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## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM MANAGEMENT GRANTS Call for Suggestions

The information below is general information about the innovative technology for harmful algal bloom management grant opportunity.

Any information submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will become a public record, subject to disclosure in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Article 1, §24 of the Florida Constitution. Please note that submittal of a suggestion does not create an agreement, nor does it guarantee funding.

### ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Governmental entities in Florida, as described in Subsection 287.012(14), F.S.

### TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING A PROJECT SUGGESTION

Solicitation of projects for 2020-21 funding is open for 30 days; however, projects can continue to be submitted at any time for consideration in subsequent years. Check <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants> for additional project suggestion timeframes for one or more grant programs.

### AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$5 million under line item 1619, General Appropriations Act fiscal year 2020-2021.

### LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED

No match is required.

### TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE

Projects that prevent, mitigate or clean-up harmful algal blooms, with an emphasis on those that prevent blooms through nutrient reductions. Projects that improve the ability to predict and monitor harmful algal blooms will also be considered for funding.

### KEY FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

- Project is innovative (new technology or new application of known technology)
- Project is shown to achieve the proposed benefits without environmental harm
- Project is scalable
- Water quality benefits
- Readiness to construct
- Project is geographically located in a water quality restoration plan (e.g. reasonable assurances plan or basin management action plan)

### FUNDING PROCESS STEPS

Once information is received through the **project suggestion sheet**, DEP will evaluate the project. If the project is selected to move further in the review process, you will receive a follow-up call or email to discuss the project and additional information will need to be provided.

Final selections will be made this fall and will be posted on <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants>.



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## **SELECTED PROJECT NEXT STEPS**

If your project is selected for funding, you will receive an email requesting a scope of work for the project including tasks to be accomplished, budget information, timelines and deliverables. The funding is provided as a cost-reimbursement grant with DEP.

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