



**Agricultural Cost-Share Grant Program
for the Protection of Jackson Blue Spring
And the Chipola River Springs Groundwater Contribution Area**



The Northwest Florida Water Management District has cost-share funding available for projects to improve water quality and reduce water use demands in and around Jackson Blue Spring and the Chipola River Springs Groundwater Contribution Area. Eligible projects will increase efficiency in both irrigation and fertilizer use in the largest agricultural area in northwest Florida.

Eligibility:

1. The project site must be located within Jackson Blue Spring BMAP or the Chipola River Springs GWCA.
2. The project site must be in regulatory compliance.
3. The producer and project site(s) must be enrolled in the applicable FDACS BMP program.
4. The producer must own or lease the project site(s).
5. Irrigation projects must have prior qualifying Mobile Irrigation Lab evaluation.
6. Project must not be funded from any other cost-share programs.
7. All equipment purchased under cost-share within the past 5 years must be inspected by District staff prior to the new cost-share agreement.

Equipment and Practices:

- Conservation Tillage
- Nutrient Management
- Irrigation Management
- Livestock Management

A complete list of eligible equipment can be found on the NFWFMD website at:

<https://nfwwater.com/water-resources/agriculture/jackson-blue-spring-grant-funding-programs/>

Cost-Share Application:

Producers may apply for cost-share assistance using their NOI once per calendar year for equipment/practices and once per calendar year for cover crops. Multiple pieces of equipment can be included in a single application.

Cover crop cost-share is limited to 300 acres per NOI each calendar year, with a September 30th deadline. Reimbursement rate of \$55/acre for single species and \$65/acre for multiple species.

Equipment cost-share reimbursement can be up to 75%, with a maximum reimbursement for cover crops and equipment combined of \$100,000 per grant funding source.

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Cost-Share Questions

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