

BOARD POLICY**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**TITLE: **COOPERATIVE FUNDING INITIATIVE**

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STATEMENT OF POLICY:

In accordance with Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the Governing Board (Board) may participate and cooperate with county governments, municipalities, water supply authorities, and other interested entities in water management programs and projects of mutual benefit, provided such programs and projects are consistent with the District's statutory authority and will ensure proper development, utilization, and conservation of the water resources and ecology within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. In addition, the Governing Board will implement the state's Water Protection and Sustainability Program through its Cooperative Funding Initiative if state funds are appropriated for this program.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines apply to all projects. The Governing Board may deviate from the guidelines for a specific project if it determines that such deviation would be appropriate.

1. The Board will give priority consideration to those projects designed to further the implementation of the District Strategic Plan, Water Management Plan, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans, Surface Water Improvement and Management Plans, and Regional Water Supply Plan.
2. The District is committed to supplier diversity in the performance of all contracts associated with District Cooperative Funding projects. The District requires the second party to make good faith efforts to encourage the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises, both as prime contractors and sub-contractors, in accordance with applicable laws. Applicants will be required to document all contractors and sub-contractors who perform work in association with the project, including the amount spent and, to the extent such information is known, whether each contractor or sub-contractor was a minority owned or small business enterprise. The applicant will be required to provide the District a report of this information upon completion of the project prior to final payment, or within 30 days of the execution of any amendment of an agreement that increases project funding and prior to disbursement of any additional funds by the District.
3. The Board will consider the applicant's efforts in developing, implementing, and enforcing best water management practices, including but not limited to, conservation oriented water rate structures and irrigation, landscape and flood protection ordinances.
4. Funding may be provided to assist with the cost of data collection, research, feasibility studies, conservation and environmental education initiatives; ecosystem restoration, water resource investigation and plan development; and design, permitting and construction of capital projects. Funding is not available for operation and maintenance, payment of debtor submittal, and responses to required District permits.

