

Warning: Read this Instructions Tab thoroughly and entirely. For your application to be deemed complete, you must provide all required information as outlined below and on all subsequent tabs.

This application is specific to Urban Indoor and Urban Irrigation water conservation project types. If your project focuses on improving water use efficiency in an Agriculture or Nursery setting, you are currently using the wrong application. Go back to the Cooperative Funding Program webpage and download the appropriate application (and example application) for your project.

There are EIGHT tabs (listed to the right), SEVEN of which require data input from you.

Enter data in each light blue colored cell -->

Some cells contain drop-down menus -->

Clicking on these cells will reveal the menu choices

Select One

Gray cells will self-calculate. They cannot accept user's inputs.

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Please be as BRIEF as possible while still being informative. Note that some narrative answer fields are limited to the requested length and space provided. If we cannot see it, we cannot read it. It is recommended that you prepare your narrative text in Word and then copy/paste into the spaces provided.

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You must show the calculations leading to your project's estimated water savings. This is done on **Tab 5a (Estimated Water Savings - Indoor & Other)** and/or **Tab 5b (Estimated Water Savings - Irrigation)**, respectively. Once completed, you must fill out **Tab 6 (Cost-Effectiveness Calculator)**. If you have difficulty using the calculator, you may contact Stacey Payseno at spayseno@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-2577, or Ibel Cruz at icruz@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-6777.

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1. Entity Information

Applicant Entity Name	Project Name	County	Municipal Area Benefited	Planning Region	Project Location - Latitude of Project (Decimal Degrees)	Project Location - Longitude of Project (Decimal Degrees)
The Best Utility in the Whole Wide World (BU-WWW)	Irrigation System Retrofit	Lemon	Wonderful SoFla HOA	Lower East Coast	26.493675	-80.329744

Authorized Representative FIRST Name	Authorized Representative LAST Name	Authorized Representative Email Address	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone Number
Jane	Richards	jrichards@buwww.org	14 Nowhere Ave	Lemonville	55555	555-555-5555

If the Authorized Representative is different from the [Project Manager](#) (Primary Contact), please provide the following information for the Project Manager.

Project Manager FIRST Name	Project Manager LAST Name	Project Manager Email Address	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone Number
Sam	Gamgee	sgamgee@buwww.org	28 Somewhere Ave	Lemonville	55555	999-999-9999

Federal ID Number	Type of Organization/Entity	If applicable, provide the Consumptive Use Permit, etc.
2842145	HOA/POA	28-45456

Will this project be completed on state-owned land?	No
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If the applicant is a local government (city/county etc.), please answer the following questions:

Does the applicant have an adopted irrigation ordinance that comports with the District's Year-Round Irrigation Rule?	Not Applicable
If applicable, provide the Irrigation Ordinance number	
Do you understand if the irrigation ordinance above does not comport with the District's Year-Round Irrigation Rule, the application will be deemed ineligible for funding?	Not Applicable

Does the applicant have an approved Water Supply Facilities Work Plan pursuant to Sections 163.3177 and 163.3184, Florida Statutes (F.S.)?	Not Applicable
Does the applicant have a proposed Water Supply Facilities Work Plan that will be approved before February 26, 2026?	Not Applicable

If you answered yes to either of the two previous questions, please provide the following information:

Amendment Number	
Amendment Date (approved or pending approval)	
Do you understand if the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan above does not meet Sections 163.3177 and 163.3184, F.S., the application will be deemed ineligible for funding consideration?	Not Applicable

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2. Project Description

Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Is this a multiyear project?	Project Type	Estimated Water Savings (mgd)	\$/kgal	Total Project Cost	Requested Funding
10/1/2026	12/31/2027	No	Indoor water conservation	5.5	\$1.28	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

The gray cells above will auto-populate as you provide inputs elsewhere within this application.

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Project Description Short Form (Limit to THREE sentences or less)	This program entails the implementation of a rebate program supporting the purchase of 1,000 WaterSense labeled high-efficiency toilets (HETs) rated at 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf) or less. Residents of residential properties, built before 1995, located within the Utility's service area are eligible. Each rebate issued will be up to \$125 per toilet, with a maximum of two per household.
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Introduction/Background Information (one to two paragraphs)	The Best Utility in the Whole Wide World (BU-WWW) would like to save water and protect the environment by choosing WaterSense labeled products. As such, we would like to implement a rebate program for residents of residential properties, built before 1995. The purchase of WaterSense labeled HETs rated at 1.28 gpf or less would amount to an estimated savings of 5.5 mgd.
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Project Objective (Limit to ONE sentence)	The objective is to reduce the use of indoor potable water and promote a local water conservation ethic through installation of higher efficiency indoor devices.
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Long-Form Project Description (Scope of the Project) Include: Item(s) to be purchased/installed/distributed and quantities of each	<p>Implement a rebate program supporting the purchase of a minimum of 1,000 WaterSense labeled HETs rated at 1.28 gpf or less for residential properties.</p> <p>All water utility customers (approximately 46,000) are eligible to participate if replacing an existing toilet in a home built in 1995 or older (newer construction not eligible). The Utility will provide up to a \$125 rebate per HET with a maximum of two rebates per residential water account or per dwelling unit. Rebates can be applied toward the purchase and installation of a WaterSense labeled HET and all associated hardware. Information on WaterSense toilets will be available on the Utility's Sustainability webpage. Participants will be responsible for any costs exceeding the \$125 rebate.</p> <p>A program announcement will be included in utility bill mailers, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WPFTV station and the City's newsletter, as well as in other educational outreach efforts. The toilet rebate program application, along with eligibility and program details, will be available on the Utility's Sustainability and the Public Utilities webpages. Program applications will also be made available at the Public Utilities Customer Service area, and at outreach events for those who do not have Internet access. If needed, a second insert into the utility bill will be distributed.</p> <p>A flapper educational component will be added to the Utility's Sustainability webpage to address proper leak detection. Leak detection dye tablets will also be distributed to applicants/participants at outreach events. All program participants will be eligible to receive a WaterSense labeled showerhead in exchange for their current one. Because the showerhead is an optional part of the program, water savings from their use was not part of the program's water savings estimate calculation.</p>
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Location	BU-WWW service area
Target Group(s) and Size	Residential properties
Acres Affected (if this is an irrigation project)	

Is this a rebate or voucher program?	Yes
If yes, complete the following:	
a. How many rebates or vouchers in total will be issued within the funding period (begin on or after October 1, 2026)?¹	1,000
b. What is the maximum number of rebates/vouchers issued to a single participant?	2
c. How many dwelling units/facilities will this program attempt to reach <u>at a minimum</u> during the funding period?^{2,3} This should be equal to a./b. above.	500
d. List any additional types of fixtures or devices, such as, but not limited to, a showerhead or faucet aerator that a participant may receive.	WaterSense Showerheads

Footnotes:

¹ Do not enter a range. The final reimbursement will be tied to this number.

² This question assumes all participants accept the maximum number of allowable rebates/vouchers.

³ This is the figure you must use in the calculation in your estimated water savings.

2. Project Description

Identify the water source that will be conserved.	Utility Water Provider or Water Source
Potable water from a utility at risk of saltwater intrusion based on elevated chloride levels in monitoring wells or within a Restricted Allocation Area (Section 3.2.1 of the Applicant's Handbook for Water Use Permit Applications)	
Potable water from a utility not at risk of saltwater intrusion or in a Restricted Allocation Area	
Potable water, but not sure if the area is within a Restriction Allocation Area or at risk of saltwater intrusion (Specify the provider utility)	Yes-BU-WWW
Surficial groundwater in the service area of a utility at risk of saltwater intrusion based on elevated chloride levels in monitoring wells	
Surficial groundwater in the service area of a utility not at risk of saltwater intrusion	
Surficial groundwater, but unsure if at risk of saltwater intrusion (Specify the water body)	
Water from a canal or stormwater catchment area (such as a man-made lake within a housing development)	
Reclaimed water	
Other (Specify)	

This section includes additional information requested by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	
Is this project a continuation of an existing agreement with the FDEP?	Not Applicable
If yes, FDEP agreement number:	

What is the project delivery method?	Other
If Other, please describe.	Rebate Program

Is this project geographically located within an FDEP-approved Restoration Plan (i.e., Basin Management Action Plan or Reasonable Assurance Plan) area? The following link can be used as an interactive map to identify the BMAP status for the project: https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-restoration/content/impaired-waters-tmdls-and-basin-management-action-plans	No
If yes, name of Restoration Plan:	

If the project is geographically located within a Restoration Plan area, will the project be identified with a project number on the Statewide Annual Report? The following link is for the Statewide Annual Report: https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-restoration/content/statewide-annual-report	Not Applicable
If yes, Project Number:	
If yes, Unique ID:	

Project Background	
What is the water-related issue?	A considerable amount of homes in our service area were built before 1995 and may be using inefficient toilets which could use up to four times more water than a modern high-efficiency toilet.
Why is the water-related issue a problem?	Our supply source is a limited one, and the inefficient use of water can contribute to the reduction of it.
How will this project provide a solution to the problem?	By replacing old, inefficient toilets with high-efficiency toilets, the average family can reduce water used for toilets by 20 to 60%.
What water-related benefits will result from the completion of this project?	Reduced water demand will prolong our supplies allowing capital projects to be delayed.

Will this project result in a fully completed (operational) project?	Yes
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Will a Florida Licensed Professional Engineer be able to certify work completed?	Not Applicable
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Will a Florida Licensed Professional Geologist be able to certify work completed?	Not Applicable
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3. Project Financing

Total Project Cost (\$)	Funding Requested (\$)	Applicant Match (\$)	Third-Party Match (\$)
\$ 125,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	

Has this project received previous District funding?			No
If yes, fill out the table below:			
Year Awarded	Contract Number	Amount Awarded	Amount Spent

Is the applicant receiving other funds for this project?	No
If yes, federal/state/private entity name(s):	If yes, amount(s):

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4. Project Budget

Project Hardware/Technology Items	Quantity of Items or Rebates	Cost per Item, Rebate, or Voucher	Installation Cost per Item	Total Cost for Each Line
HET rebates	1000	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
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Hardware & Installation Total				\$ 125,000.00

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5a. Estimated Water Savings – Indoor & Other

This tab contains two sections.

The first section, "Estimated Water Savings for Common Indoor Efficiency Measures," has been created and preset for the most common indoor retrofit project types. You must use the default Current Use and Efficient Use rates for the items below unless you provide an explanation (and documentation) supporting your deviation from the defaults. Acceptance of deviated values is pending District staff review.

The second section, "Estimated Water Savings Explanation for Other Conservation Project Types," has been created for water use efficiency improvement projects using hardware in addition to, or instead of, the fixtures and appliances in Section 1.

Section 1. Estimated Water Savings for Common Indoor Efficiency Measures

Residential Project Inputs				Commercial Project Inputs			
			* Persons Per Home				Number of Toilets
			Number of homes/units affected by this project				Number of Urinals
			2.64				Number of Faucets
			500				Number of Showers
						Days of Operation/Year	0

* If unknown for your area, visit U.S. Census Quick Facts for your county, or use Florida default of 2.64.

Estimate number of days of use per year.

USER INPUT TABLE				OUTPUT TABLE	
	Common Current Rates	Standard Efficiency Use Rates		Current Use (Before)*	Efficient Use (After)
Residential Toilet	3.5	1.28	gal./flush	3.5	1.28
Shower	2.5	1.75	gal./min.	0.0	0.00
Lavatory Faucet	2.2	1.50	gal./min.	0.0	0.00
Kitchen Faucet	2.2	1.50	gal./min.	0.0	0.00
Dishwasher	10.5	3.50	gal./use	0.0	0.00
Clothes Washer	23.0	15.00	gal./use	0.0	0.00
Commercial Toilet	3.5	1.28	gal./flush	0.0	0.00
Commercial Urinal	1.0	0.5 or 0.25	gal./flush	0.0	0.00
Commercial Lav. Faucet	2.2	0.50	gal./min.	0.0	0.00
Commercial Shower	2.2	1.50	gal./min.	0.0	0.00

*Standard uses per day and service lives applied.

Annual Savings per Item (gallons)	
Residential Toilet	5,454,940
Shower	0
Lavatory Faucet	0
Kitchen Faucet	0
Dishwasher	0
Clothes Washer	0
Commercial Toilet	0
Commercial Urinal	0
Commercial Lav. Faucet	0
Commercial Shower	0
Total Annual Savings	5,454,940
Savings in million gallons per year*	5.45

*Enter this value in Column E on the Cost-Effectiveness sheet.

Section 2. Estimated Water Savings Explanation for Other Conservation Project Types

Please enter the following:

Current Water Use		mgy
Estimated Post-project Water Use		mgy
Potential Savings	0.0	mgy

Briefly provide the basis for your Current Water Use estimate (e.g., metered data, water bills, zone use calculations).

Briefly explain the basis for your Post-project Water Use estimate.

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5b. Estimated Water Savings – Irrigation

For these items, you must use the savings rates provided.

Please enter the following:

Project Size acres affected
Current Water Use mgy
Savings % From table at right -->
Potential Savings* mgy
**Enter this value in Column E on the Cost-Effectiveness sheet.*

If your project entails any of these items, you must use the savings % shown below.

Item	Savings %
Rain Sensor	30%
Soil Moisture Sensor	30%
Weather-based Controller	30%
Efficient Sprinkler Heads	15%
System Design Corrections	15%

Read the notes below the input box.

Briefly provide the basis for your Current Water Use estimate (e.g., metered data, water bills, zone use calculations).
Also see the notes below this box.

Savings for projects with more than one component (from the table above) cannot double-count or compound savings percentages.
For projects with more than one component, use ONLY the savings associated with the highest savings percentage.
As an example, if the upgraded system will have new efficient sprinkler heads and a new controller, only enter percent savings for the new controller (30%).
District staff may assign a higher evaluation score for projects with more than one component.

For items not shown in the savings table above, provide an explanation and any documentation supporting the savings values and number of service years you enter.

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6. Cost-Effectiveness Calculator

Please refer to the District's Cooperative Funding Program Guidelines Appendix B, Cost-Effectiveness Calculator (\$/kgal)

Total Cost per item MUST match costs presented in Tab 4 (Project Budget).

Service Lives entered in this table **MUST** come from one of the **THREE** tables (below) if project items are included in one of those tables. You **MUST** use the shortest service life if your project includes more than one item on the list.

Weighted Cost Effectiveness must be lower than or equal to **\$6.00 k/gal** for eligible projects.

Conservation Items	Total Cost Per Line	Annual Estimated Savings (mgd) From Est. Wat. Save Tab	Service Life (in years, from tables below)	Total Project Gallons Saved per Day	Total Gallons Saved over Service Life (MG)	Cost Effectiveness (\$/kgal)
HET Rebates	\$ 125,000.00	5.45	25	15,068	137.50	\$1.28
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
				-	-	\$0.00
	\$ 125,000.00	5.45				\$1.28
(Weighted cost effectiveness for all items)						

Residential Indoor Measures	Service Life (Residential), in years
High-efficiency Faucet Aerators	8
High-efficiency Clothes Washer, MF	8
High-efficiency Clothes Washer, SF	11
High-efficiency Dishwasher, MF	10
High-efficiency Dishwasher, SF	10
High-efficiency Showerhead, MF	8
High-efficiency Showerhead, SF	8
Tank-type High-efficiency Toilet	25
Valve-type High-efficiency Toilet	25

MF = multi-family
SF = single family

Commercial and Other Measures	Service Life (Commercial), in years
Automatic Line Flushing Device	10
Commercial Washer	9
Cooling Tower	5
Dishwasher (Commercial)	20
Food Steamer (Commercial)	10
High-efficiency Urinal	25
Large Land. Irrigation Controller	10
Large Land. Turf Replacement	10
Spray Rinse Valve	10
Commercial Lav. Faucet Aerators	5
Commercial Shower	5
Tank-type High-efficiency Toilet	25
Valve-type High-efficiency Toilet	25

Outdoor Irrigation Measures	Service Life, in years
Efficient Sprinkler Heads	5
Rain Sensor	2
Soil Moisture Sensor	7
System Design Corrections	20
System Audit (schedule change only)	5
Weather-based Controller	10

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7. Ancillary Information

Does any contractor or other affiliate of the applicant have a financial interest in this project, the property associated with this project, or with any party that may profit financially from this project?	No
If yes, list the parties and interests:	
Is the project part of your institution/facility's conservation plan?	Yes
This is a State of Florida reimbursement program. The entire project scope is expected to be completed within the funding period, regardless of amount awarded. There is no guarantee the applicant will be awarded the amount requested. Are budgeted funds available to pay for the entire scope of the project?	Yes
Does the applicant understand that if, for any reason, the project scope is not fulfilled to 100% completion as outlined in the statement of work, the funding amount will be reduced to match the original percentage of funding in the contract/purchase order based on the estimated project cost provided in the application?	Yes
Does the applicant understand funds are only for expenses incurred during the funding period?	Yes
Is the property located within the District's boundary?	Yes
Is the property in compliance with the District's regulatory requirements?	Yes
Is the applicant in a REDI Community?	No
Is the applicant willing to host educational/demonstration activities highlighting the project site at reasonable times and under reasonable conditions? Your answer will not affect your project's eligibility or review.	No

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