

Resilient Florida Program FAQs

This information is current and accurate as of Aug. 17, 2021.

Resilient Florida Planning Grants

- 1. Who is eligible to apply?**
 - Counties.
 - Municipalities.
- 2. What types of projects are eligible under this program?**
 - Comprehensive plan amendments and necessary corresponding analyses that address the requirements of [section 163.3178\(2\)\(f\), Florida Statutes, \(F.S.\)](#), also known as the “Peril of Flood” statute.
 - Vulnerability assessments that identify or address risks of flooding and sea level rise. Please see [section 380.093, F.S.](#), for details on the vulnerability assessment requirements.
 - The development of projects, plans and policies that allow communities to prepare for threats from flooding and sea level rise.
- 3. How much funding is available?**
 - \$20 million has been allocated for these types of grants for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
 - No maximum award is currently specified.
- 4. What are the match requirements?**
 - No match is required.
- 5. What are the time frames associated with these grants?**
 - Proposals must be submitted to [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#) by Sept. 1, 2021.
 - After DEP has screened proposals, applicants will be directed to fill out a more detailed final application to provide the information needed for prioritizing and assisting with potential grant awards. An official timeline for this step has not yet been outlined.
 - Upon internal review and selection, grantees will be notified if their application has been successful.
 - DEP will work with successful applicants to develop a grant agreement with a work plan within 18 months.
 - Upon execution, grantees will have up to three years from the execution date to complete their planning project.

Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan Grants

- 1. Who is eligible to apply?**
 - Counties.
 - Municipalities.
 - Water management districts.
 - Flood control districts.
- 2. What types of projects are eligible under this program?**
 - Projects that address risks of flooding and sea level rise to coastal and inland communities in the state.

- Projects that have been identified in a vulnerability assessment that meets the standards laid out in [section 380.093, F.S.](#), starting on line 101.
 - Information on projects that are **ineligible** can be found starting on line 320 of [section 380.093, F.S.](#)
- 3. How much funding is available?**
 - The statute specifies that the Legislature may appropriate up to \$100,000,000 starting in FY 2022-23.
 - No maximum award is currently specified.
 - 4. What are the match requirements?**
 - Each project in the plan must have a minimum 50% cost share unless the project assists or is within a financially disadvantaged small community. Please see [section 380.093, F.S.](#) for the definition of financially disadvantaged small communities.
 - 5. What are the time frames associated with these grants?**
 - Proposals must be submitted to [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#) by Sept. 1, 2021.
 - After DEP has screened proposals, applicants will be directed to fill out a more detailed final application. An official timeline for this step has not yet been outlined.
 - DEP will use the process outlined in the statute to evaluate and prioritize the projects submitted.
 - The prioritized list of projects must be submitted by DEP to the Legislature by Dec. 1, 2021, for consideration.
 - The Legislature will include the chosen projects in the state budget for FY 2022-23.
 - Upon execution, grantees will have up to three years from the execution date to complete their project.

Regional Resilience Entities

- 1. Who is eligible to apply?**
 - Regional resilience entities made up of local governments formalized through an MOU/MOA or other similar instrument.
- 2. What types of projects are eligible under this program?**
 - Providing technical assistance to counties and municipalities.
 - Coordinating multijurisdictional vulnerability assessments.
 - Developing project proposals to be submitted for inclusion in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan.
- 3. How much funding is available?**
 - There is up to \$2 million available for FY 2021-22.
 - No maximum award is currently specified.
- 4. What are the match requirements?**
 - No match is required.
- 5. What are the time frames associated with these grants?**
 - The operating funds for this program must be spent by the end of the fiscal year in which they are awarded, allowing projects approximately 10 months for completion
 - Proposals must be submitted to [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#) by Sept. 1, 2021.
 - After DEP has screened proposals, applicants will be directed to fill out a more detailed final application. An official timeline for this step has not yet been outlined, but given the

shortened timeframe available for these funds, we will make all attempts to expedite this process.

Resilience Grants from the American Rescue Plan Act

1. Who is eligible to apply?

- Counties.
- Municipalities.

2. What types of projects are eligible under this program?

- Infrastructure projects to mitigate the effects of flooding and sea level rise on water resources (e.g., wastewater, drinking water, stormwater, green infrastructure).

3. How much funding is available?

- There is up to \$500 million in federal funding available to be encumbered by 2024 and spent by 2026.
- No maximum award is currently specified.

4. What are the match requirements?

- This is still being determined.

5. What are the time frames associated with these grants?

- Proposals must be submitted to ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov by Sept. 1, 2021.
- After DEP has screened proposals, applicants will be directed to fill out a more detailed final application. An official timeline for this step has not yet been outlined.
- Upon internal review and selection, grantees will be notified if their application has been successful.
- DEP will work with successful applicants to develop a grant agreement with a work plan.
- Funds must be encumbered by 2024 and expended by 2026.