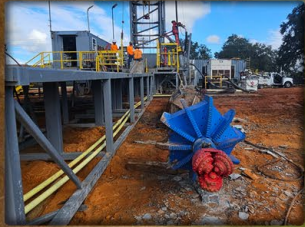


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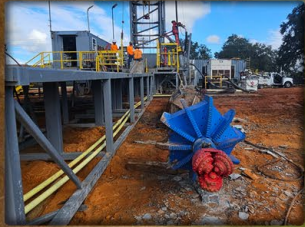
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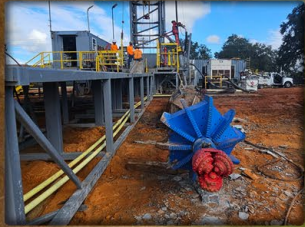
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Agenda

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- Interactive Q&A
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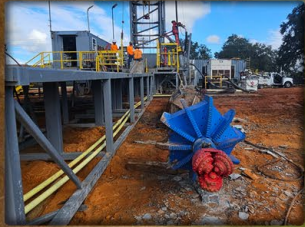
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FY2027 Timeline

August 7, 2025

- Application goes live

October 3, 2025

- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

November 2025

- District staff begins review of applications and project rankings

December 2025

- Governing Board receives a copy of submitted project proposals

February 2026

- Presentations of preliminary evals and scores by District staff

April 2026

- Presentation of final evals and scores by District staff

June 2026

- Governing Board reviews projects and budgets

September 2026

- Governing Board approves final budget, including CFI projects

October 2026

- Contracts awarded in new fiscal year



Application Requirements

- On-line Application
- Priority Ranking Letter, Funding Letter & Map
- Complete & Accurate
- Deadline: **October 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.**

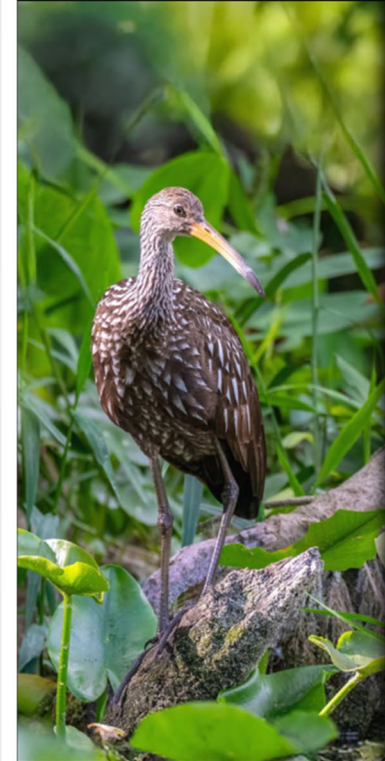


CFI Guidelines

- Official resource for applicants
- Contains project specific requirements
- Details the timeline and process



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Funding Assistance Areas

- Construction of capital projects
- Water conservation
- Ecosystem restoration
- Water resource investigation and plan development
- Septic conversion in Northern springsheds
- Feasibility studies
- Data collection
- Research



Will Not Fund

- Operation and maintenance
- Renewal and replacement expenses of infrastructure
- Payment of debt service
- Permit violation compliance
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
- Projects that generate credits (e.g., wetland mitigation credits, flood protection, WUP credits and water quality credits)
- Recreation improvements
- Contamination clean-up or remediation of contamination
- Dredging for navigation



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 and Monitoring
2. Conservation and Restoration

Flood Protection

1. Floodplain Management
2. Maintenance and Improvement
3. Emergency Flood Response






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Top Regional Priorities

Northern	Ensure long-term sustainable water supply	Improve Chasshowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Rainbow and Weeki Wachee rivers and associated springs
Heartland	Implement SWUCA Recovery Strategy	Improve Winter Haven Chain of Lakes and Ridge Lakes
Southern	Implement SWUCA Recovery Strategy	Improve Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay, Shell/Prairie/Joshua creeks
Tampa Bay	Implement MFL Recovery Strategies	Improve Tampa Bay and Lakes Seminole, Tarpon and Thonotosassa

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CFI Scoring System

- Initial Application Quality, 0 or 5 Points
- Project Benefit, 0 – 25 Points
- Cost Effectiveness, 0 – 25 Points
- Past Performance, 0, 2 or 5 Points
- Complementary Efforts, 0 – 10 Points
- Project Readiness, 0 – 10 Points
- Strategic Goals, 0, 15, 20 or 25 Points

Total Overall Score, 0 - 105



Project No. Q268		Reclaimed – BRU Taylor Road Area Transmission			FY2022
BRU					
Risk Level: Type 2			Multi-Year Contract: Yes, Year 1 of 2		
Description					
Description:	This project is for the third-party review (TPR) and construction of approximately 16,000 feet of reclaimed water mains, a SCADA system, a pump station and other necessary appurtenances to supply approximately 2,400 residential homes, common areas and a 27-hole golf course within the Taylor Road development of Lakewood Ranch in Manatee and Sarasota counties. The FY2022 funding request is for completion of third-party review and initiating construction. Governing Board approval of the TPR is required prior to initiating construction.				
Measurable Benefit:	The contractual Measureable Benefit of this project will be the provision of the design package for the construction of a reclaimed water transmission line that will provide 1.57 mgd of reclaimed water to residential homes, a 27-hole golf course and common areas within the Most Impacted Area (MIA) of the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA). If the TPR is approved by the Governing Board, construction will be added the measureable benefit.				
Costs:	Total Conceptual Project Cost: \$7,100,000 (TPR and construction) Braden River Utilities: \$3,550,000 District: \$3,550,000 with \$1,050,000 requested in FY2022 and \$2,500,000 to be requested in future years.				
Evaluation					
Initial Application Quality:	3	0-5 Points: 3 points = Majority of information was provided for in application, all information was provided by Dec 1			
Project Benefit:	25	0-25 Points: 25 points= the project will provide the 30% design and TPR of a currently permittable concept that if constructed would have a 1.57 mgd benefit is within the "1.5 mgd and greater" for this ranting			
Cost Effectiveness:	25	0-25 Points: 25 points= the \$4.54 cost effectiveness is less than the \$10 for this rating			
Past Performance:	5	0, 2 or 5 Points: 5 points= Cooperator has had the majority of their projects on schedule, and has been proactive in assisting other utilities in reuse utilization.			
Complementary Efforts:	10	0-10 Points: 10 points= the cooperator has a program in place that includes metering and an incentivised based reuse rate structre for high volume uses, and has proactive reclaimed water expansion policies which maximize utilization and environmental benefits.			
Project Readiness:	2	0-10 Points: 2 points as the project is anticipated to start before March 1			
Strategic Goals					
Strategic Goals:	25	0-25 Points: 25 points= the project includes both a Strategic Initiative- Reclaimed Water and a Heartland Region Priority- Impliment SWUCA			
Overall Ranking and Recommendation					
Total Score	95	The project is recommended for funding, as it will provide valuable information necessary for the construction of the reuse project. Note: Conceptual Costs subject to Governing Board Approval			
Funding					
Funding Source		Prior	FY2022	Future	Total*
District		\$ -	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,550,000
BRU		\$ -	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,550,000
Total		\$ -	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 7,100,000

Not Recommended For Funding

Projects that:

- Don't Meet CFI Policy
- Don't Meet CFI Guidelines
- Don't Align with Strategic Plan
- Are Not Ready (No \$ spent in FY)
- Have Extremely Low-Cost Effectiveness
- Have Extremely Low-Project Benefits



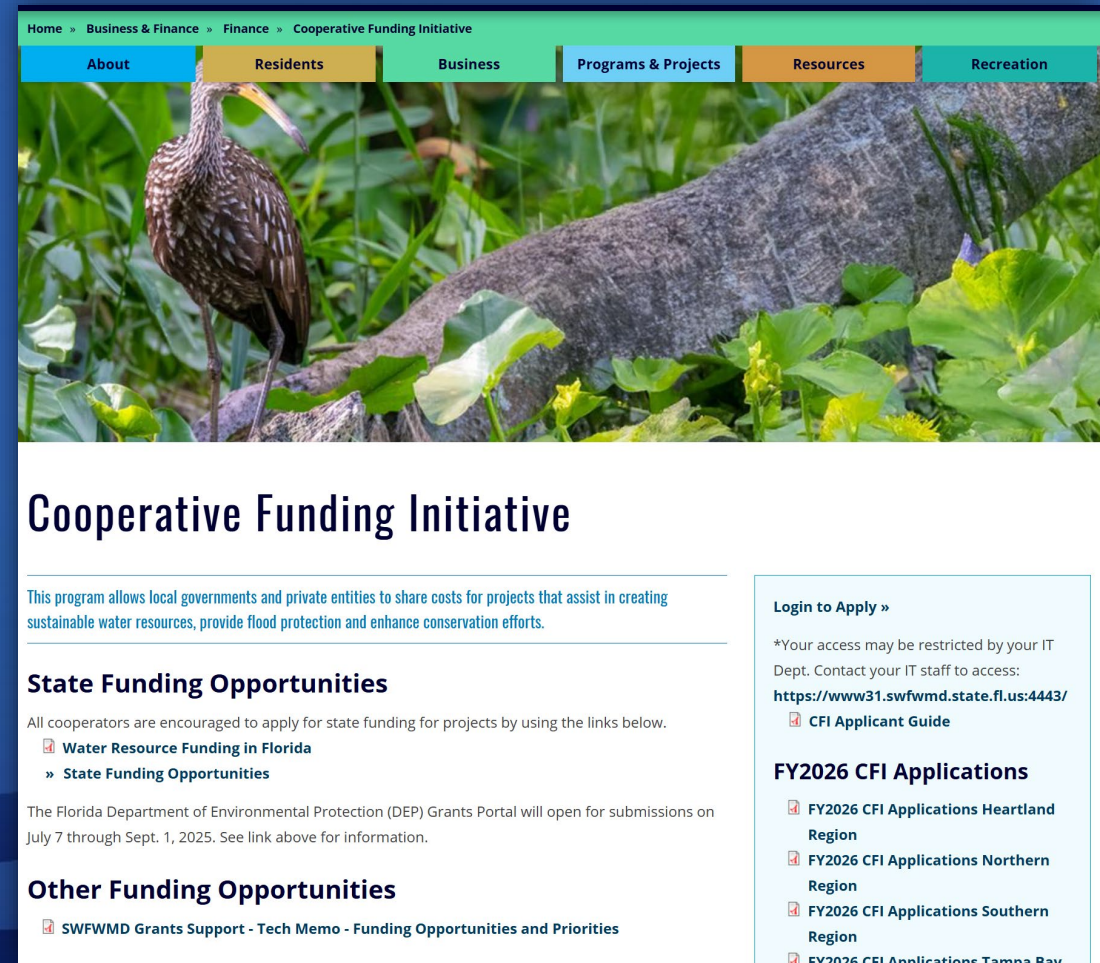
FY27 Cooperator Preparation

- Review CFI Guidelines
- Define Scope, Schedule, and Budget
- Signed Ranking and Funding Letters
- Review Active Cooperative Funding Agreements
- ☒ Executed within 90 days of receipt



Cooperative Funding Initiative Application Resources

- [CFI Governing Board Policy](#)
- [CFI Application Guidelines](#)
- [CFI Application User Guide](#)
- [CFA Templates](#)



The screenshot shows the Cooperative Funding Initiative website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Business & Finance, Finance, Cooperative Funding Initiative, About, Residents, Business, Programs & Projects, Resources, and Recreation. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a brown and white speckled bird standing on a log in a swampy area. The main heading is "Cooperative Funding Initiative". Below this is a paragraph: "This program allows local governments and private entities to share costs for projects that assist in creating sustainable water resources, provide flood protection and enhance conservation efforts." There are three main sections: "State Funding Opportunities" with a link to "Water Resource Funding in Florida" and "State Funding Opportunities"; "Other Funding Opportunities" with a link to "SWFWMD Grants Support - Tech Memo - Funding Opportunities and Priorities"; and a sidebar on the right with "Login to Apply" and "FY2026 CFI Applications" for Heartland, Northern, Southern, and Tampa Bay regions.

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State Funding Opportunities

All cooperators are encouraged to apply for state funding for projects by using the links below.

- Water Resource Funding in Florida
 - State Funding Opportunities

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Grants Portal will open for submissions on July 7 through Sept. 1, 2025. See link above for information.

Other Funding Opportunities

- SWFWMD Grants Support - Tech Memo - Funding Opportunities and Priorities

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CFI Applicant Guide

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Fiscal Year 2027 Funding

- Prioritizing FY27 funding toward AWS projects with RWSA's
- Cooperators with approved multi-year projects are expected to apply for their next year
- Limited funding for new projects (\$2 - \$5 million)
- Cooperators are encouraged to submit their project applications despite this year's funding limitations



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Other Funding Opportunities



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UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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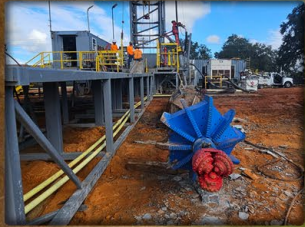
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Since taking office in 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis has championed record investments in Florida's environment, including grant programs that serve communities and protect the state's natural systems. In his second term, the Governor set a goal to invest \$3.5 billion in water restoration over four years. That goal has already been surpassed with \$4.6 billion appropriated in just three years. This year's funding includes \$830 million for Everglades restoration and \$460 million in water restoration grants. The Governor has also prioritized strengthening Florida's resilience with more than \$1.8 billion invested to date.

To support the implementation of these investments, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will open the Fiscal Year 2025-26 [Grants Portal](#) on July 7. The portal provides eligible entities with the opportunity to submit proposals that protect and restore Florida's water resources and make our communities more resilient.

From July 7 through Sept. 1, 2025, DEP will accept proposals for both water restoration and resilience-focused grant programs. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for all programs for which they may be eligible.

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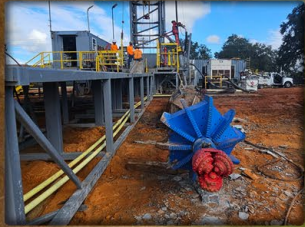
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