

FY 2021-2022 Springs Restoration and Alternative Water Supply Funding



GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING FUNDS

- **Cooperative Agreement.** The District is required to submit a list of projects recommended for funding award and approved by the District's Governing Board to DEP. For each project, the District will be identified as a "cooperator" or, if an applicant is not a governmental entity as described in section 287.012(14), F.S., a "sponsor." Regardless, each award recipient must enter into a cooperative agreement with the District. The agreement will specify the scope of work with tasks and deliverables, project schedule, and reporting requirements. Additional conditions will be required by the District for contract management, invoicing, and administrative purposes.
- **Completion of Projects.** Except for multi-year projects, projects awarded funding must be completed within 24-36 months of execution of the cooperative agreement. *Grant funds shall not be applied to costs incurred prior to the date of grant agreement execution.*
- **Ownership of Facilities.** Applicants with capital projects will be required to construct, own, operate, and maintain all facilities constructed, and/or show compliance with all capital facilities requirements, in accordance with state, federal, and local regulations.
- **Compliance with Permits.** Applicants will be required to maintain compliance with all District permits from time of application throughout the life of the project. Applicants who are not in compliance with any District permit will not be considered for funding award.
- **Project Funding.** Funding provided may not exceed 50 percent of the overall project cost, and Water Protection and Sustainability Program (WPSP) Trust Funds cannot exceed 40 percent of total construction costs. The District Governing Board and DEP may waive these requirements for projects serving financially disadvantaged communities.
- **Compensation Provisions.** Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis no more frequently than monthly. In cases of financial hardship, the District may consider funding on a cost-incurred basis for work completed on a case-by-case basis. At a minimum, the grantee is required to submit an annual invoice for work completed through the end of each District fiscal year (September 30). Financial need should be demonstrated, as this program is not intended to supplant existing sources of funds. *Grant funds shall not be applied to costs incurred prior to the date of grant agreement execution.*
- **Reporting.** The grantee will be required to provide informal monthly status reports (email, phone call) and formal quarterly reports throughout the life of the project. A final report summarizing all work accomplished and all funding sources and expenditures is required within the agreement period. District project managers may also contact grantees as needed.
- **Local Construction Services – Capital Projects.** For competitive solicitation of construction projects where match reductions or waivers have been granted, and/or where state funds will comprise 50 percent or more of the total construction costs, local contractor preference conditions for maintaining a place of business, hiring employees or engaging subcontractors, or prior payment of taxes or assessments, are not allowable. Please see [section 255.0991, Florida Statutes](#), for more information.