

Quick Reference Guide – Programs Overview



SPRINGS AND ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT is it? State of Florida funding opportunities administered by the Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with water management districts for springs restoration and protection and alternative water supply (AWS) development projects.

WHEN are applications due to NFWMD? By close of business on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**.

WHO is eligible? Governmental entities as described in section 287.012(14), F.S., including local counties and municipalities, public water authorities, as well as public and nonprofit water supply and wastewater utilities. See ***General Conditions for Receiving Funds*** for more information.

Additionally, the District may sponsor landowners for land acquisition projects and agricultural producers to implement springs restoration projects. See the [Jackson Blue Spring Grant Funding Programs](#) webpage or contact the District for more information.

WHAT TYPES of projects are eligible? General project type examples include:

<u>Springs</u>	<u>Alternative Water Supply</u>
Agricultural Best Management Practices	Reclaimed Water
Water Conservation	Water Conservation
Hydrologic Restoration	Stormwater
Land Acquisition	Surface Water
Reuse	Brackish Groundwater
Stormwater	Desalination
Wastewater Collection and Treatment	Other Non-Traditional Source Projects
Other Water Quality/Quantity Projects	Other Water Quantity Projects

Key Funding Considerations. Criteria to be considered in evaluating project applications include the following:

<u>Springs</u>	<u>Alternative Water Supply</u>
Water Quality Benefits	Regional Benefits
Water Quantity Conserved	Benefits to MFL waterbodies
Located in a Water Quality Restoration Plan ¹	Dual Benefits to Water Supply and Water Quality
Supporting a SWIM or Local Multi-Year Plan	Complementary Efforts (e.g., project also provides
Land/Conservation/Recharge Benefit	flood protection or recreational benefits)
Readiness to Construct or Proceed	Readiness to Construct or Proceed
Cost Effectiveness	Cost Effectiveness
Local Commitment (Match \$ and Public Support)	Local Commitment (Match \$ and Public Support)

Funding Requirements and Needs. Local project sponsors are expected to match a minimum of 100 percent of the state funding provided. Economically distressed and financially disadvantaged communities (i.e. REDI) may request a reduction or waiver of financial match requirements.

For More Information: <https://www.nfwwater.com/Water-Resources/Funding-Programs>.

¹ Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) or Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP).