

Cooperative Funding Program (CFP) Frequently Asked Questions

BACKGROUND

What are the criteria required to apply?

Please refer to the CFP Guidelines for each program.

If a project is being planned to apply to the Legislature for funding, can this project also be submitted for CFP funding?

Yes, submit to both.

What if an Applicant is unsure a project qualifies for CFP funding?

When in doubt if a project qualifies, submit an Application. For further information, please contact one of the SFWMD staff listed in the CFP Guidelines.

Where is the funding coming from (ad valorem or Legislative) and is there one pot of money or regional pots of money?

The District has allocated \$9 million to be used for the CFP. The Governing Board will decide how the funding will be split among the three project types (stormwater management, alternative water supply and water conservation).

What considerations will be used in evaluating project applications?

Please refer to the CFP Guidelines for each project type.

Is a cost match required?

Yes. A ***minimum*** 50 percent match will be **required** for all projects; however, REDI Applicants could receive ***up to*** 75% match.

When will the Governing Board decide the funding and cost share?

We anticipate either an August or September Governing Board approval.

What is the maximum amount of funding each project can receive?

Guidelines for maximum reimbursement cooperative funding amounts and percentages for each project type have been established by the District Governing Board. Funding can generally be ***up to*** 50 percent (***up to*** 75 percent for REDI communities) of the project's construction/implementation cost or the funding maximum, ***whichever is less***. General guidelines for maximum funding per project is:

Water Conservation	\$100,000
Stormwater Management	\$250,000
Alternative Water Supply	\$500,000

Can multiple applications be submitted?

Yes, all applications will be evaluated on their own merits.

If a water conservation project reduces water use, will the applicants water use permit allocation be reduced?

Increasing a project's efficiency within the term of the permit does not automatically necessitate a permit modification for a reduction in allocation. However, if a permanent reduction in the reasonable demand has occurred, a lower allocation may be appropriate upon permit renewal. As an incentive, Public Water Suppliers are afforded an extension to their permit duration, to meet the future demands of more people with the same permitted volume, for permanent water savings directly attributable to conservation (please refer to the [Applicants Handbook for Water Use Permit Applications](#)).

WHAT PROJECTS/COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE?**Are costs associated with project planning, design and permitting eligible costs?**

No, only construction costs for Stormwater and AWS projects or project implementation costs for water conservation projects between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2018 are eligible.

Will AWS projects which support implementation of the 2008 ocean outfall legislation be considered?

Yes, the legislation specifically states projects that support elimination of ocean outfall will receive priority consideration.

Are TMDL projects eligible?

Yes, they are eligible.

Are flood protection projects eligible?

The District's focus is stormwater and water quality improvements, but if the project improves water quality, it may be considered. If the project is for flood protection only, it would not qualify.

Are erosion control projects eligible?

It depends on the scope of work. Maintenance type projects would not qualify.

Is leak detection for water conservation eligible?

No, this is considered operations and maintenance.

Are multi-year projects eligible?

Yes, multi-year projects are eligible but retroactive costs are not.

Are dual flush toilets eligible?

Yes, but only in residential units. Dual flush toilets for commercial settings are not eligible.

Are rain harvesting (i.e., cisterns) eligible?

Yes, under water conservation.

Why is replacement landscaping not eligible for alternative water supply projects?

In the past, applicants were requesting funding for areas that had not been landscaped prior to construction.

Are pervious pavement projects eligible?

These may be considered, but the applicant should detail the water quality improvements.

Are innovative projects eligible, such as non-traditional BMPs?

Yes, innovation is one of the project considerations.

SUBMITTAL**Should projects like those of the St. Lucie River Issues Team or Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative apply as has been done in the past to the Legislature or to this program?**

Apply to both.

For projects that qualify as both a stormwater and an AWS project, which application should be used?

It is recommended that you consult with District staff for these types of projects. In general, if the project is for water supply, submit it as AWS. If the project is more for water quality, then submit it as a stormwater. If both, submit an application for each and detail all the benefits under both program applications.

Will projects that cross water management district boundaries be considered?

Yes, detail how the project benefits the SFWMD.

Will Applicants receive an electronic confirmation with time stamp?

Yes, via an unattended email address.

Does the District want to see the entire project or in phases?

For AWS and Stormwater projects, the application should include phase work which will be constructed in and the subsequent phase(s) should be identified in the multi-year table.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COST MATCHING**Can we use the non-allowable costs towards our match?**

No.

How will the District consider multi-jurisdictional and/or regional benefits? Can projects be packaged and is agency partnership allowed?

Yes, these will be considered and the District suggests you identify one project sponsor on the application(s). The District encourages regional solutions and multi-jurisdictional projects.

Are other entities allowed to fund the project or is SFWMD to be the sole partner?

Yes, multiple funding partners are allowed and encouraged.

NEXT STEPS**How will updates about the CFP between now and the deadline be communicated?**

Updates, if any, will be posted on the website. As necessary, additional information may be transmitted by email.