SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Preliminary Project Evaluations and Rankings

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AWS Priority							
1	Q184	PRWC	Brackish – Polk Regional Water Cooperative Southeast Wellfield Implementation	AWS	$43,834,987	$14,500,000	$52,605,013
2	Q216	PRWC	Interconnects – Polk Regional Water Cooperative Regional Transmission Southeast Phase 1	AWS	$61,565,675	$9,270,437	$5,176,888
3	Q241	Tampa Bay Water	Interconnects – TBW Southern Hillsborough County Transmission Expansion	AWS	$33,359,207	$17,500,000	$94,194,793
4	Q272	PRMRWSA	AWS – PRMRWSA Reservoir No. 3	AWS	$46,682,867	$14,000,000	$55,017,133
5	Q308	PRWC	Brackish - Polk Regional Water Cooperative West Polk Wellfield	AWS	$23,015,498	$10,000,000	$74,036,502
			AWS Priority Requested Funding Total:		**$208,458,234**	**$65,270,437**	**$281,030,329**
CFI							
6	Q438	Tampa Bay Water	Conservation – TBW Demand Management Plan Implementation – Phase 7	100	0	$536,952	0
7	Q440	City of Tampa	Study – City of Tampa - BMP Alternatives Analysis	95	0	$450,000	0
8	Q456	Sumter County	Study - Sumter County - FIRM Physical Map Revision	95	0	$50,000	$350,000
9	W024	Tampa Bay Estuary Program	FY2027 Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund	92	0	$350,000	0
10	Q444	City of Clearwater	WMP - Stevenson Creek Watershed Management Plan Update	90	0	$100,000	$225,000
11	Q445	Sarasota County	WMP - Sarasota Bay Watershed Management Plan Update	90	0	$250,000	0
12	Q447	City of Williston	Study - City of Williston FIRM Physical Map Revision	90	0	$104,100	$104,100
13	Q442	Manatee County	WMP - Manatee River Below Lake Manatee	85	0	$342,500	$342,500
14	Q452	Hillsborough County	WMP - Hillsborough County - South County Regional WMP Update	85	0	$1,200,000	0
15	Q443	Manatee County	SW IMP – Flood Protection – Glen Creek Flood Mitigation Project	84	0	$1,549,577	0
16	Q441	Hernando County	Study - Hernando County - Squirrel Prairie FIRM Physical Map Revision	82	0	$150,000	0
17	Q451	Hernando County	Study - Hernando County Peck Sink FIRM Physical Map Revision	82	0	$75,000	0
18	Q450	Marion County	WMP - Marion County - Withlacoochee River WMP Update	78	0	$307,210	$351,123

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19	Q453	Hernando County	Study - Hernando County - Pithlachascotee FIRM Physical Map Revision	77	0	$75,000	0
20	Q446	Hillsborough County	Conservation – Hillsborough County Utilities Advanced Metering	71	0	$340,450	0
			CFI Requested Funding Total:		**0**	**$5,880,789**	**$1,372,723**
Not Recommended							
21	Q313	PRMRWSA	Interconnects – PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3C	N/R	$26,550,000	0	0
22	Q355	PRMRWSA	Interconnects – PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B	N/R	$36,150,000	0	0
23	Q439	Levy County	University Oaks Phase IV Water Main Improvements	N/R	0	$376,942	$376,942
24	Q448	City of Largo	SW IMP – Flood Protection – Church Creek Phase II Flood Mitigation	N/R	0	$2,500,000	0
25	Q449	Marion County	AWS – Marion Oaks Lower Floridan Well Construction	N/R	0	$1,500,000	0
26	Q454	Town of Belleair	Restoration – Town of Belleair Bluff Restoration and Erosion Abatement - Phase 2	N/R	0	$2,350,000	0
			Not Recommended Requested Funding Total:		**$62,700,000**	**$6,726,942**	**$376,942**

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Project No. Q184	Brackish – Polk Regional Water Cooperative Southeast Wellfield Implementation
PRWC	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 7 of 20

Description

Description:	Final design, permitting, and construction of the Southeast Wellfield Water Treatment Facility. Project components include a reverse osmosis facility, brackish water wellfield, and concentrate disposal wells located east of Lake Wales. The request includes multiple construction phases of the Southeast Wellfield Water Production Facility for an initial 7.5 MGD finished water capacity followed by incremental increases to 12.5 MGD capacity. The project will provide alternative water supply for participating members of the Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC), which will be delivered by a regional transmission system developed as a companion project (Q216). FY2027 funding is requested to continue construction.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the construction of an alternative supply project providing 7.5 MGD at initial phase and 12.5 MGD at buildout for use by the PRWC participating member governments to reduce stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans. The project will provide a base supply to the PRWC's member governments that is at least 80% of the design capacity of each completed phase, calculated as annual average deliveries per calendar year.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $312,240,924 (final design, permitting, and construction), initial board-approved project amount: $228,630,000 PRWC: $179,190,937 District: $110,940,000 with $43,834,987 budgeted in previous years, $14,500,000 requested in FY2027, and $52,605,013 anticipated to be requested in future years. FDEP: $22,109,987

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:		Substantial resource benefit is expected from developing 12.5 MGD of regional alternative water supply to reduce stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer, lakes, and wetlands.
Cost Effectiveness:		Cost effectiveness is between $15 and $20 total capital cost per gallon capacity developed.
Past Performance:		Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 5 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:		Applicants have the complementary efforts of a demand management plan, and active conservation program, and promotes water conservation via education/outreach with the public and member governments.
Project Readiness:		Project is ongoing and on schedule.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:		**Strategic Initiative - Alternative Water Supply:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability. **Heartland Region Priority:** Implement Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Recovery Strategy.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

AWS		The third-party review (TPR) of the preliminary design was completed and presented to the Governing Board on April 26, 2022, and the Board authorized the final design, permitting, and construction. The project will provide an additional 12.5 MGD of alternative water supply to support regional water supply demands. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$43,834,987	$14,500,000	$52,605,013	$110,940,000
PRWC	$67,439,802	$47,040,211	$64,710,924	$179,190,937
FDEP	$22,109,987	$0	$0	$22,109,987
Total	**$133,384,776**	**$61,540,211**	**$117,315,937**	**$312,240,924**

Project No. Q216	**Interconnects – Polk Regional Water Cooperative Regional Transmission Southeast Phase 1**
PRWC	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	**Multi-Year Contract:** Yes, Year 7 of 8

Description

Description:	Final design, permitting, and construction of the Southeast Wellfield Regional Transmission System. Project components include a pipeline system extending from the Southeast Wellfield Water Treatment Facility located east of Lake Wales to multiple municipalities along the US-27 and Hwy-60 corridors. This project will deliver alternative water supply to members of the Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC), which will be developed through a companion project, the Southeast Wellfield Implementation Project (Q184). FY2027 funding is requested to continue construction.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit is the construction of a regional transmission system capable of delivering 12.5 MGD of alternative water supplies, promoting regional resource management efforts, and supporting water supply goals within the SWUCA. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $233,422,344 (final design, permitting, and construction), initial board-approved project amount: $156,976,000 PRWC: $129,798,252 District: $76,013,000 with $61,565,675 budgeted in previous years, $9,270,437 requested in FY2027, and $5,176,888 anticipated to be requested in future years. FDEP: $27,611,092

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:		Substantial resource benefit expected from the regional transmission of new alternative water supplies to reduce stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer, lakes, and wetlands.
Cost Effectiveness:		The average cost per inch diameter per linear foot is within the District's historic range for transmission projects.
Past Performance:		Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 5 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:		Applicant has the complementary efforts of a demand management plan, an active conservation program, and promotes water conservation via education/outreach with the public and member governments.
Project Readiness:		Project is ongoing and on schedule.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:		**Strategic Initiative - Alternative Water Supply:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability. **Heartland Region Priority:** Implement Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Recovery Strategy.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

AWS		The third-party review (TPR) of the preliminary design was completed and presented to the Governing Board on April 26, 2022, and the Board authorized the final design, permitting, and construction. The project will enable the regional transmission of alternative water supply to support regional water supply demands. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$61,565,675	$9,270,437	$5,176,888	$76,013,000
PRWC	$56,672,379	$34,575,826	$38,550,047	$129,798,252
FDEP	$27,611,092	$0	$0	$27,611,092
Total	**$145,849,146**	**$43,846,263**	**$43,726,935**	**$233,422,344**

Project No. Q241	Interconnects – TBW Southern Hillsborough County Transmission Expansion
Tampa Bay Water	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 6 of 8

Description

Description:	Third-party Review (TPR), design, permitting, and construction of a potable water transmission interconnection to supply additional alternative water from Tampa Bay Water's High Service Pump Station to Hillsborough County. The transmission interconnection will be approximately 26 miles long and is expected to have a max daily capacity of 65 million gallons per day (MGD). The pipeline will deliver only alternative water supplies under normal operating conditions. FY2027 funding is requested to continue construction.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit is the construction of a potable water interconnect to deliver an estimated 65 MGD maximum day capacity of alternative water supplies, promote regional resource management efforts, and support water supply goals within the Tampa Bay region. The construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $438,709,630 (TPR, design, permitting, and construction), initial board-approved project amount: $290,108,000 Tampa Bay Water: $290,755,630 District: $145,054,000 with $33,359,207 budgeted in previous years, $17,500,000 requested in FY2027, and $94,194,793 anticipated to be requested in future years. FDEP: $2,900,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	Application included all the required information identified in the CFI Guidelines.
Project Benefit:	The benefit of this project, if constructed, will be to provide alternative water supplies to a high growth area of Tampa Bay Water.
Cost Effectiveness:	The cost effectiveness, based on staff evaluation and third-party review for the project is within the expected range for the design level and type of project.
Past Performance:	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 2 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	Applicant has the complementary efforts of a demand management plan, an active conservation program, and promotes water conservation via education/outreach with the public and member governments.
Project Readiness:	Project is ongoing and on schedule.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	**Strategic Initiative - Alternative Water Supply:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability. **Tampa Bay Region Priority:** Implement Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) Recovery Strategies.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

AWS	The TPR of the preliminary design was completed and presented to the Governing Board on August 27, 2024, and the Board authorized the final design, permitting, and construction of the project. The project will assist in meeting regional water supply demands and will be to provide alternative water supplies to a high growth area of Tampa Bay Water. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$33,359,207	$17,500,000	$94,194,793	$145,054,000
Tampa Bay Water	$134,353,624	$100,000,000	$56,402,006	$290,755,630
FDEP	$2,900,000	$0	$0	$2,900,000
Total	**$170,612,831**	**$117,500,000**	**$150,596,799**	**$438,709,630**

Project No. Q272	AWS – PRMRWSA Reservoir No. 3
PRMRWSA	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 6 of 9

Description

Description:	Third-party review (TPR), design, permitting, and construction of the Peace River Reservoir No. 3 project including a 9 billion-gallon, off-stream raw water storage reservoir, new river intake pump station, new reservoir pump station, and conveyance pipelines to transport water from the river intake to the reservoir and treatment facility. The project will couple with a separate treatment facility expansion project to meet regional demands with alternative water sources in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA). FY2027 funding is requested to continue construction.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the construction of a 9 billion gallon reservoir and associated infrastructure that will expand storage capacity needed to meet regional demands with alternative water sources through 2042. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $609,355,532 (design, permitting, TPR, and construction), initial board-approved amount: $231,400,000 PRMRWSA: $451,855,532 District: $115,700,000 with $46,682,867 budgeted in previous years, $14,000,000 requested in FY2027, and $55,017,133 anticipated to be requested in future years. FDEP: $24,800,000 State Appropriation: $17,000,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	Substantial resource benefit expected from 9 billion gallons of off-stream storage to meet regional water supply demands while reducing stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer, lakes, and wetlands.
Cost Effectiveness:	The cost effectiveness, based on staff evaluation and third-party review for the reservoir, river intake pump station, reservoir pump station, and conveyance piping, is within the expected range for the design level and type of project.
Past Performance:	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 3 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	Applicant has complementary efforts that promotes water conservation via education outreach with the public and member governments.
Project Readiness:	Project is ongoing and on schedule.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	**Strategic Initiative - Alternative Water Supply:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability. **Southern Region Priority:** Implement Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Recovery Strategy.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

AWS	The TPR of the preliminary design was completed and presented to the Governing Board on August 22, 2023, and the Board authorized the final design, permitting, and construction of the project. The project will assist in meeting regional water supply demands and implementation of SWUCA Recovery Strategy. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$46,682,867	$14,000,000	$55,017,133	$115,700,000
PRMRWSA	$117,067,133	$50,000,000	$284,788,399	$451,855,532
FDEP	$24,800,000	$0	$0	$24,800,000
State Appropriation	$17,000,000	$0	$0	$17,000,000
Total	**$205,550,000**	**$64,000,000**	**$339,805,532**	**$609,355,532**

Project No. Q308	Brackish - Polk Regional Water Cooperative West Polk Wellfield
PRWC	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 5 of 20

Description

Description:	Final design, permitting, and construction of a water production facility (WPF), wellfield and raw water transmission main to the WPF, concentrate disposal well(s), and finished water transmission mains. The preliminary design includes a 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) reverse osmosis water production facility and transmission system to PRWC member utilities with a buildout capacity of 10 MGD. FY2027 funding is requested for construction.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the construction of an alternative supply project providing 2.5 MGD at initial phase and 10.0 MGD at buildout for use by PRWC participating member governments to reduce stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans. The project will provide a base supply to the PRWC's member governments that is at least 80% of the design capacity of each completed phase, calculated as annual average deliveries per calendar year.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $228,144,000 (final design, permitting, and construction), initial board-approved project amount: $214,104,000 PRWC: $120,027,692 District: $107,052,000 with $23,015,498 budgeted in previous years, $10,000,000 requested in FY2027, and $74,036,502 anticipated to be requested in future years. FDEP: $1,064,308

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		All information identified in the CFI guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:		Substantial resource benefit is expected from developing 10 MGD of regional alternative water supply to reduce stress on the Upper Floridan aquifer, lakes, and wetlands.
Cost Effectiveness:		The cost effectiveness is between $20 and $25 total capital cost per gallon capacity developed.
Past Performance:		Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 5 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:		Applicant has the complementary efforts of a demand management plan, an active conservation program, and promotes water conservation via education/outreach with the public and member governments.
Project Readiness:		Project is ongoing and on schedule.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:		**Strategic Initiative - Alternative Water Supply:** Increase development of alternative sources of water to ensure groundwater and surface water sustainability. **Heartland Region Priority:** Implement Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Recovery Strategy.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

AWS		The third-party review (TPR) of the preliminary design was completed and presented to the Governing Board on April 26, 2022, and the Board authorized the final design, permitting, and construction of the project. The project will provide an additional 10 MGD of alternative water supply to support regional water supply demands. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$23,015,498	$10,000,000	$74,036,502	$107,052,000
PRWC	$54,757,402	$15,546,775	$49,723,515	$120,027,692
FDEP	$1,064,308	$0	$0	$1,064,308
Total	**$78,837,208**	**$25,546,775**	**$123,760,017**	**$228,144,000**

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CFI

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Project No. Q438	Conservation – TBW Demand Management Plan Implementation – Phase 7
Tampa Bay Water	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 1	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Financial incentives and services for cost effective conservation activities, including but not limited to: high efficiency plumbing fixtures, cooling tower optimization equipment, Florida Water Star rebates, soil moisture sensors, evapotranspiration (ET) controllers, and other irrigation efficiency improvements. Also included are the program promotion and administrative costs to ensure the successful implementation of the program. Tampa Bay Water (TBW) member governments are collaborating with TBW to implement and oversee the project.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the implementation of the program and the completion of a final report.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $1,073,904 Tampa Bay Water: $536,952 District: $536,952

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	The benefit of the project is an estimated 92,000 to 451,000 gallons per day of water conserved in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) and Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area (NTBWUCA). Savings will vary based on the participation rate across the various conservation activities.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Project weighted average cost effectiveness is less than $2.50 per thousand gallons saved. Cost effectiveness will vary based on the participation rate across the various conservation activities.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 2 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	8	Applicant has the complementary efforts of: has a demand management plan, regularly scheduled conservation meetings, and authority-level active conservation program, and actively conducts conservation education and outreach.
Project Readiness:	7	Project starts by March 1, 2027 and a conservation program is already established.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Conservation:** Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use. **Tampa Bay Region Priority:** Implement Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) Recovery Strategies.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	100	Project will conserve potable water in the SWUCA and NTBWUCA and is cost effective.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$536,952	$0	$536,952
Tampa Bay Water	$0	$536,952	$0	$536,952
Total	**$0**	**$1,073,904**	**$0**	**$1,073,904**

Project No. Q440	Study – City of Tampa - BMP Alternatives Analysis
City of Tampa	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Development of Best Management Practice (BMP) Alternatives Analysis for the City of Tampa. The analysis will be based upon the City's recently updated Watershed Management studies. FY2027 funding will be used for the BMP Alternatives Analysis of the City's current Watershed Management Plans.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the completion of a citywide BMP Alternatives Analysis in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $1,000,000 City of Tampa: $550,000 District: $450,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	The benefit of the project is to study solutions to a regional priority issue. Study will develop alternative solutions, benefit calculations, cost estimates, and information to implement next phase.
Cost Effectiveness:	15	Cost within +/- 10% of similar BMP studies
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 3 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	10	Project starts on or before December 1, 2026 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Strategic Initiative - Water Quality Assessment and Planning:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional water quality status and trends to support resource management decisions and restoration initiatives. **Regional Priority - Floodplain Management:** Prioritize projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	95	This project will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$450,000	$0	$450,000
City of Tampa	$100,000	$450,000	$0	$550,000
Total	**$100,000**	**$900,000**	**$0**	**$1,000,000**

Project No. Q456	Study - Sumter County - FIRM Physical Map Revision
Sumter County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2

Description

Description:	Complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updates for the Jumper Creek, Little Jones Creek, Webster, Nichols Pond, and Outlet River watersheds in Sumter County. The project will update the floodplain models to FEMA standards, prepare and submit the FEMA MT-2 application, draft new floodplain maps and draft new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels. Revised flood hazard information will be submitted to FEMA for these five watersheds.
Measurable Benefit:	The successful completion of the MT-2 application with FEMA for the Jumper Creek, Little Jones Creek, Webster, Nichols Pond, and Outlet River watersheds in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $800,000 Sumter County: $400,000 District: $400,000 with $50,000 requested in FY2027 and $350,000 anticipated to be requested in future years.

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	20	The benefit of the project is providing revisions to flood hazard information to FEMA.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Costs are lower than comparable FIRM projects.
Past Performance:	2	Based on the cooperator having no ongoing cooperator led projects with the District.
Complementary Efforts:	8	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is a 6.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	95	This project identifies flood risk in an area with outdated detailed study information available. The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, to update FEMA FIRM maps, and help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$50,000	$350,000	$400,000
Sumter County	$0	$50,000	$350,000	$400,000
Total	**$0**	**$100,000**	**$700,000**	**$800,000**

Project No. W024	FY2027 Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund
Tampa Bay Estuary Program	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	The Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund (TBERF) was established to fund restoration, research, and education initiatives in Tampa Bay. The Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) manages the fund and secures local funding to leverage with funds obtained through environmental fines and philanthropic gifts.
Measurable Benefit:	The project will fund numerous water quality improvement and habitat restoration projects throughout the Tampa Bay watershed.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $700,000 TBEP: $350,000 District: $350,000 requested in FY2027 (District share includes a 10% administrative fee for each grant managed by the TBEP).

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	Water quality improvement and natural systems restoration in Tampa Bay, a SWIM priority water body.
Cost Effectiveness:	20	District funds will be leveraged with other local, federal, private, and penalty funds.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 3 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	2	Applicant funds projects that are complimentary to preserve natural systems and improve water quality.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026 and program is already established.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Conservation and Restoration:** Restoration and maintenance of natural ecosystem for the benefit of water and water-related resources. **Strategic Initiative - Water Quality Maintenance and Improvement:** Develop and implement programs, projects and regulations to maintain and improve water quality. **Tampa Bay Region Priority:** Improve Lake Thonotosassa, Tampa Bay, Lake Tarpon and Lake Seminole.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	92	Due to the leveraging of local, federal, private, and penalty funds, this project is a cost effective means to implement water quality and habitat restoration projects for Tampa Bay, a SWIM priority water body. The District has provided funding for the TBERF since FY2013. For FY2013-FY2025 TBERF funded 105 projects at a total grant amount of more than $9.9M. Eleven District projects have been funded at a grant amount of $1.86 million.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$350,000	$0	$350,000
Tampa Bay Estuary Program	$0	$350,000	$0	$350,000
Total	**$0**	**$700,000**	**$0**	**$700,000**

Project No. Q444	WMP - Stevenson Creek Watershed Management Plan Update
City of Clearwater	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2

Description

Description:	Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) update including watershed evaluation, floodplain analysis, peer review, level of service and Best Management Practices (BMP) alternatives analysis for the Stevenson Creek and Spring Branch watersheds.
Measurable Benefit:	The completion of a WMP that will develop better floodplain information and implement floodplain management programs to maintain storage and conveyance and to minimize flood damage in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $650,000 City of Clearwater: $325,000 District: $325,000 with $100,000 requested in FY2027 and $225,000 anticipated to be requested in future years.

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	The benefit of the project is the WMP study to analyze flooding problems that exist in the watershed under current development conditions. The Stevenson Creek watershed is in the top 5 for priority gap watersheds for WMPs.
Cost Effectiveness:	10	Project cost per square mile is in the higher mid-range of historic costs (between $48k and $60k) for WMP Updates completed in urban watersheds.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 1 ongoing project.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	90	The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$100,000	$225,000	$325,000
City of Clearwater	$0	$100,000	$225,000	$325,000
Total	**$0**	**$200,000**	**$450,000**	**$650,000**

Project No. Q445	WMP - Sarasota Bay Watershed Management Plan Update
Sarasota County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) update including watershed evaluation, floodplain analysis, peer review, level of service and Best Management Practices (BMP) alternatives analysis for the for the Sarasota Bay watershed.
Measurable Benefit:	The completion of a WMP that will develop better floodplain information and implement floodplain management programs to maintain storage and conveyance and to minimize flood damage in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement..
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $500,000 Sarasota County: $250,000 District: $250,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application
Project Benefit:	15	The benefit of the project is the WMP study to analyze flooding problems that exist in the watershed under current development conditions. The Whitaker Bayou watershed is in the top 10 priority watersheds for WMP updates. Philippi Creek and Hudson Bayou are in the top 30.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Project cost per square mile is in the lower range of historic costs (below $34k) for WMP Updates completed in urban watersheds.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 4 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	5	Project is ready to begin after March 1, 2027 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	90	The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$250,000	$0	$250,000
Sarasota County	$0	$250,000	$0	$250,000
Total	**$0**	**$500,000**	**$0**	**$500,000**

Project No. Q447	Study - City of Williston FIRM Physical Map Revision
City of Williston	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2

Description

Description:	Complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updates for the City of Williston watershed in Levy County. The project will update the floodplain models to FEMA standards, include new developments, prepare and submit the FEMA MT-2 application, draft new floodplain maps and draft new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels. Revised flood hazard information will be submitted to FEMA for this watershed.
Measurable Benefit:	The successful completion of floodplain model updates for new development and the MT-2 application with FEMA for the City of Williston watershed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $277,600 City of Williston: $69,400 (REDI Eligible Community) District: $208,200 with $104,100 requested in FY2027 and $104,100 anticipated to be requested in future years.

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	The benefit of the project is the update of the floodplain model and providing revisions to flood hazard information to FEMA.
Cost Effectiveness:	20	Project cost is comparable to FIRM projects with updates including new developments.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 1 ongoing project.
Complementary Efforts:	0	Cooperator does not participate in the Community Rating System.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	90	This project identifies flood risk in an area with outdated detailed study information available. The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, to update FEMA FIRM maps, and help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area. The City of Williston located within a rural county (Levy) and eligible to participate in the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as defined by Florida Statute.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$104,100	$104,100	$208,200
City of Williston	$0	$34,700	$34,700	$69,400
Total	**$0**	**$138,800**	**$138,800**	**$277,600**

Project No. Q442	WMP - Manatee River Below Lake Manatee
Manatee County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 4	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2

Description

Description:	Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) including watershed evaluation, floodplain analysis, peer review, level of service and Best Management Practices (BMP) alternatives analysis for the Manatee River Below Lake Manatee watershed in Manatee County including Bathymetric efforts.
Measurable Benefit:	The completion of a WMP that will develop better floodplain information and implement floodplain management programs to maintain storage and conveyance and to minimize flood damage in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $1,370,000 Manatee County: $685,000 District: $685,000 with $342,500 requested in FY2027, and $342,500 anticipated to be requested in future years.

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	20	The benefit of the project is the WMP study to analyze flooding problems that exist in the watershed under current development conditions. The Manatee River watershed is in the top 15 for priority gap watersheds for WMPs.
Cost Effectiveness:	15	Project cost per square mile is in mid-range of historic costs (between $30K and $46K) for WMPs completed in mixed watersheds
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 3 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	5	Project starts after March 1, 2027 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the flour planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	85	The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$342,500	$342,500	$685,000
Manatee County	$0	$342,500	$342,500	$685,000
Total	**$0**	**$685,000**	**$685,000**	**$1,370,000**

Project No. Q452	WMP - Hillsborough County - South County Regional WMP Update
Hillsborough County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) including watershed evaluation, floodplain analysis, peer review, level of service and Best Management Practices (BMP) alternatives analysis for South Hillsborough County including the Alafia River, Bullfrog Creek, Delaney Creek and Little Manatee River watersheds.
Measurable Benefit:	The completion of a WMP update that will develop better floodplain information and implement floodplain management programs to maintain storage and conveyance and to minimize flood damage in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. .
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $2,400,000 Hillsborough County: $1,200,000 District: $ 1,200,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	5	The benefit of the project is the WMP study to analyze flooding problems that exist in the watershed under current development conditions. Currently, flood analysis models are under 10 years old and are not highly ranked priority watersheds for WMP updates.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Project cost per square mile is in the lower range of historic costs (below $20k) for WMP Updates completed in mixed watersheds.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 10 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026, and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	85	The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$1,200,000	$0	$1,200,000
Hillsborough County	$0	$1,200,000	$0	$1,200,000
Total	**$0**	**$2,400,000**	**$0**	**$2,400,000**

Project No. Q443	SW IMP – Flood Protection – Glen Creek Flood Mitigation Project
Manatee County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description		
Description:	Design, permitting and construction of stormwater improvements for Glen Creek in the Manatee River watershed, specifically to increase culvert capacity of two crossing pipes at 15th Street East and 27th Street East and adding a bypass channel around the Sugar Creek Resort.	
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the design, permitting and construction of stormwater improvements at Glen Creek. Construction will be done in accordance with the permitted plans.	
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $3,099,154 Cooperator: $1,549,577 District: $1,549,577	

Evaluation		
Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	12	The Resource Benefit of this project will reduce the existing flooding problem during the 100 year, 24-hour storm event. Structure and street flooding currently occurs in the project area and the project impacts the intermediate drainage system.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Benefit/cost ratio greater than 1.1
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 3 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	2	Project is ready to begin on or before March 1, 2027. Project not shovel ready by December 1, 2026.

Strategic Goals		
Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative – Flood Protection Maintenance and Improvement:** Develop and implement programs, projects and regulations to maintain and improve flood protection, and operate District flood control and conservation structures to minimize flood damage while preserving the water resource **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation		
CFI	84	This project consists of the construction of best management practices that will reduce flood risk in the Manatee River watershed. It will provide flood protection for the 100 year, 24-hour event that experiences structure and street flooding and is cost effective.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$1,549,577	$0	$1,549,577
Manatee County	$0	$1,549,577	$0	$1,549,577
Total	**$0**	**$3,099,154**	**$0**	**$3,099,154**

Project No. Q441	Study - Hernando County - Squirrel Prairie FIRM Physical Map Revision
Hernando County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updates for the Squirrel Prairie Watershed in Hernando County. The project will update the floodplain models to FEMA standards, prepare and submit the FEMA MT-2 application, draft new floodplain maps and draft new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels. Revised flood hazard information will be submitted to FEMA for this watershed.
Measurable Benefit:	The successful completion of the MT-2 application with FEMA for the Squirrel Prairie watershed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $300,000 Hernando County: $150,000 District: $150,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	20	The benefit of the project is providing revisions to flood hazard information to FEMA.
Cost Effectiveness:	10	Costs are higher than comparable FIRM projects.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 2 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is a 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	7	Project is ready to begin on or before March 1, 2027 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority- Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	82	This project identifies flood risk in an area with outdated detailed study information available. The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, to update FEMA FIRM maps, and help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$150,000	$0	$150,000
Hernando County	$0	$150,000	$0	$150,000
Total	**$0**	**$300,000**	**$0**	**$300,000**

Project No. Q451	Study - Hernando County Peck Sink FIRM Physical Map Revision
Hernando County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updates for the Peck Sink Watershed in Hernando County. The project will update the floodplain models to FEMA standards, prepare and submit the FEMA MT-2 application, draft new floodplain maps and draft new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels. Revised flood hazard information will be submitted to FEMA for this watershed.
Measurable Benefit:	The successful completion of the MT-2 application with FEMA for the Peck Sink watershed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $150,000 Hernando County: $75,000 District: $75,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application
Project Benefit:	15	The benefit of the project is providing revisions to flood hazard information to FEMA.
Cost Effectiveness:	15	Costs are slightly higher than comparable FIRM projects.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 2 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is a 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	7	Project is ready to begin on or before March 1, 2027 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	82	This project identifies flood risk in an area with outdated detailed study information available. The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, to update FEMA FIRM maps, and help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Hernando County	$0	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Total	**$0**	**$150,000**	**$0**	**$150,000**

Project No. Q450	WMP - Marion County - Withlacoochee River WMP Update
Marion County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 4	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2

Description

Description:	Complete a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) update including watershed evaluation, floodplain analysis, peer review, level of service and Best Management Practices (BMP) alternatives analysis for the Withlacoochee River and Cotton Plant 3 watersheds.
Measurable Benefit:	The completion of a WMP that will develop better floodplain information and implement floodplain management programs to maintain storage and conveyance and to minimize flood damage in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. .
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $1,316,666 Marion County: $658,333 District: $658,333 with $307,210 requested in FY2027 and $351,123 anticipated to be requested in future years.

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	5	The benefit of the project is the WMP study to analyze flooding problems that exist in the watershed under current development conditions. Currently, flood analysis models are 10 years old and are not highly ranked priority watersheds for WMP updates.
Cost Effectiveness:	25	Project cost per square mile is in the lower range of historic costs (below $20k) for WMP Updates completed in mixed watersheds.
Past Performance:	2	Based on the cooperator having no ongoing cooperator led projects with the District.
Complementary Efforts:	6	Cooperators Community Rating System class is 7.
Project Readiness:	10	Project is ready to begin on or before December 1, 2026 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives. **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	78	The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$307,210	$351,123	$658,333
Marion County	$140,046	$167,164	$351,123	$658,333
Total	**$140,046**	**$474,374**	**$702,246**	**$1,316,666**

Project No. Q453	Study - Hernando County - Pithlachascotee FIRM Physical Map Revision
Hernando County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Complete Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updates for the Pithlachascotee Watershed in Hernando County. The project will update the floodplain models to FEMA standards, prepare and submit the FEMA MT-2 application, draft new floodplain maps and draft new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels. Revised flood hazard information will be submitted to FEMA for this watershed.
Measurable Benefit:	The successful completion of the MT-2 application with FEMA for the Pithlachascotee watershed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $150,000 Hernando County: $75,000 District: $75,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI Guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	15	The benefit of the project is providing revisions to flood hazard information to FEMA.
Cost Effectiveness:	10	Costs are higher than comparable FIRM projects.
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 2 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	10	Cooperator's Community Rating System class is a 5 and is in the 5 or less range.
Project Readiness:	7	Project is ready to begin on or before March 1, 2027 and LiDAR is available.

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Floodplain Management:** Collect and analyze data to determine local and regional floodplain information, flood protection status and trends to support floodplain management decision and initiatives **Regional Priority - Flood Protection:** The District is prioritizing projects that will identify flood risk and minimize impacts from flooding as a regional priority in all of the four planning regions.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	77	This project identifies flood risk in an area with outdated detailed study information available. The resulting product will be utilized for flood zone determination, to update FEMA FIRM maps, and help implement solutions that alleviate flood risk and enhance the planning of future development in the project area.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Hernando County	$0	$75,000	$0	$75,000
Total	**$0**	**$150,000**	**$0**	**$150,000**

Project No. Q446	Conservation – Hillsborough County Utilities Advanced Metering
Hillsborough County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 1	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Implementation of a software program that will promote and encourage water conservation by utility customers. This project will allow metering software subscription, development of an advanced customer portal, and data analysis and reporting, and it will be available for approximately 212,000 retail potable water customers. The software will: provide a customer portal log-in and graph customers' water use over time; notify customers of suspected leaks as they occur; regularly analyze actual daily or hourly water use and notify customers of potential violations of watering restrictions; and alert customers to a pre-set threshold usage amount.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the implementation of the program and the completion of a final report.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $860,240 Hillsborough County: $519,790 District: $340,450

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:	5	All information identified in the CFI guidelines was provided at the time of application.
Project Benefit:	25	The Benefit of the project is an estimated 148,000 gallons per day of water conserved in the Southern Water Use Cation Area (SWUCA) and Northern Tampa Bay Water Use Caution Area (NTBWUCA).
Cost Effectiveness:	0	Project cost effectiveness is greater than $6.00 per thousand gallons saved ($6.16).
Past Performance:	5	Based upon an assessment of the schedule and budget for the 10 ongoing projects.
Complementary Efforts:	6	Applicant has the complementary efforts of: adopting an ordinance to support year-round watering restrictions, actively enforces irrigation restrictions, and has an active conservation program.
Project Readiness:	5	Project starts on or before December 1, 2026

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:	25	**Strategic Initiative - Conservation:** Enhance efficiencies in all water-use sectors to ensure beneficial use. **Tampa Bay Region Priority:** Implement Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) Recovery Strategies.

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

CFI	71	Project will conserve potable water in the SWUCA and NTBWUCA but is not cost effective.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$340,450	$0	$340,450
Hillsborough County	$0	$519,790	$0	$519,790
Total	**$0**	**$860,240**	**$0**	**$860,240**

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Not Recommended

FY2027 Cooperative Funding Initiative

Preliminary Project Evaluations and Rankings

Project No. Q313	Interconnects – PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3C
PRMRWSA	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 4 of 4

Description

Description:	Third-party review, design, permitting, and construction of a potable water transmission interconnection, to supply additional alternative water, including pumping and storage improvments at the existing Carlton facility. This interconnect is part of the Regional Integrated Loop System to extend the system further north from its current terminus at Clark Road (SR-72) to Fruitville Road. This segment will be approximately 8 miles long and is expected to have a max day capacity of 40 million gallons per day (MGD) to supply demands and will supply a high growth area of Sarasota County. FY2027 funding request is for construction cost increases.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit eill be the construction of a potable water transmission interconnection, with a max day capacity of 40 MGD. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $71,920,000 (design permitting, TPR, construction), initial board-approved project amount $53,100,000) PRMRWSA: $41,370,000 District: $26,550,000 with $26,550,000 budgeted in previous years. FDEP: $2,500,000 Legislative Appropriation: $1,500,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		This project is not recommended for District funding for FY2027 since all approved District funding has been budgeted in prior years. This project will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for funding consideration through the Alternative Water Supply Grants program. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$26,550,000	$0	$0	$26,550,000
PRMRWSA	$39,870,000	$1,500,000	$0	$41,370,000
FDEP	$2,500,000	$0	$0	$2,500,000
Legislative Appropriation	$1,500,000	$0	$0	$1,500,000
Total	**$70,420,000**	**$1,500,000**	**$0**	**$71,920,000**

Project No. Q355	Interconnects – PRMRWSA Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B
PRMRWSA	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 4 of 4

Description

Description:	Third-party review (TPR), design, permitting, and construction of a potable water transmission interconnection to supply additional alternative water. This interconnect is part of the Regional Integrated Loop System to extend the system south from Serris Boulevard to the Gulf Cove Water Booster Pump Station in Charlotte County. Phase 2B is approximately 13 miles long and is expected to have a max day capacity of 40 million gallons per day (MGD). The pipeline will deliver only alternative water supplies under normal operating conditions. FY2027 funding request is for construction cost increases.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the construction of a potable water transmission interconnection, with a max day capacity of 40 MGD. Construction will be done in accordance with permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $87,440,545 (design permitting, TPR, and construction), initial board-approved project amount $72,300,000) PRMRWSA: $48,290,545 District: $36,150,000 with $36,150,000 budgeted in previous years. FDEP: $1,500,000 Legislative Appropriation: $1,500,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		This project is not recommended for District funding for FY2027 since all approved District funding has been budgeted in prior years. This project will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for funding consideration through the Alternative Water Supply Grants program. Total District funding shown is consistent with the long-term funding plan presented at the December 2025 Governing Board Workshop.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$36,150,000	$0	$0	$36,150,000
PRMRWSA	$46,790,545	$1,500,000	$0	$48,290,545
FDEP	$1,500,000	$0	$0	$1,500,000
Legislative Appropriation	$1,500,000	$0	$0	$1,500,000
Total	**$85,940,545**	**$1,500,000**	**$0**	**$87,440,545**

Project No. Q439	University Oaks Phase IV Water Main Improvements
Levy County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 1	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Replacement of approximately 5,250 linear feet of 6-inch diameter water mains within Levy County's service area (University Oak's Subdivision).
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit would be the replacement of aging infrastructure and extension of the service area.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $1,070,554 Levy County: $5,000 (REDI Eligible Community) SRWMD: $311,670 District: $753,884

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		The project is not recommended for funding as the FY2027 CFI Guidelines state that operations and maintenance projects, such as main line replacement are not eligible for funding. Levy County is a rural county and eligible to participate in the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) as defined by Florida Statute.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$376,942	$376,942	$753,884
Levy County	$5,000	$0	$0	$5,000
SRWMD	$311,670	$0	$0	$311,670
Total	**$316,670**	**$376,942**	**$376,942**	**$1,070,554**

Project No. Q448	SW IMP – Flood Protection – Church Creek Phase II Flood Mitigation
City of Largo	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description	
Description:	Construction of stormwater improvements for Church Creek in the McKay Creek watershed by expanding the channel's hydraulic capacity through channel lining.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will bet the construction of stormwater improvements at Church Creek. Construction will be done in accordance with the permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $5,000,000 Cooperator: $2,500,000 District $2,500,000

Evaluation		
Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		This project is not recommended for funding as the FY2027 CFI Guidelines state that projects relating to maintenance activities such as channel lining without altering capacity would not be eligible for funding.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$2,500,000	$0	$2,500,000
City of Largo	$0	$2,500,000	$0	$2,500,000
Total	**$0**	**$5,000,000**	**$0**	**$5,000,000**

Project No. Q449	AWS – Marion Oaks Lower Floridan Well Construction
Marion County	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 2	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	The design and construction of a Lower Floridan aquifer (LFA) test well in Marion Oaks to provide new alternative water supply (AWS) while offsetting Upper Floridan withdrawals. Design is scheduled before FY2027, so the District share would be applied only to construction. The well may potentially provide 2 to 3 MGD of AWS, depending on well capacity and water quality.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual measurable benefit is to construct an LFA test well to evaluate its potential for alternative water supply. Construction will be done in accordance with the permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost $3,200,000 (design and construction) Marion County: $1,700,000 District: $1,500,000

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:		

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		The project is not recommended for funding as preliminary design was not provided with the application.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$1,500,000	$0	$1,500,000
Marion County	$200,000	$1,500,000	$0	$1,700,000
Total	**$200,000**	**$3,000,000**	**$0**	**$3,200,000**

Project No. Q454	Restoration – Town of Belleair Bluff Restoration and Erosion Abatement - Phase 2
Town of Belleair	FY2027

Risk Level:	Type 3	Multi-Year Contract: No

Description

Description:	Design, permitting, and construction of an erosion abatement project that includes stormwater BMPs to improve water quality discharging into Clearwater Harbor South.
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measurable Benefit will be the construction of BMPs to treat stormwater runoff from approximately 203 acres of urban residential watershed. Construction will be done in accordance with the permitted plans.
Costs:	Total Project Cost: $4,700,000 (design, permitting, and construction) Town of Belleair: $2,350,000 District: $2,350,000 requested in FY2027

Evaluation

Initial Application Quality:		
Project Benefit:		
Cost Effectiveness:		
Past Performance:		
Complementary Efforts:		
Project Readiness:		

Strategic Goals

Strategic Goals:		

Overall Ranking and Recommendation

Not Recommended		The project is not recommended for funding as the application is incomplete, and the project has extremely low cost effectiveness.

Funding

Funding Source	Prior	FY2027	Future	Total
District	$0	$2,350,000	$0	$2,350,000
Town of Belleair	$0	$2,350,000	$0	$2,350,000
Total	**$0**	**$4,700,000**	**$0**	**$4,700,000**

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