

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Springs Coast Management Committee

FY2026 FDEP Springs Funding Final Evaluations

February 19, 2025

Southwest Florida
Water Management District

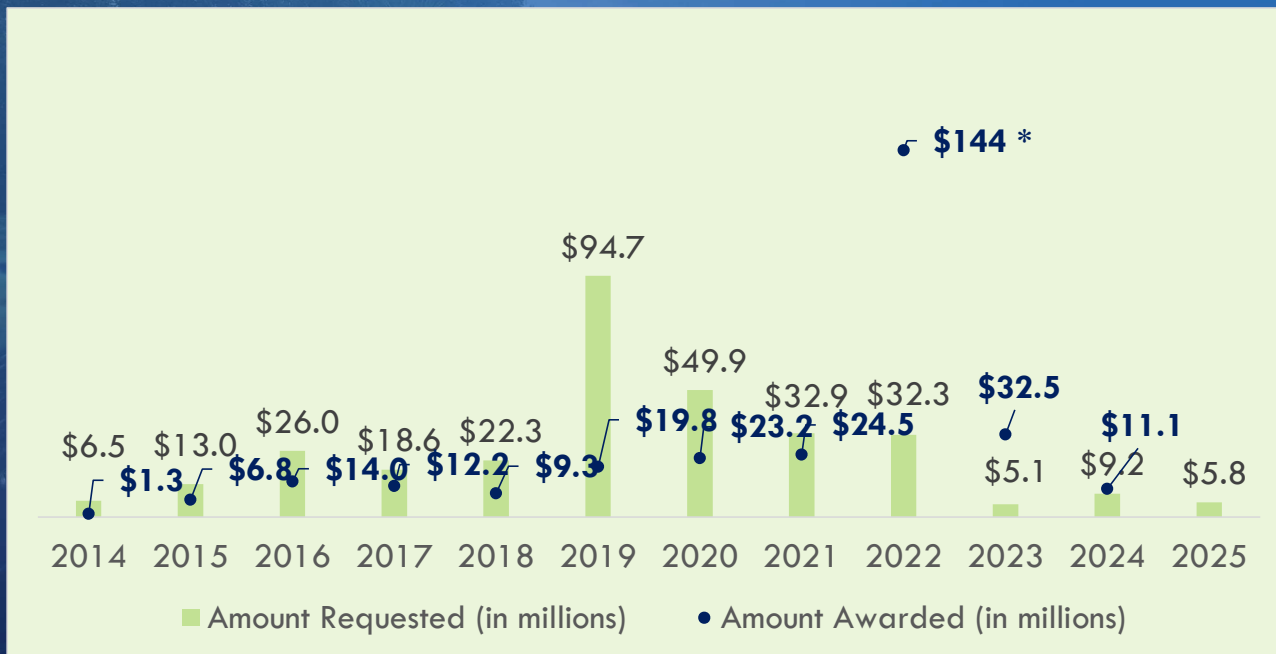


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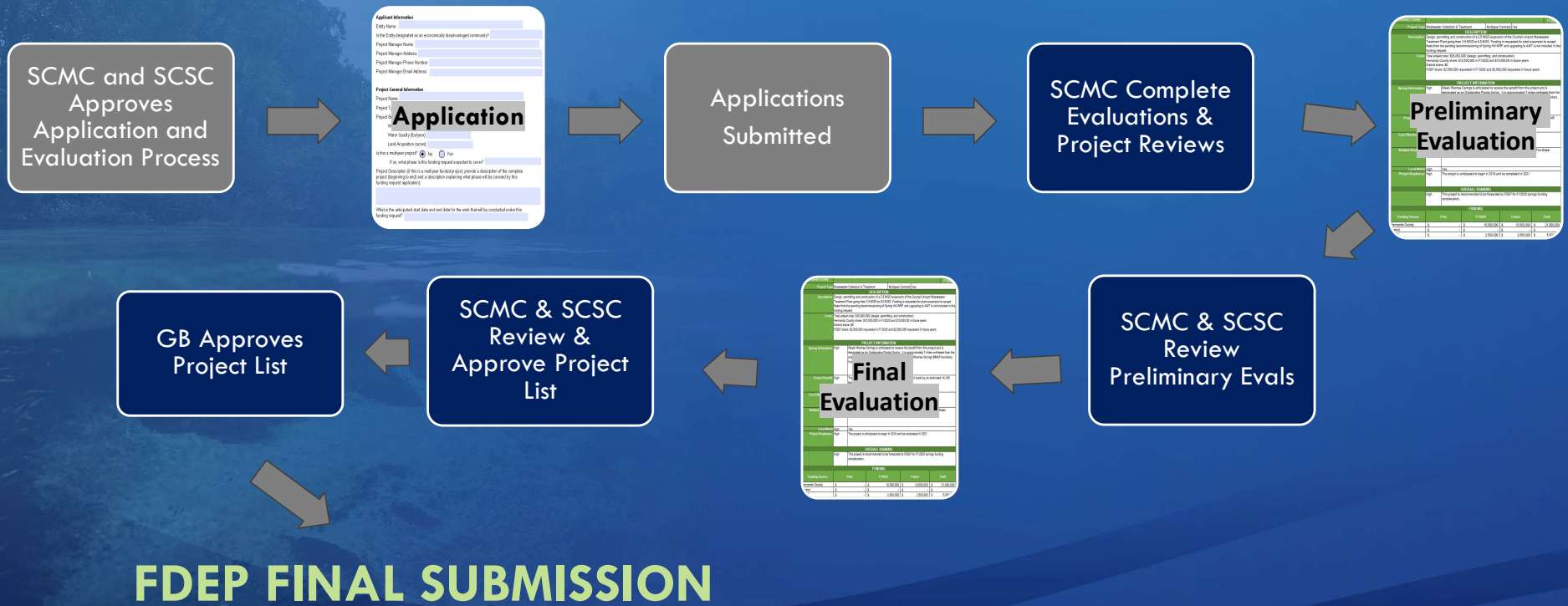
FY25 FDEP Request Summary



*Includes Springs and Wastewater Grant funding

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FY2026 Process



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Detailed FY2025 Timeline

	JUL '24	AUG '24	SEP '24	OCT '24	NOV '24	DEC '24	JAN '25
Important Dates		FDEP FY25 Project Selection Springs & CFI Apps Available	Pre-app Meetings GB Approves FY25 Budget	(4) Springs & CFI Apps Due			
SCMC	(10) Approve FY26 Funding Process & Meeting Dates			(23) Raw Applications Presented		(4) Preliminary Evals Review #1	(8) Preliminary Evals Review #2
SCSC	(24) Approve FY26 Funding Process & Meeting Dates				(6) Raw Applications Presented		(22) Present Preliminary Evaluations
	FEB '25	MAR '25	APR '25	MAY '25	JUNE '25	JUL '25	AUG-SEP '25
Important Dates			(22) GB Approves FY25 Springs Funding Apps	FDEP receives approved final list	FDEP holds public input period		(AUG) FDEP FY26 Project Selection (SEP) GB Approves FY26 Budget
SCMC	(19) Final Evals Reviewed & Approved			(21) Springs Funding Lessons Learned		(9) Approve FY27 Funding Process & Meeting Dates	
SCSC		(5) Final Evals Reviewed & Approved				(23) Approve FY26 Funding Process & Meeting Dates	

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Final Evaluations & Rankings

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Applications Received FY2026

FY2026 FDEP Springs Funding Final Evaluations

Unit Number	Applicant	Project	Nitrogen Reduction (lbs/yr)	FDEP Request	WMD Request	Local Match	Other Funding	Total
APP02	Hernando County	Private Package Plant Connections	1,241	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
APP03	Hernando County	District A Phase 1	4,620	\$ 16,842,643	\$ -	\$ 2,692,492	\$ -	\$ 19,535,135
APP04	Pasco County	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project^	2,310	\$ 2,005,927	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,005,927
APP05	Pasco County	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1	27,648	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000
APP06	Pasco County	Aripeka Septic to Sewer^	767	\$ 2,940,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,940,000
		^Multiyear request						
	Application Count:	5	36,586	\$ 33,788,570	\$ -	\$ 4,692,492	\$ -	\$ 38,481,062

Final Evaluation Changes

- Connection fees clarified
- APP03 – Hernando County – District A Phase 1
 - Project benefit now 4,620 lbs TN reduced
 - Cost effectiveness now \$260/lbs TN
 - Local match ranked Medium (previously Low)
 - Project is overall ranked High (previously Medium)
- APP04 – Pasco County – Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project
 - Funding table and evaluation were corrected to omit “Other” funding
 - Project readiness ranked Low (previously Medium)

FY2026 Springs Funding Evals Sorted by Project Benefit

Project Number	Applicant	Project Name	Project Benefit		
			lbs/yr TN	Rank	Score
APP05	Pasco County	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1	27,648	1	High
APP03	Hernando County	District A Phase 1	4,620	2	Medium
APP04	Pasco County	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project^	2,310	3	Medium
APP02	Hernando County	Private Package Plant Connections	1,241	4	Medium
APP06	Pasco County	Aripeka Septic to Sewer^	767	5	Low

^Multiyear request

FY2026 Springs Funding Evals Sorted by Cost Effectiveness

Project Number	Applicant	Project Name	Cost Effectiveness		
			Cost/lbs of TN	Rank	Score
APP05	Pasco County	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1	\$ 11	1	High
APP04	Pasco County	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project^	\$ 205	2	Medium
APP02	Hernando County	Private Package Plant Connections	\$ 235	3	Medium
APP03	Hernando County	District A Phase 1	\$ 260	4	Medium
APP06	Pasco County	Aripeka Septic to Sewer^	\$ 639	5	Low

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FY2026 Prioritization Matrix

Total Score for Project > 94: High
 Total Score for Project 94 – 67: Medium
 Total Score for Project < 67: Low



Prioritization Matrix				Weighting	7	10	10	5	3	5			
				Highest Score	High	High	High	High	High	High	120		
				Lowest Score	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	40		
Current Rank	Project Nmbr	Applicant	Project Name	SPRING INFORMATION	PROJECT BENEFIT	COST EFFECTIVENESS	RELATED STRATEGIES	LOCAL MATCH	PROJECT READINESS	Total Score	Overall Ranking		
1	APP05	Pasco County	Wesley Chapel Center WWTP Expansion Phase 1	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	105	HIGH		
2	APP03	Hernando County	District A Phase 1	High	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	High	97	HIGH		
3	APP02	Hernando County	Private Package Plant Connections	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low	Medium	89	MEDIUM		
4	APP04	Pasco County	Weeki Wachee Septic to Sewer Project^	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Low	Low	77	MEDIUM		
5	APP06	Pasco County	Aripeka Septic to Sewer^	Medium	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	62	LOW		

^Multiyear request

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FDEP Spreadsheet

Management Committee Meetings

Dates	Objective
Oct 23, 2024	• Review: Raw application information
Dec 4, 2024	• Review: Preliminary Eval Review #1
Jan 8, 2025	• Review: Preliminary Eval Review #2
Feb 19, 2025	• Approve: Final Evals
May 21, 2025	• Present: Springs Funding Lessons Learned
Jul 9, 2025	• FDEP Springs Funding FY27 Kickoff • Approve: Meeting Dates • Approve: Funding Process

Steering Committee Meetings

Dates	Objective
Nov 6, 2024	• Present: Raw application information
Jan 22, 2025	• Present: Preliminary Evals
Mar 5, 2025	• Approve: Final Evals
Jul 23, 2025	• FDEP Springs Funding FY26 Kickoff • Approve: Meeting Dates • Approve: Funding Process

Recommendations

Recommend the Springs Coast Steering Committee approve and forward the final project evaluations and the FDEP spreadsheet to the District's Governing Board for approval.