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WATER QUALITY GRANTS Call for Suggestions

The general information below is general information about a water quality grant funding 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, 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.

AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$25 million under line item 1641, General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED

A minimum of 50% unless the following proviso applies:

No match is required for local governmental agencies defined as a rural area of opportunity under Section 288.0656, F.S., or if a local governmental agency is implementing a public/private partnership pay for performance agreement.

TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE

Septic to sewer conversions, wastewater treatment plan expansion or upgrades, stormwater treatment.

KEY FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

1. Water quality benefits
2. Readiness to construct
3. Project is geographically located in a water quality restoration plan (e.g. reasonable assurances plan or basin management action plan)
4. Project is identified as a commitment in a water quality restoration plan
5. Local commitment to project (match funding and public support)

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 requested.

Final selections will be made fall 2020 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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