

Resource Management Committee December 13, 2016

Discussion Item

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Cooperative Funding Process

Purpose

To update the Board on the fiscal year 2017-18 cooperative funding process and timeline, and prepare the Board members for their upcoming February regional public meetings. Applications submitted by the cooperators by region (see regional application booklets) are available.

Background

The Cooperative Funding Initiative application deadline was Friday, October 7, 2016: 147 applications were initially received. Staff are evaluating 147 applications totaling more than \$102.9 million in District funding requests.

The proposed meeting schedule for the four regional subcommittees is detailed below:

PLANNING REGION	MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	LOCATION
Northern	February 1	10 a.m.	Brooksville
Heartland	February 2	10 a.m.	Bartow CH
Southern	February 8	10 a.m.	Sarasota
Tampa Bay	February 9	10 a.m.	Tampa

PLANNING REGION	MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	LOCATION
Northern	April 5	10 a.m.	Brooksville
Heartland	April 6	10 a.m.	Bartow CH
Southern	April 12	10 a.m.	Sarasota
Tampa Bay	April 13	10 a.m.	Tampa

Discussion

The fiscal year 2017-18 applications were distributed to staff and are undergoing in-depth evaluation for ranking purposes. The raw applications have been compiled by region, distributed to the Governing Board members, and posted on the District's website. Board members are asked to familiarize themselves with the applications in preparation of the February public meetings. The following topics are proposed for the Board's discussion at the February meetings:

- Summarize Funding Applications Received by Region
- Discuss Past Budgeted Expenditures by Region
- Receive Public/Stakeholder Input
- Review Preliminary Project Rankings
- Select Projects to Review in April
- Review Timeline and Next Steps

The February meetings are the Board's opportunity to review the preliminary project rankings, ask questions of staff and the applicants, and to hear public and stakeholder input from non-applicants. During the February meetings, each subcommittee will be asked to identify proposals for presentation and further discussion at the April meetings. Final staff rankings will be provided in April, and the regional subcommittees will be asked to prepare their final rankings and recommendations at that time.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the proposed February and April subcommittee meeting schedule and agenda topics staff has proposed for the February regional subcommittee meetings. See Regional Application Booklets at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/business/coopfunding/>

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