

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Online Cooperative Funding Initiative Applicant Guide

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General Information

The purpose of this document is to assist CFI Applicants in accessing and completing the online Cooperative Funding Initiative (CFI) application. This document is intended to not only describe how to register, but it also describes the application data entry procedures in detail. Project specific questions can be directed to the staff contacts identified in the applicable project section of the CFI Guidelines document. Applicants should contact one of the government affairs regional managers for questions relating to the CFI program. Contact information and Project specific information can be found on the CFI webpage. If you experience any issues with the online CFI application (logging in, uploading required documents, etc.) please contact the CFI System Administrator Rita Harrod at (352) 269 - 6233.

Things to Know Before Getting Started

This application(s) can be done in multiple sittings. However, Applicants must complete the entire Application tab and Save in order to generate the application. After the application tab has been completed and saved, Applicants may return to edit as many times as needed prior to final submittal before the deadline.

All fields annotated with a red asterisk are required. Applicants cannot submit application with incomplete required fields.

Applicants that create more than one application may switch between applications by using the dropdown located above the application tabs. Please see the “Submitting Multiple Applications” Section.

Returning Applicants may view prior year applications. Prior year applications cannot be edited. Applications are related by login credentials; Applicants may only view prior year applications submitted with the same credentials. Please see the “Viewing Prior Year Applications” Section.

Current browser compatibility is: Chrome, Edge, Safari

How to Register

Registration will be open year-round, however, the online application submittal period will only be available August through October of each year. Specific dates will be determined each year and posted on the CFI webpage. Applications will not be accepted or considered after the deadline. Users should be aware that during

non peak hours some minor interruptions may occur due to patches, server reboot, etc.

Go to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's website at:

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/business/finance/cooperative-funding-initiative>

- Click on Login to Apply link

Login to Apply »

- Next, click the link next to "Start the registration process here".

Welcome to the new Cooperative Funding Initiative Application

Login and Registration

If you are already registered, click [here](#) to log in.

Have you forgotten your password? Click [Password Reminder](#) and your password will be emailed to you.

Start the registration process [here](#), where you will be required to enter your e-mail address, and choose a password.

After you are logged in, you can create a new application or edit an existing application by clicking on "My Applications" above.

Need help?

The "Register" page will appear. Please take note of the password requirements. Click on Register when done.

Register

Create a new account.

Email

rita.harrod@swfwmd.state.fl.us

Password

.....

Confirm password

.....

Register

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- Passwords must have at least one non alphanumeric character.
- Passwords must have at least one digit ('0'-'9').
- Passwords must have at least one uppercase ('A'-'Z').

Upon completion of the registration, applicants will be directed back to the Welcome page. Applicants should follow the instructions for Returning to the CFI Online Application seen below.

Returning to the CFI Online Application After Registration

Returning Applicants may use the “If you have already registered” link upon re-entry into the system.

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Start the registration process [here](#), where you will be required to enter your e-mail address, and choose a password.

After you are logged in, you can create a new application or edit an existing application by clicking on “**My Applications**” above.

Need help?

Applicants may also use the login located near the top right.



[Home](#) [Register](#) [Login](#)

Welcome to the new Cooperative Funding Initiative Application

Log in

Use a local account to log in.

Email

rita.harrod@swfwmd.state.fl.us

Password

☐ Remember me?

[Log in](#)

[Register as a new user](#)

Password Reminder

Applicants that have forgotten their passwords should use the Password Reminder link.

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After you are logged in, you can create a new application or edit an existing application by clicking on **"My Applications"** above.

Need help?

A Reset Password email will be sent to the email entered. Use the link found in the email to reset the password.

Forgot your password?

Enter your email.

Email

Submit

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The Reset Password email will be sent from the SWFWMD CFIAdmin Email account, it is safe to use this link.

Reset Password



CFIAdmin@swfwmd.state.fl.us

To Rita Harrod



9:22 AM

Please reset your password by [clicking here](#).

Please do not reply to this email, as this email address is not monitored.

If you need assistance, please call the District at (352) 796-7211 or (800) 423-1476(Florida only), or email us at cfi@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

Registration Complete – Starting a New Application

Upon completion of Registration, Applicants are directed to a New Application tab. Applicants must complete the entire page in order to Save & Continue.

The application submission deadline is 10/1/2021 5:00 PM. Please ensure your application is complete and submitted prior to this deadline.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: New Application

Application

****Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

Is this a new project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Project Name

*Indicate all counties to benefit from this project (use Shift and Ctrl keys to select multiple)

Available Programs

☐ REDI
☐ Springs

*Cooperator Information

Select cooperator ▼

*Contact Name *Email *Phone Extension

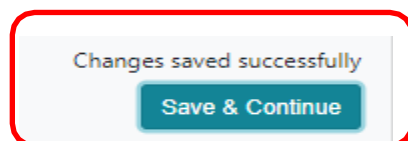
*Address *City *State *Zip Code

Save & Continue

Application ID: 0

Page Tip: Upon completion of all fields and clicking the Save & Continue button, the remaining tabs of the application will display and become available for data entry.

Overall Application Tip: Upon clicking the Save & Continue button, changes are saved for the specific tab completed/edited. Users are notified that changes have been saved via message, seen below.



Application Tab

- Using the radio button, select Yes/No if this is a “New Project”.
- Enter a Project Name. For ongoing multi-year project requests please insert the exact project name that was used in prior years.
- Using the dropdown, select applicable county. Applicants may select multiple counties. Counties selected will appear above list.
- To remove a selected county, click on the highlighted county. It will be removed from the list.
- If applicable, select the program associated with this application. Program selection will display next to 'Available Programs'.
 - REDI selection will require eligibility documentation to be uploaded on the Documents tab.

Please refer to the CFI guidelines for information required to be included in the application.

Is this a new project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Project Name
FY2022 Test Project

Indicate all counties to benefit from this project

Citrus

Available Programs Springs, REDI

☒ REDI

☒ Springs

Charlotte

Citrus

DeSoto

- Using the Cooperator Information dropdown, select the entity name. If the Cooperator name is not listed in the dropdown, please call or email the CFI Administrator.

Cooperator Information

SWFWMD TESTER

- Complete all Contact information fields. All are required, except Extension.

*Contact Name	*Email	*Phone	Extension
Rita Harrod	rita.harrod@swfwmd.state.fl.us	352-796-7211	
*Address	*City	*State	*Zip Code
2379 Broad Street	Brookville	FL	34604

- Upon clicking the 'Save & Continue' button, the remaining tabs will display.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test Pr ▼

Application
Project Type and Scheduling
Description/Benefit/Cost
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Project Type and Scheduling Tab

Project Type

- Using the dropdown, select Project Type and the applicable Strategic Initiative. Each Project Type selected requires the applicable Strategic Initiative.
- Multiple rows may be added/deleted as necessary.

****Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

*Project Type	*Strategic Initiatives	
Natural Systems ▼	Natural Systems Conservation and Restoration ▼	Delete
Natural Systems ▼	Natural Systems Identification and Monitoring ▼	Delete
Add Row		

Milestone and Due Date

- Click on Add Row, enter a project Milestone and Due Date
- At least one milestone must be entered. Multiple rows may be added/deleted as necessary.
- Save & Continue when done.

*Milestone	*Due Date
Start Project	*10/01/2021
Add Row	

Page Tip: Milestone table will be sorted by due date. Sorting will occur after saving and moving to another tab.

Description/Benefit/Cost Tab

- This tab consists of three separate text fields with a maximum character limit of 4000 characters. All three fields are required. The CFI Guidelines should be consulted for project specific information.
 - Cut/Copy/Paste or free hand data entry is accepted.
 - Save & Continue when done.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test ▼

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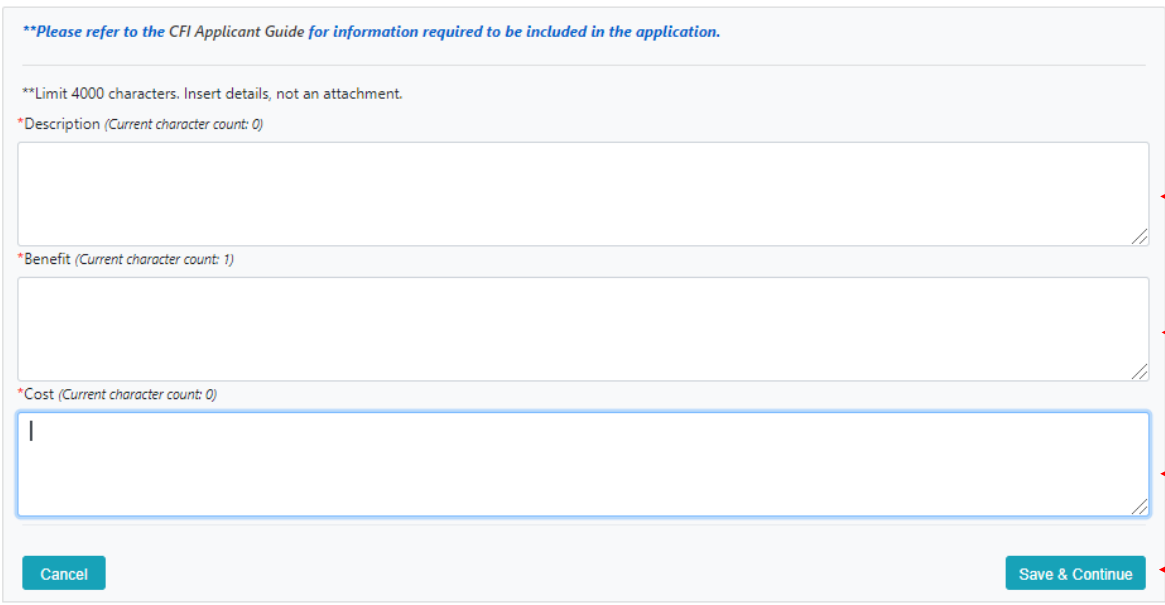
****Limit 4000 characters. Insert details, not an attachment.**

***Description (Current character count: 0)**

***Benefit (Current character count: 1)**

***Cost (Current character count: 0)**

Application ID: 382



Page Tip:

- Text boxes will count characters and display remaining characters available.
- Applicants should NOT insert "See Attached Document". Information displayed here prints exactly as is on the application.
- When using the copy/cut/paste method, all HTML is stripped out when pasting into the boxes.
- Applicants should consult the CFI Guidelines for project specific information.

Complementary Efforts Tab

- This tab consists of one text field with a maximum character limit of 4000 characters.
 - Cut/Copy/Paste or free hand data entry is accepted.
 - Applicants should consult the CFI Guidelines for project specific information.
 - Save & Continue when done.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test ▼

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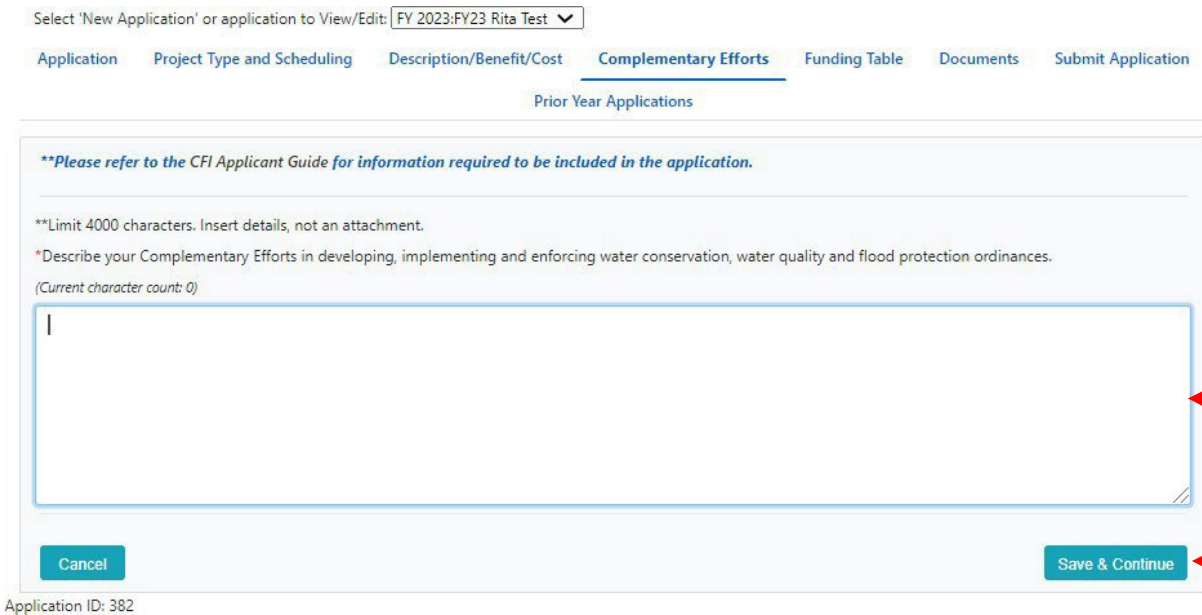
**Limit 4000 characters. Insert details, not an attachment.

*Describe your Complementary Efforts in developing, implementing and enforcing water conservation, water quality and flood protection ordinances.

(Current character count: 0)

[Cancel](#) [Save & Continue](#)

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Funding Tab

- The funding table tab, at a minimum must include Applicant and the District's request for funding for the current funding year application request, ex. FY2023.
- To edit amounts, click in the column grid/field on the Funding Source row.
- Applicants can enter additional Funding Sources by clicking on Add Row. Please consult the current CFI Guidelines for additional information regarding funding sources (including State or federal appropriations or grant monies).
- Select Save & Continue when done.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test ▼

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Funding Source	Prior(\$)	FY2022(\$)	FY2023(\$)	Future(\$)	Total(\$)
Applicant Share	500	500	500	0	1,500
District Share	0	0	500	0	500
Add Row					

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Page Tip:

- **ENTER** whole dollar amounts only.
- **DO NOT** enter, commas, \$ signs or special characters.
- Upon data entry of amounts, all rows and amounts will calculate the total and display in the last column.

Documents Tab

- Click on Select, when the popup window appears, select the applicable document, click open and the window will close. Applicants may select multiple documents at one time. No more than 10 documents can be uploaded per application.
- The document selected will now appear in the Document name grid; Click on “Click to Upload”

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test

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****Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

**File upload size limit: 10 MB each
**Allowed file types extensions: .txt,.rtf,.pdf,.doc,.docx,.xls,.xlsx,.jpg,.jpeg,.png,.tif,.gif,.bmp



Document Name	Document Size (MB)	
DemoDocs.docx	0.28	Delete

[Click to Upload](#)

Document Name	Document Type (*A Map, Funding Letter, and Ranking Letter are required when submitting application)

[Save & Continue](#)

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- The selected document will now move to the lower grid. Use the dropdown to select document type. Upon selecting the Document type in the bottom grid, applicants may use the clear button to remove the documents seen to the right.

****Please refer to the CFI Applicant Guide for information required to be included in the application.**

**File upload size limit: 10 MB each
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Document Name	Document Size
Submit to District CFI.docx	0.41806 MB

[Clear](#)

Document Name	Document Type (*A Map, Funding Letter, and Ranking Letter are required when saving application)	
Submit to District CFI.docx	Select Document Type	Delete

[Save & Continue](#)

- At a minimum, a funding and ranking letter and a project location map is required.
- Applicants selecting REDI as a Program, located on the Application tab, must upload the applicable REDI eligibility documentation.
- Applicants should consult the CFI Guidelines for project specific information.
- Multiple documents may be selected/uploaded at one time.
- Select Save & Continue when done.

To delete a document, click on the Delete button next to the document.

Application Project Type and Scheduling Description/Benefit/Cost Complementary Efforts Funding Table **Documents** Submit Application

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 Select

 Clear

Document Name	Document Type (*A Map, Funding Letter, and Ranking Letter are required when submitting application)	
DemoDocs.docx	Funding Letter	
User Issue Form.docx	Select Document Type	
REDIGuidelines 6-26-17.pdf	Select Document Type	

 Save & Continue

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Required Documents Additional Information:

- Funding and Ranking letter must be signed by a Senior Administrator.
- Applicants may combine the funding and ranking information into a single document, however, the document will need to be uploaded twice; once as the funding letter and once as the ranking letter.
- Acceptable file formats: .txt, .rtf, .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .tif, .gif, .bmp
- File size is limited to 10MB.

Print Application

Applicants may print the application prior to or after final submission of the application. The print function is located on the Submit Application tab.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit FY 2025:TEST 2025 ▼

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Contract Terms

In an effort to efficiently process Cooperative Funding Agreements and ensure fairness to all cooperators, the District has developed a contract template that includes standard terms and conditions (Exhibit A) to be used for all projects, and special terms and conditions (Exhibit B) to be used for all similar type projects. By submitting an application, you acknowledge you have read and understand the terms contained in the contract template. Be advised the template is significantly different in format and verbiage than previous templates. The District reserves the right to revise the template as needed. Certain project types, such as septic conversion projects in springsheds and indirect potable reuse projects will require special contract terms which are currently in development by the District. The District recommends you provide the template to your legal counsel for review. Contact the District government affairs regional manager for your region with any questions.

☐ **REQUIRED: I have read and understand the terms contained in the contract template.**

Digital Signatures

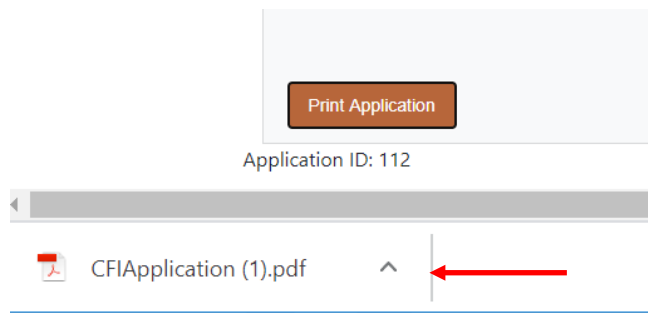
The use of electronic signature will reduce the time in which you receive the contract for signature. Please select your preference using the dropdown.

Select Option ▼ **(SELECTION REQUIRED): Digital Signature is preferred, but selecting 'No' will not negatively impact your project's evaluation.**

****Please ensure that all information is correct and that you have saved all of your data on each of the sections before submitting your application. You may continue to edit and submit your application up until the application submission deadline.**

[Withdraw Application](#) [Print Application](#) [Submit Completed Application](#)

Click on the Print Application function, the application is located in the Download Manager. Click to view and/or print.



Ready to Submit Application

Applicants should carefully review the Contract Terms prior to checking the Required field and submitting to the District.

Applicants are also required to make a selection for the use of electronic signature when receiving the contract.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit FY 2025:TEST 2025

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Digital Signatures

The use of electronic signature will reduce the time in which you receive the contract for signature. Please select your preference using the dropdown.

Yes **(SELECTION REQUIRED): Digital Signature is preferred, but selecting 'No' will not negatively impact your project's evaluation.**

****Please ensure that all information is correct and that you have saved all of your data on each of the sections before submitting your application. You may continue to edit and submit your application up until the application submission deadline.**

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[Submit Completed Application](#)

Applicants should review all tabs to make certain all required fields are completed and all documents have been uploaded.

Errors/Omissions will display on the Submit Application tab above the Submit Completed Application tab.

****Please ensure that all information is correct and that you have saved all of your data on each of the sections before submitting your application. You may continue to edit and submit your application up until the application submission deadline.**

- The following documents are missing from the Documents Tab: Funding Document

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[Submit Completed Application](#)

Application ID: 382

Upon successfully submitting, Applicants will receive a confirmation email. The confirmation will be sent to the email address entered on the Application tab.

Your Application Id 382 for Project FY23 Rita Test Project 1 has been successfully submitted to the Southwest Florida Water Management District on 7/29/2021 3:11:18 PM. A confirmation email will be sent to rita.harrod@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

[Print Application](#)

[Submit Completed Application](#)

Application ID: 382

Submitting Multiple Applications

To submit multiple applications, use the “New Application” dropdown, select New Application. A new application form will display. Follow the same instructions seen in “Starting a New Application” Section. As a reminder, Applicants must complete the entire page, with a new project name, in order to Save & Continue. Applicants may switch between applications by using this dropdown.



Cooperative Funding Initiative

Home My Applications Logged in: rita.harrod@swfwmd.state.fl.us Logout

The application submission deadline is 10/1/2021 5:00 PM. Please ensure your application is complete and submitted prior to this deadline.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test P ▼

New Application
FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test Project 1

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Page Tip:

- Save all changes before switching to a different application or starting a new application.
- Each application stands alone and must be submitted individually. Applications cannot be submitted to the District in aggregate.

Viewing Prior Year Applications

The current system contains FY2022 to present CFI applications only. Applicants may view/print these applications for reference. Click on Prior Year Applications; application grid will appear. Click on the Print Application function, the application is located in the Download Manager. Click to view and/or print.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit: FY 2023:FY23 Rita Test P ▼

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Application Id	Fiscal Year	Project Name	Status	
287	2021	Q197 - John Henry Celebration Park Water Quality and Stormwater Improvements		Print
288	2021	W639 - SW IMP - Water Quality - Bradenton Beach BMPs Avenue B and C		Print
289	2021	FY2022 Test Project		Print
348	2021	Test Project 2 - FY2022	Submitted to District	Print ←
375	2021	Test Project 3 - FY2022		Print

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Withdrawing an Application – Prior to Deadline

Applicants may withdraw an application prior to the submittal deadline by clicking on the Withdraw Application button. Application withdrawals after the deadline must be made in writing, or email, to the District.

Select 'New Application' or application to View/Edit FY 2025:TEST 2025 ▼

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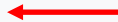
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