



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

# Fiscal Year 2026 Cooperative Funding Initiative

**Meeting will begin at 10 a.m.**

Southwest Florida  
*Water Management District*

Webinar

August 8, 2024

Southwest Florida Water Management District





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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Attendees have been muted.
- Submit questions during live webinar through chat function in Teams.
- Questions following workshop can be submitted to Government Affairs Regional Managers.



# Agenda

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

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# FY2026 Timeline

August 8, 2024

- Application goes live

October 4, 2024

- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

November 2024

- District staff begins review of applications and project rankings

December 2024

- Governing Board receives a copy of submitted project proposals

February 2025

- Presentations of preliminary evals and scores by District staff

April 2025

- Presentation of final evals and scores by District staff

June 2025

- Governing Board reviews projects and budgets

September 2025

- Governing Board approves final budget, including CFI projects

October 2025

- Contracts awarded in new fiscal year

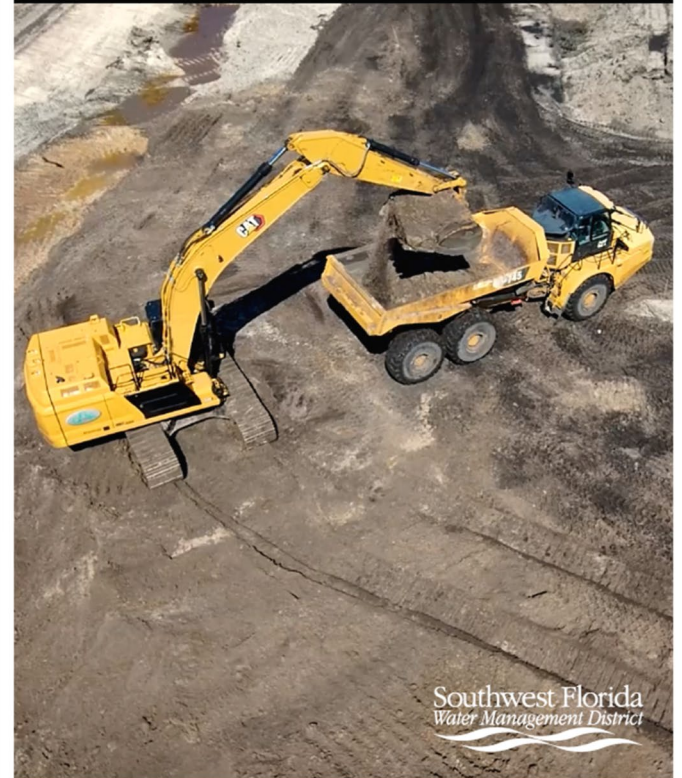
# Application Requirements

- On-line Application
- Priority Ranking Letter, Funding Letter & Map
- Complete & Accurate
- Deadline: **October 4, 2024 at 5 p.m.**



# CFI Guidelines Updates

- Alternative Project Delivery reimbursements
- Restoration Project application requirements and evidence of ownership or control of the project area.





## 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





# 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 and associated springs
<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

# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## 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 envronmental 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

# FY26 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



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## Fiscal Year 2026 Funding

- Prioritizing FY26 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](https://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



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### CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

CONTACT: [DWRAFundingPortal@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# Comments and Questions





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