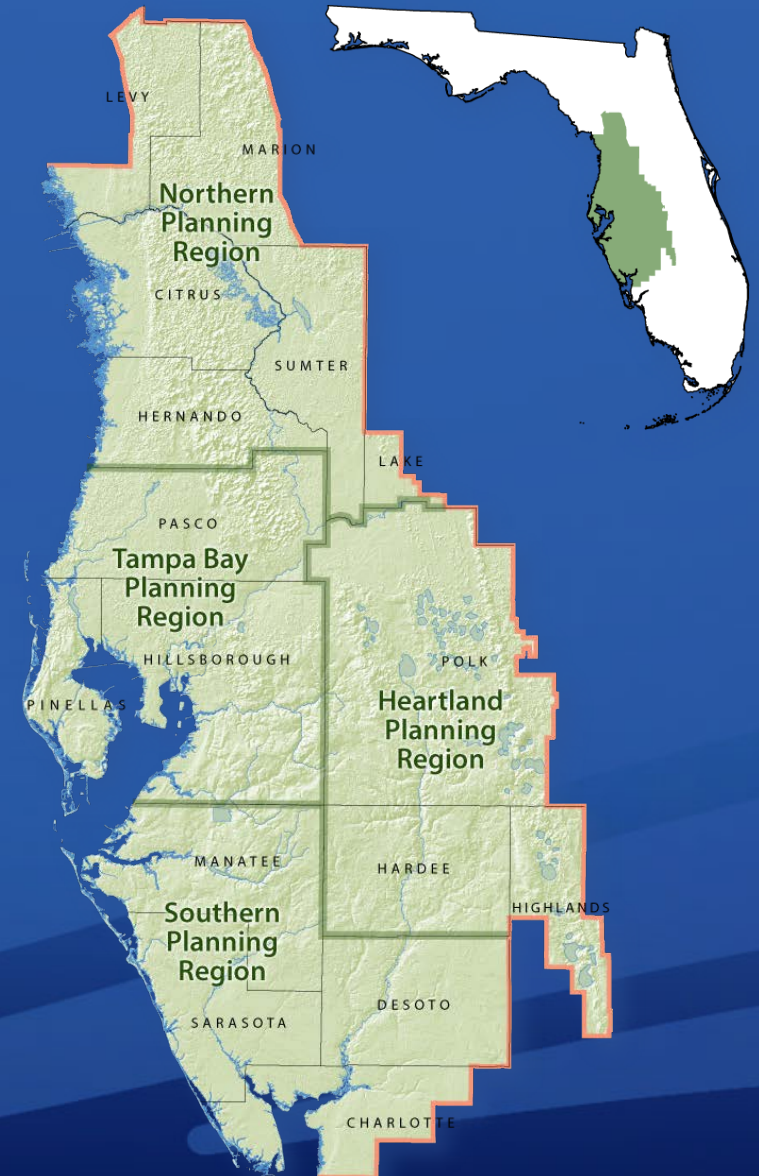
October 2021

- Contracts awarded in new fiscal year



## Subcommittee Structure

- Governing Board Members on each committee
- Regional subcommittees meet in February and April
- Presentation in April



# Project Evaluation Criteria

- Application Quality
- Project Benefit
- Cost Effectiveness
- Past Performance
- Complementary Efforts
- Project Readiness
- Strategic Goals

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>			
<b>Cooperator Name</b>				
<b>Risk Level:</b>				
<b>Description</b>				
<b>Description:</b>				
<b>Measurable Benefit:</b>				
<b>Costs:</b>				
<b>Evaluation</b>				
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<b>Strategic Goals</b>				
<b>Strategic Goals:</b>		<b>Strategic Initiative:</b>		
		<b>Region Priority:</b>		
<b>Overall Ranking and Recommendation</b>				
<b>Funding</b>				
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Prior</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>Future</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>				



# Website and Links

## Guidelines and Application Documents

- [CFI Webpage](#)

**Fiscal Year 2022**  
**Cooperative Funding Initiative Guidelines**  
Southwest Florida Water Management District



# Conservation Section Updates

**Please contact District staff with questions.**

## **The highlights:**

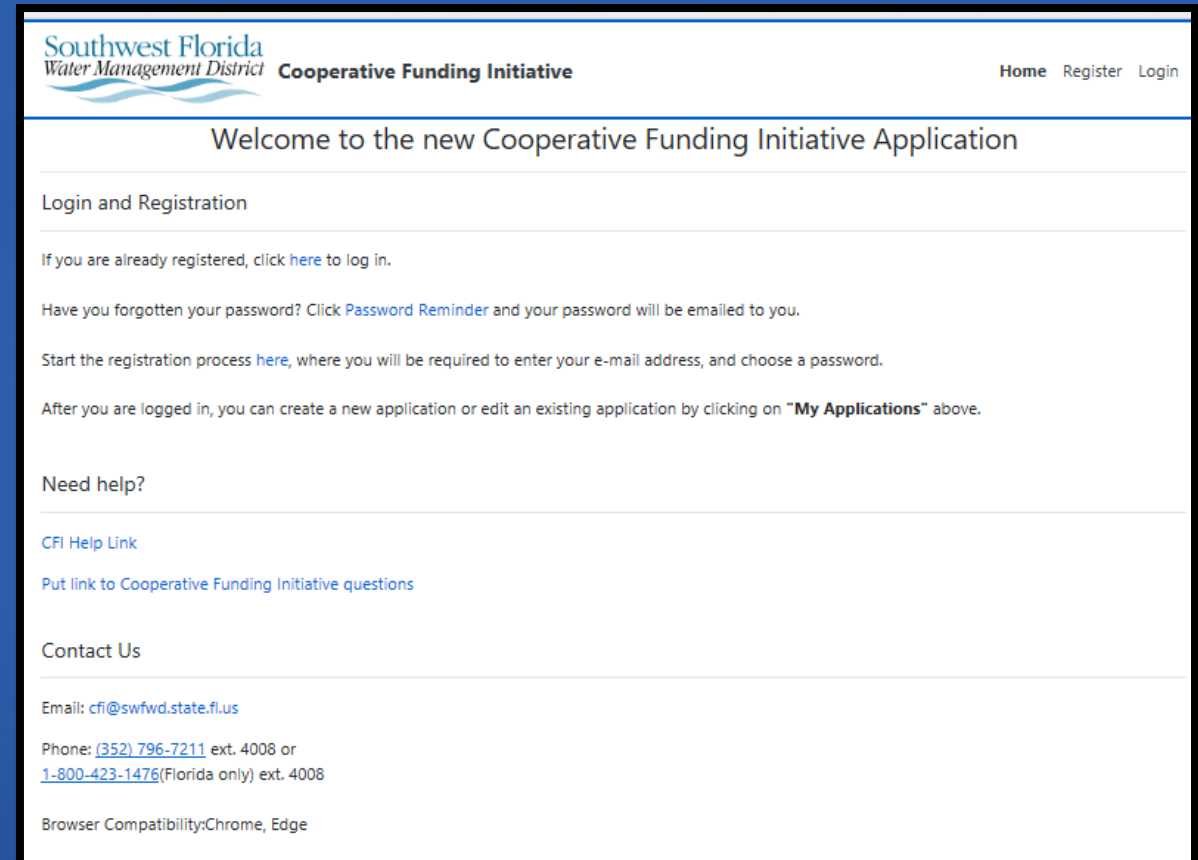
- **Photo verification of plumbing fixtures (no more in-person inspections for toilets)**
- **All new rebated fixtures must be Water Sense labeled**
- **Updated life expectancy of activities**
- **Standardized savings and cost effectiveness calculator**
- **Golf course section**
- **Evaluating cost effectiveness metrics**





# New Online Application

- Users will first need to register by entering your e-mail address and choosing a password.



The screenshot shows the web interface for the Cooperative Funding Initiative. At the top, the Southwest Florida Water Management District logo is on the left, and the text 'Cooperative Funding Initiative' is on the right. Navigation links for 'Home', 'Register', and 'Login' are in the top right corner. Below the header, a welcome message reads 'Welcome to the new Cooperative Funding Initiative Application'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Login and Registration' with instructions on how to log in, reset a password, or start a new registration; 'Need help?' with a 'CFI Help Link' and a link to 'Cooperative Funding Initiative questions'; and 'Contact Us' with email and phone contact information. A browser compatibility note is at the bottom.

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Phone: [\(352\) 796-7211](tel:(352)796-7211) ext. 4008 or [1-800-423-1476](tel:1-800-423-1476)(Florida only) ext. 4008

Browser Compatibility:Chrome, Edge

# Online Application Steps

## Application Tab

- General Information: Project Name & Contact Info

## Project Type & Scheduling Tab

- Area of Responsibility & Strategic Initiatives & Milestones

## Description/Benefit/ Cost Tab

- Specific Project Details, Objectives & Resource Benefits, including Detailed Cost Estimates

## Complementary Efforts Tab

- Development & Implementation of BMPs



# Online Application Steps (continued)

## Funding Table Tab

- All Sources: State, Federal & Cooperator Match

## Documents Tab

- Location Map, Funding Letter, Ranking Letter & Supplemental Requirements

## Submit Application Tab

- Contract Terms Agreement, Final Submission & Print

# Funding Assistance Areas

- Data collection
- Research
- Feasibility studies
- Water conservation
- Ecosystem restoration
- Water resource investigation and plan development
- Design, permitting and construction of capital projects
- Septic conversion in Priority Focus Areas of springsheds



# Will Not Fund

- Operation and maintenance
- Renewal and replacement expenses of infrastructure
- Payment of debtor submittal
- Permit violation compliance
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
- Projects that generate credits (e.g., wetland mitigation credits, WUP credits and water quality credits)
- Recreation improvements (e.g., boat ramps, bike paths, boardwalks, side walks, pavilions) that do not provide a water resource benefit
- Contamination clean-up or remediation of contamination

# Strategic Initiatives

## Water Supply

1. Regional Water Supply Planning
2. Alternative Water Supplies
3. Reclaimed Water
4. Conservation

## Water Quality

1. Assessment and Planning
2. Maintenance and Improvement

## Natural Systems

1. MFL Establishment/Recovery
2. Conservation and Restoration

## Flood Protection

1. Floodplain Management
2. Maintenance and Improvement
3. Emergency Flood Response



# Top Regional Priorities

<b>Northern</b>	Ensure long-term sustainable water supply	Improve Chasshowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Rainbow and Weeki Wachee rivers	
<b>Heartland</b>	Implement SWUCA Recovery Strategy	Improve Winter Haven Chain of Lakes and Ridge Lakes	
<b>Southern</b>	Implement SWUCA Recovery Strategy	Improve Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay, Shell/Prairie/Joshua creeks	
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	Implement MFL Recovery Strategies	Improve Tampa Bay and Lakes Seminole, Tarpon and Thonotosassa	Improve flood protection in Anclote, Hillsborough and Pithlachascotee rivers, Lake Tarpon, Pinellas County coastal watersheds

# Springs Septic Conversion Projects

To be eligible for District CFI funding:

- Projects must be within a Springs Priority Focus Area
- Project funded 50% with FDEP Springs funding  
(studies are an exception)
- Local ordinances supporting Florida statutes
  - Requiring connection
  - Restricting new conventional septic systems on lots <1 acre
- Proposed projects must include full projects costs
  - Customer cost to connect
  - Connection and/or impact fees
- Must use FDEP guidance for estimating nitrogen reduction



# Third Party Review

- All construction projects over \$5M
- Complex projects over \$1M
- Construction costs are conceptual
- 30% design plans that meet criteria
- District hires independent consultant
- Confirm cost, schedule and benefits
- Results presented to Governing Board
- Governing Board approval sets total project cost and scope

# Owner Direct Purchase Program For Construction Projects

- Florida law allows government entities to buy goods and services tax-free
- The District encourages this program when suitable
- Prior to bid, Cooperators:
  - Evaluate potential use of this program
  - Provide rationale for decision
  - If used, provide documentation on estimated cost savings



# Water Quality

- Flood protection projects required to include water quality benefit calculations
  - Including 1As (multi-year)
- Water Quality projects will be evaluated based on their nutrient reduction benefits
  - Total Nitrogen
  - Total Phosphorus

## Purchase/Control Land

- Not applicable to Alternative Water Supply projects
- If land hasn't been purchased, appraisals must be submitted with application
- If land cost will be used as a match, a letter must be provided by April 1, 2021
  - Schedule of tasks necessary to secure land rights
  - List of required parcels
  - Appraised or actual costs for each parcel
- Land control actions must be completed by Dec. 1, 2021



# Cost Increases &/or Scope-of-work Changes

Change to Project	Original Project Ranking	Cost Increase Requested	Overall Project Recommendation
Cost Increase	Medium	Any	Not recommended for funding
	High	Up to 10%	“High” if resource benefits and cost effectiveness are maintained
	High	Up to 20%	“Medium” if resource benefits and cost effectiveness are maintained
	High	>20%	Not recommended for funding
	High	<\$100,000	Not recommended for funding, with exceptions

Change to Project	Original Project Ranking	Overall Project Recommendation
Scope Change	High or Medium	Evaluate as a new project

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# Cooperative Funding Agreements

- Begin process in June – Approval of RASB
- Project plans
- Conservation easements
- Grants or subgrants of federal funding
  - Patricia Williams, [Patricia.Williams@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Patricia.Williams@WaterMatters.org)
- Due to COVID-19 we encourage online submittal of all CFAs



[Watermatters.org/WISE](http://Watermatters.org/WISE)

### **Basic Info:**

- Incentivize a wide variety of water conservation projects
- Grant for 50% of project costs
- Up to \$20,000
- Accepting applications year-round

### **Who should apply?**

- Commercial and Industrial
- HOAs
- Apartment complex
- Hotel
- Condo association
- Schools
- Golf courses
- Hospitals





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**Project Manager**

Southwest Florida Water Management District

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### Need help?

Project specific information can be found in the [CFI Guidelines](#).

Application data entry procedures can be found in the [CFI Applicant Guide](#).

### Contact Us

Email: [cfi@swfwd.state.fl.us](mailto:cfi@swfwd.state.fl.us)



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Cooperative Funding Initiative

Home My Applications Logged in: chris.fsmc@gmail.com Logout

The application submission deadline is 10/2/2020 5:00:00 PM. Please ensure your application is complete and submitted prior to this deadline.

Select 'New Application' or application to edit: New Application

## Application

**\*\*Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

Is this a new project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*Project Name

\*Indicate all counties to benefit from this project (use Shift and Ctrl keys to select multiple)

Charlotte  
Citrus  
DeSoto

Available Programs

☐ REDI  
☐ Springs

\*Cooperator Information

Select cooperator

\*Contact Name

\*Email

\*Phone

Extension

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Project Type and Scheduling

Description/Benefit/Cost

Complementary Efforts

Funding Table

Documents

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Highlands

Citrus  
DeSoto  
Hardee  
Hernando  
Highlands

Available Programs REDI

☒ REDI  
☐ Springs

\*Cooperator Information

Highlands County ▾

\*Contact Name

\*Email

\*Phone

Extension



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## \*Cooperator Information

4 Star Tomato, Inc.

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352-796-7211

Extension

4422

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Brooksville

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\*Zip Code

34601

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Application **Project Type and Scheduling** Description/Benefit/Cost Complementary Efforts Funding Table Documents Submit Application

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*Project Type	*Strategic Initiatives
Flood Protection ▾	Floodplain Management ▾
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**\*\*Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

\*\*Limit 4000 characters. Insert details, not an attachment.

\*Description: (Current character count: 503)

Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) update for the Sebring watershed in Highlands County including watershed elevation, floodplain analysis, Level of Service determination (LOS), and Best Management Practices (BMPs) alternative analysis. This will identify solutions to the flooding concerns in the Sebring Country Estates, Sebring Hills, Lake Haven, Orange Blossom, Silver Fox, and Sebring Falls areas. FY2021 funding will be used to complete the flood plain analysis and begin the LOS and BMPs.

\*Benefit: (Current character count: 371)

The WMP will evaluate flooding problems that exist in the watershed. Currently, flood analysis models are available and are over 10 years old. The watershed has experienced moderate changes since last study, and the watershed includes regional or intermediate storm-water systems. The Sebring watershed is one of the district's top 20 priority watersheds for WMP updates.

\*Cost: (Current character count: 176)

Total project cost: \$350,000Highlands County (25% REDI): \$87,500District: \$262,5000 with \$131,250 requested in FY2020 and \$131,250 anticipated to be requested in future years.

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Project Type and Scheduling

Description/Benefit/Cost

**Complementary Efforts**

Funding Table

Documents

Submit Application

***\*\*Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.***

**\*\*Limit 4000 characters. Insert details, not an attachment.**

**\*Describe your Complementary Efforts in developing, implementing and enforcing water conservation, water quality and flood protection ordinances.**

(Current character count: 564)

The City of Winter Haven has adopted ordinances for emergency water restrictions, stormwater treatment exceeding state standards, and a tiered rate structure water discourages the overuse of potable water. The city distributes 1MGD of reuse water and is increasing this capacity to and additional 4MGD. The City adopted and ordinance for flood plain management that requires consistency with the National Flood Insurance Program and has a Class 8 status. The City has adopted a Sustainable Water Resource Management Plan and is undertaking a One Water Master Plan.

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Funding Source	Prior(\$)	FY2021(\$)	FY2022(\$)	Future(\$)	Total(\$)
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**\*\*File upload size limit: 10 MB each**

**\*\*Allowed file types extensions: .txt,.rtf,.pdf,.doc,.docx,.xls,.xlsx,.jpg,.jpeg,.png,.tif,.gif,.bmp**



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Task Review.pdf	0.18	Delete
Water Supply Health Qt 3 2020.pdf	0.19	Delete

Document Name

Document Type (\*A Map, Funding Letter, and Ranking Letter are required when submitting application)



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[Application](#)[Project Type and Scheduling](#)[Description/Benefit/Cost](#)[Complementary Efforts](#)[Funding Table](#)[Documents](#)[Submit Application](#)

## Contract Terms

In an effort to efficiently process Cooperative Funding Agreements and ensure fairness to all cooperators, the District has developed a standard template to be used for projects. By submitting an application, you acknowledge you have read and understand the terms contained in the template and agree to use electronic signatures to execute the contract. The District recommends you provide the template to your legal counsel for review. Contact the government affairs regional manager in your region with any questions.

☒ **REQUIRED:** *I have read and understand the terms contained in the contract template .*

***\*\*Please ensure that all information is correct and that you have saved all of your data on each of the sections before submitting your application. You may continue to edit and submit your application up until the application submission deadline.***

Your Application Id 114 for Project CFI Demonstrative has been successfully submitted to the Southwest Florida Water Management District on 7/31/2020 9:24:59 AM. A confirmation email will be sent to [chris.mccall@swfwmd.fl.state.us](mailto:chris.mccall@swfwmd.fl.state.us).

[Print Application](#)[Submit Completed Application](#)

Application ID: 114



# Cooperative Funding Initiative Application Resources

- [CFI Application](#)
- [CFI Application Users Guide](#)
- CFI Application Training
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

# Comments and Questions

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**Applications due  
October 2, 2020 by 5 p.m.**





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