

FDEP Alternative Water Supply Grant Program



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FDEP Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Funding

- Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12
 - Requested recurring funding for AWS development
- In FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 State budgets, \$40 million approved annually for water supply development projects
- FDEP administers AWS funding
 - Each May Water Management Districts to provide lists of projects for State funding consideration



FDEP Grant Programs

➤ FDEP AWS Program

- Statewide alternative water supply or water conservation
- FDEP allocates legislative appropriations for specific projects
- Up to 50% of eligible project costs

➤ Water Protection and Sustainability Program (Section 373.707, F.S.)

- Statutory split
 - District receives 30% of allocated funds
- Up to 40% of eligible project costs

Program Information and Assistance

- Email: coopfunding@sfwmd.gov
- Webpage: <https://www.sfwmd.gov/doing-business-with-us/coop-funding>
 - FY2023 Program Guidelines
 - FY2023 AWS Application
 - FY2023 Water Conservation Applications
 - Urban
 - Agriculture & Nursery
 - Program contacts
 - Example applications

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 AWS Funding Schedule

December 1, 2021

Application period began

January 12 & 26, 2022

Zoom informational webinars

March 1, 2022

Application deadline

March – April 2022

Staff application review process

May 2022

FDEP list for Governing Board approval &
FDEP submittal by May 31

Who Can Apply?

- Local governments & Tribes
- Special districts
- Utilities
- Agricultural and Commercial interests
- Golf courses
- Homeowners'/Condominium associations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Hotels
- Office buildings
- Manufacturing facilities
- Other water users



Project Eligibility

- To be eligible, entities must meet the following requirements:
 - Be a public or private entity
 - Adhere to the application instructions
 - Adhere to all applicable laws and regulations
 - Comply with allowable funding costs
 - Local governments – Irrigation Ordinance that comports with the District's Year-Round Rule

- The following user groups are not eligible:
 - Individual homeowners (e.g., single-family residential users)
 - Permittees that are out of compliance with District or FDEP-issued permits

Reimbursement Costs

➤ Allowable costs:

- Funding may only be used for the project in the application
- Construction or implementation costs beginning on or after October 1, 2022

➤ Non-allowable costs:

- Expenses incurred before or after the funding period
- Pilot tests, planning, permitting, design, engineering, demonstration, etc.
- Regular operations and maintenance
- Projects out of permit compliance
- Lobbying
- Educational programs
- In-kind services such as volunteer hours, permit fees not collected, landscape materials, etc.

FDEP Funding Considerations

➤ Project funding considerations

- Alternative water supply or water conservation
- Provides regional benefits
- Benefits MFL water bodies
- Dual benefits to water supply and water quality
- Benefits environment, resource, and community
- Readiness to proceed (“shovel-ready” and partner funding available)
- Capital costs per 1,000 gallons and return on investment

Governing Board Priorities

➤ Current considerations:

- Must be within the District boundaries or provide benefits to the District
- Must be an AWS or water conservation project
- Construction/implementation only
- Supports mission of the District and/or approved plan
- Prioritize regional projects based on resource areas
- Year-round irrigation ordinance status



Alternative Water Supply



Alternative Water Supply Projects

- Projects that increase water supplies through development of non-traditional water sources and/or storage
 - Saltwater & brackish water
 - Reclaimed or recycled water
 - Surface/storm water captured during heavy rainfall
 - New storage capacity
 - Any other source designated as non-traditional in a regional water supply plan



Additional AWS Considerations

- Support goals & objectives of regional water supply plans
- Reduces dependence on traditional sources
- Supports ocean outfall legislation
- Contributes to AWS development in resource-limited areas



Allowable AWS Costs

- Raw water transmission mains
- Reclaimed water storage tanks, pump stations, and distribution mains
- Reverse osmosis (RO) trains, pumps, and associated appurtenances
- ASR wells, brackish water production wells, and concentrate disposal wells associated with an AWS source



Non-allowable AWS Costs

- Design, permits, as-builts, videos, early completion bonuses, O&M, etc.
- Finished water storage tanks or transmission lines
- End-user service line connections
- Backup generators



Water Conservation



Water Conservation Projects

- Projects that use hardware and/or technology to increase water use efficiency
 - High efficiency indoor fixture/appliance retrofits/rebates
 - Automatic hydrant flushing devices
 - Irrigation Retrofits/rebates, including soil moisture sensors, rain sensors, and irrigation head upgrades
 - Ag/Nursery irrigation water use efficiency improvements



Water Conservation Project Considerations

- Water source being conserved
- Quantity of water saved
- Cost effectiveness (\$/1,000 gallons saved)
- Quality and detail of project application
- Environmental/community benefits



Urban Conservation Projects

- Indoor fixtures and water-using appliances
- Irrigation controllers, sensors, spray bodies, and system audits
- Rebates to incentivize builders to build and certify new construction (residential or commercial/institutional) under the Florida Water Star program



<https://floridawaterstar.com/>

Urban Conservation Projects

- Industrial processing (can include submeters)
- Cooling tower water use efficiency upgrades (can include submeters)
- Advanced meter analytic software and online customer portals directly related to water conservation
- Other water use efficiency measures (pending review and approval)



Non-allowable Urban Conservation Projects

- Indoor fixtures for new construction, unless part of a Florida Water Star certification program
- Automatic meter reading/infrastructure/analytics hardware (e.g., antennas, relays, meters, decoders)
- Hardware or practices considered operations and maintenance
- Waterless urinals

Agriculture/Nursery Projects

- Irrigation system conversions to a more efficient method (e.g., flood to overhead)
- Precision irrigation management equipment (e.g., soil moisture probes, tensiometers, weather stations, wireless telemetry)
- Flow meters (if part of a larger irrigation efficiency improvement project)
- Sprinkler head conversion to more efficient heads
- Pump/filter/valve system automation
- VFD retrofits on existing pumps/wells
- Other water use efficiency measures (pending review and approval)



Non-allowable Agriculture/Nursery Projects

- Installation of new irrigation systems or extensions of existing systems
- Culverts or water control structures
- Replacing old emitters with new ones of the same efficiency or flow rating
- New pump/filter/fertilization/disinfection hardware/materials
- Freeze/frost protection materials
- Reservoirs/tailwater ponds
- Mainline pipes for surface water delivery



Website Overview



CFP Website Review



The screenshot shows the website of the South Florida Water Management District. The header includes the district's logo, name, and navigation links: WHO WE ARE, OUR WORK, DOING BUSINESS WITH US (highlighted), COMMUNITY & RESIDENTS, SCIENCE & DATA, and NEWS & MEETINGS. There is also an 'ASK US' button and a search bar. Below the header is a large banner image. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home >> Doing Business With Us >> Coop Funding. On the left is a sidebar menu with links: Permits, Procurement, Real Estate, Grants/Funding Opportunities (selected), Best Management Practices (BMPs), Land Mitigation Program, Water Resources for Florida Agriculture, Water Supply Facilities Work Plans, and For Sale. The main content area is titled 'Grants/Funding Opportunities' and contains the following text:

People recognize and respect city and county borders. Water does not. The South Florida Water Management District is a regional agency committed to ensuring that local perspectives are incorporated into our activities. Strong working relationships between local officials and staff allow us to share and utilize our knowledge, expertise and resources to address shared water and land stewardship responsibilities. Intergovernmental communication, cooperation and coordination are vital to meeting the water resource needs of our communities.

Cooperative Funding Program

The objective of the Cooperative Funding Program is to assist local governments, public and private water providers, and other entities with construction and/or implementation of alternative water supply (AWS) and water conservation (WC) projects that support or complement the District's mission.

FY2023 Grant Funding Application Period

The District appreciates your interest in the Cooperative Funding Program. The District will be accepting applications on behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for funding (tentative FY2022-23 budget appropriations) consideration for AWS and water conservation projects within the District's 16-county service area. The District will be providing the list of applicants to the FDEP for funding consideration by May 31, 2022.

Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature support water supply and water resource development projects through state funding assistance. In anticipation of legislative appropriations being allocated for FY2022-2023, the District has established the application schedule for eligible applicants to apply for funding consideration.

FY2023 Application Schedule

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| December 1, 2021 | Application period opens |
| January 12, 2022 | Zoom informational webinar: https://sfwmd-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y_r_KINMSQihncfeM7ijZQ |
| January 26, 2022 | Zoom informational webinar: https://sfwmd-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zmfuZLpbQ5W9COd!Qu2Bjg |
| March 1, 2022 | Application period closes at 4 p.m. |
| March – April 2022 | Internal application review process |
| May 2022 | Governing Board project list approval & submission to FDEP |

CFP Website Review

Eligible projects for consideration should be construction-ready AWS projects or ready-to-implement water conservation technology projects or programs that provide the most immediate benefits. Any local government applying for funding must have an irrigation ordinance that comports with the District's Year-Round Irrigation Rule (Chapter 40-23.-need link). The application process opens **December 1, 2021** and closes **March 1, 2022 at 4 p.m.** Projects may be eligible for *up to* 50 percent cost-share by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with estimated construction/implementation start dates beginning on or after **October 1, 2022**.

Download and complete the AWS Word Application or Water Conservation Excel Application, complete the online submittal form ([click here](#)), upload the required files, and submit for funding consideration.

- [FY2023 CFP Guidelines](#)
- [AWS Project Application](#)
- [Water Conservation AG/Nursery Application & Cost Effectiveness Calculator](#)
- [Water Conservation Urban Application & Cost Effectiveness Calculator](#)

Example Applications:

- [AWS ROWTP Examples](#)
- [AWS Brackish Well Example](#)
- [AWS Reclaimed Water Pipeline Example](#)
- [WC Urban Irrigation Example](#)
- [WC Indoor Example](#)
- [WC Ag/Nursery Example](#)

Supporting local water projects is an important part of protecting and managing regional water resources, so please refer back to the web page for future program opportunities. To be included on the email notification of future cooperative funding grant opportunities please [click here](#) to subscribe.

For the latest information or technical assistance, you may contact Stacey Adams (sadams@sfwmd.gov or [561-682-2577](tel:561-682-2577)); Jim Harmon (jharmon@sfwmd.gov or [561-682-6777](tel:561-682-6777)); Robert Wanvestraut (rowanves@sfwmd.gov or [561-682-6615](tel:561-682-6615)); or Rosines Colon Ortega (rcolon@sfwmd.gov or [561-682-6715](tel:561-682-6715)).

Online Submission Form

Grants/Funding Opportunit apps.sfwmd.gov

https://apps.sfwmd.gov/ci/coopfunding/startupload

Your Name

Organization Name

Project Name

Total Project Cost

Project Latitude

Degrees including decimals

Don't know the Latitude and Longitude? [CLICK HERE](#) to enter the address below to see if we can find it:

Project Type

☐ Alternative Water Supply ☐ Water Conservation

Attach File(s)

Only Word (Preferred), Excel, PDF, ZIP, and Image Files (JPG, GIF, PNG - for image maps) are accepted. All shape files should be in a .ZIP file. Maximum file size is 20MB. You can add a maximum of 5 individual files (files inside a .zip container count as 1 file). Click the image to select the file from your machine.

☐ I'm not a robot

SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST

Your Email

Verify Email

County

-- SELECT --

Requested Funding

Project Longitude

Degrees including decimals

Questions

- If you are participating via Zoom, use the Raise Hand feature
- If you are participating via phone:
 - *9 Raises Hand
 - *6 Mutes/Unmutes

Thank You

