

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**Fiscal Year 2020**  
**Cooperative Funding Initiative**  
**Workshop and Webinar**  
**August 16, 2019**



# Agenda

- Introductions
- District Presentation
- Interactive Q&A
  - Online viewers submit questions during live workshop to: [CFIWorkshop@WaterMatters.org](mailto:CFIWorkshop@WaterMatters.org)



# Introductions



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# Introductions



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# Introductions

- Around The Room
  - Name
  - Organization/Section
  - Type of Project



# Website and Links

## Guidelines and Application

- [CFI Webpage](#)
- [FY2021 CFI Guidelines](#)
- [CFI Application](#)
- [Policy 130-4](#)



# Application Requirements

- On-line Application
- Priority Ranking Letter, Funding Letter & Map
- Complete & Accurate
- Deadline: **October 4, 2019 at 5 p.m.**





# FY2021 Timeline

August 2019

- Application goes live Aug. 16

October 4, 2019

- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

November 2019

- District staff begins review of applications and project rankings

December 2019

- Governing Board receives a copy of submitted project proposals

February 2020

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

April 2020

- Regional subcommittees presented with final evals and rankings

June 2020

- Governing Board reviews projects and budgets

September 2020

- Governing Board approves final budget, including CFI projects

October 2020

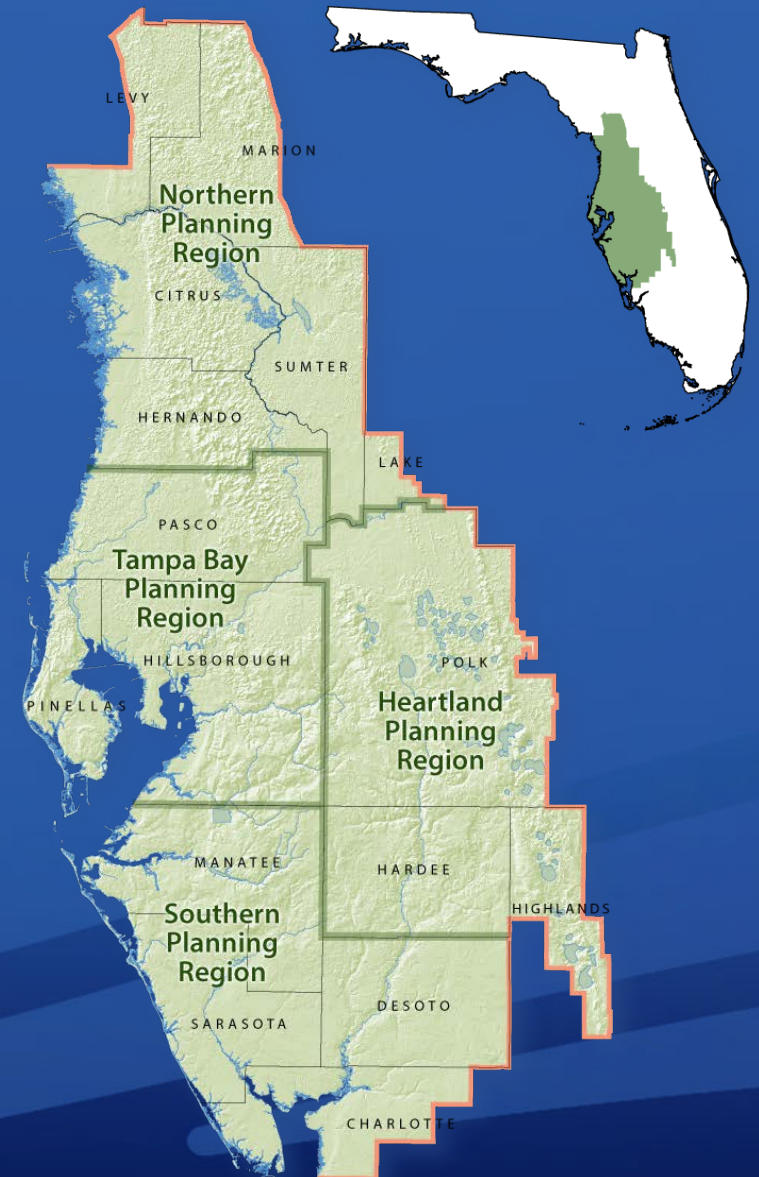
- Contracts awarded in new fiscal year





## Subcommittee Structure

- Minimum of 3 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>				
<b>Application Quality:</b>				
<b>Project Benefit:</b>				
<b>Cost Effectiveness:</b>				
<b>Past Performance:</b>				
<b>Complementary Efforts:</b>				
<b>Project Readiness:</b>				
<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>				

# Online Application Steps

## Application Tab

- General Information: Project Name & Contact Info

## Project Type Tab

- Area of Responsibility & Strategic Initiatives

## 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 Tab

- All Sources: State, Federal & Cooperator Match

### Documents Tab

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

### Milestone Tab

- Study, Land, Design, Permitting & Construction

### Data Collection Tab

- Water Resources, Biological & Geospatial





## 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 this cycle of Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) projects.

By submitting an application, you acknowledge you have read and understand the terms contained in the template. The District recommends you to provide the template to your legal counsel for review. The District reserves the right to revise the template as needed. Certain project types, such as septic to sewer projects in springsheds and indirect potable reuse projects will require special contract terms which are currently in development but the District.

Any questions about the contract template should be directed to the appropriate District Government Affairs Regional Manager (GARM). Contact information for the GARMS is included at the bottom of the [CFI web page](#).

☐ I have read and understand the terms contained in the [contact template](#).

Ok

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# 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
- Projects that generate credits (e.g., wetland mitigation credits)
- Recreation improvements (e.g., boat ramps, bike paths, boardwalks, side walks, pavilions) that do not provide a water resource benefit
- Contamination clean-up projects or costs for contamination clean-up





# 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
- Third Party Review at 30% design
- District hires independent consultant
- Confirm cost, schedule and benefits
- Results presented to Governing Board for approval



## 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, 2020
  - 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, 2020



# 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



# Cooperative Funding Agreements

- Begin process in June – Approval of RASB
- Project plans
- Conservation easements
- Grants or subgrants of federal funding
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# Comments and Questions

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