

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2025 Cooperative Funding Initiative

Meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Southwest Florida
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Workshop and Webinar

August 3, 2023

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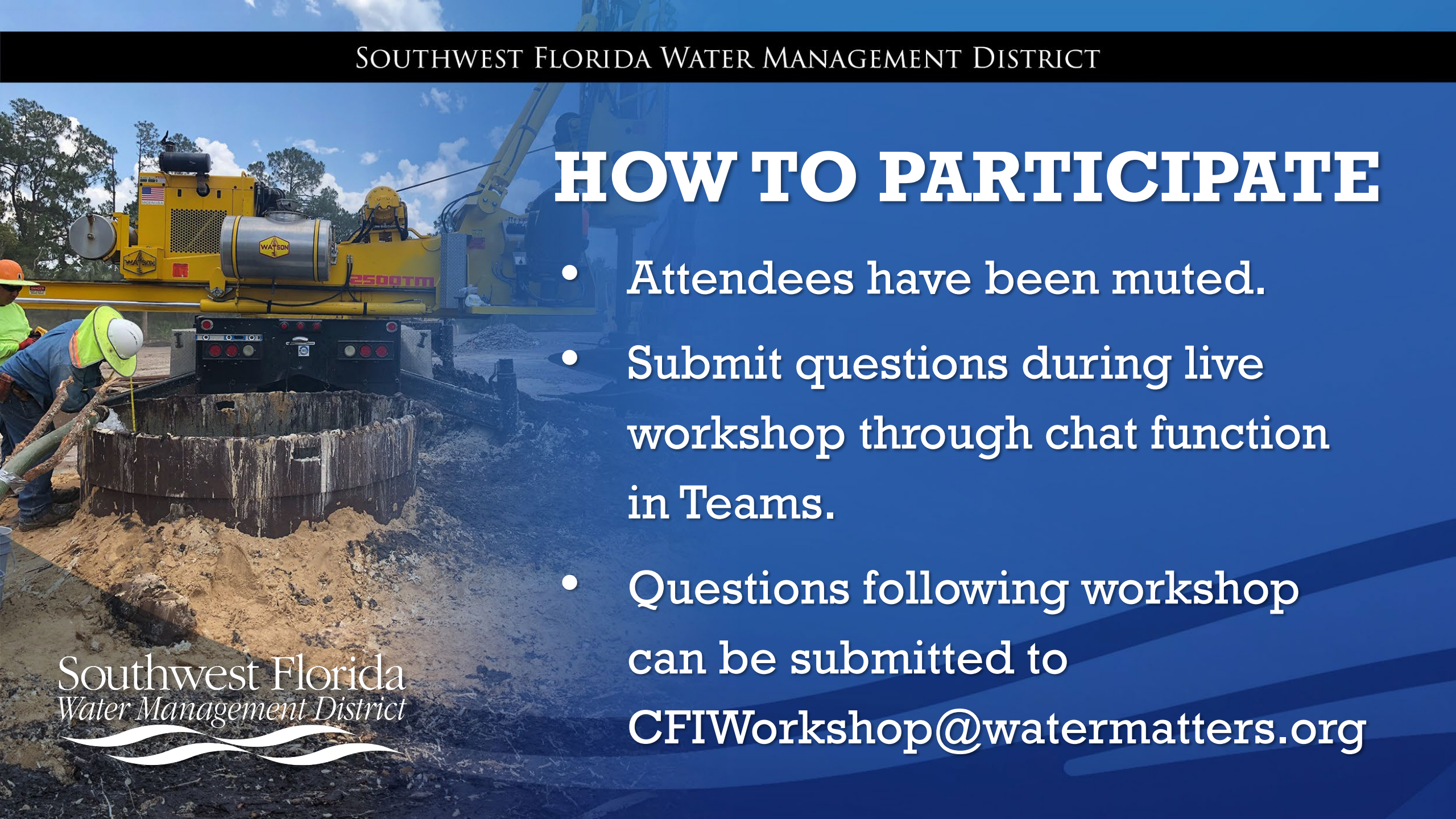
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Attendees have been muted.
- Submit questions during live workshop through chat function in Teams.
- Questions following workshop can be submitted to CFIWorkshop@watermatters.org



Agenda

- District Presentation
- Interactive Q&A
 - Online viewers submit questions during live workshop through chat function in Teams

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FY2025 Timeline

August 3, 2023

- Application goes live

October 6, 2023

- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

November 2023

- District staff begins review of applications and project rankings

December 2023

- Governing Board receives a copy of submitted project proposals

February 2024

- Presentations of preliminary evals and scores by District staff

April 2024

- Presentation of final evals and scores by District staff

June 2024

- Governing Board reviews projects and budgets

September 2024

- Governing Board approves final budget, including CFI projects

October 2024

- Contracts awarded in new fiscal year

Application Requirements

- On-line Application
- Priority Ranking Letter, Funding Letter & Map
- Complete & Accurate
- Deadline: **October 6, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

CFI Policy Updates

- No District funding for cost increases;
- Define cooperator's funding match;
- The cooperator's funding match cannot include state or federal appropriations or grant monies;
- The cooperator may use state or federal appropriations or grant monies to cover project costs above the required match.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICY Southwest Florida Water Management District

Title: Cooperative Funding Initiative	
Document Owner: Resource Management Division Director	
Approved By: Board Chair	Effective Date: 03/28/2023
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PURPOSE

In accordance with Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Governing Board (Board) may participate and cooperate with counties, 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.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to projects submitted by cooperators as a part of the Cooperative Funding Initiative.

AUTHORITY

Chapter 373, Florida Statutes

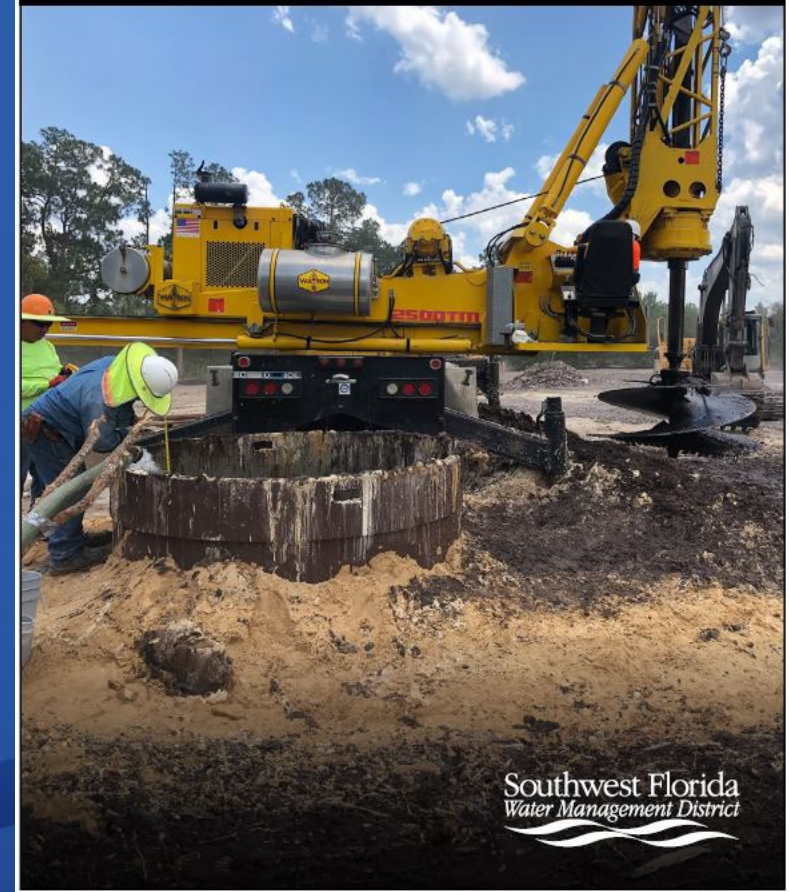
DEFINITIONS

N/A.

CFI Guidelines Updates

- Cost increase and grants consistent with CFI Policy
- Examples allowing cost match up to 10% of total project cost for design, permitting and TPR services
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Fiscal Year 2025
Cooperative Funding Initiative Guidelines
Southwest Florida Water Management District



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



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

Northern	Ensure long-term sustainable water supply	Improve Chasshowitzka River, Crystal River/Kings Bay, Homosassa, Rainbow and Weeki Wachee rivers
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

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, WUP credits and water quality credits)
- Recreation improvements
- Contamination clean-up or remediation of contamination
- Dredging for navigation

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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 evironmental 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

FY25 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](#)

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Fiscal Year 2025 Funding

- Prioritizing FY25 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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RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FloridaDEP.gov/ResilientFlorida

Regional Resilience Entities

Eligible Entities: Regional entities established by local governments and whose responsibilities include resilience planning and coordinating solutions to impacts from flooding and sea level rise.

Project Types: Provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities; coordinate multijurisdictional vulnerability assessments; and develop project



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

CONTACT: DWRAFundingPortal@FloridaDEP.gov

Join DEP for an Informational Webinar
on the Water Quality Protection Grant Portal

Other Funding Opportunities

Application Period: May 1 - June 22, 2022.

Statute Reference: [Section 380.093\(6\), F.S.](#)

Planning Grants

Eligible Entities: Counties and municipalities.

Project Types: Vulnerability assessments; adaptation plans; resilience planning; Peril of Flood compliance; comprehensive plan amendments; and projects, plans and policies that allow communities to prepare for threats from flooding and sea level rise.

Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$20 million.

Funding Duration: Three years.

Application Period: May 1 - June 22, 2022.

Statute Reference: [Section 380.093\(3\), F.S.](#)



What: Water Quality Protection Grant Portal Webinar

Where: Virtually on Microsoft Teams

When: Aug. 8, 2023
1 to 2:30 p.m. ET

How: Email DWRAFundingPortal@FloridaDEP.gov to request a webinar meeting invitation.

Grant opportunities currently available through the portal include Water Quality Improvement Grants, Indian River Lagoon Water Quality Improvement Grants, Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvement Grants, Alternative Water Supply Grants, Florida's Coral Reef Restoration and Recovery Initiative Grants, Nonpoint Source Management Grants and Innovative Technology for Harmful Algal Bloom Grants.

DEP is also accepting grant applications through the [Resilient Florida Grant Program](#) for projects to prepare coastal and inland communities for the adverse impacts of flooding and storm surge.

Grant programs have different closing dates, so please review the closing date posted for each grant program on [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#). Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals to all grant programs for which they may be eligible.



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