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SFWMD Cooperative Funding Program: Local Stormwater Management, Alternative Water Supply and Water Conservation Projects

*Application process starts October 2014 for
2016 fiscal year cost-share funding*

The South Florida Water Management District's new Cooperative Funding Program will provide cost-share funding to local governments and other water users for priority stormwater management, alternative water supply and water conservation projects aligned with the SFWMD core mission. The intent is to provide partnership opportunities and financial incentives to implement local planned projects, including essential project studies, that complement ongoing regional restoration, flood control, water quality and water supply efforts.

Who can apply

- The program is open to public and private entities, including local governments, special districts, utilities, golf courses, homeowner associations, agricultural interests and other water users.

What types of projects are eligible

- **Stormwater management** projects that address both water quality and quantity: Examples include stormwater treatment areas, innovative restoration projects that improve water quality, water storage and infrastructure modifications, sediment reduction facilities and stormwater management retrofits.
- **Alternative water supply** projects that help diversify sources and reduce reliance on traditional fresh groundwater: Examples include aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), reclaimed water production facilities and transmission mains, reverse osmosis plants, brackish water supply wells and tailwater recovery projects.
- **Water conservation** projects that implement water-saving hardware and technologies that generate water use reductions: Examples include high-efficiency indoor plumbing retrofits, automatic line flushing devices and irrigation retrofits.

How the program works

- Annually, the SFWMD Governing Board will determine the program priorities, program funding and the cost-share per project type to be allocated for that year. Funding levels and/or cost-share percentages will vary from year to year.
- A single solicitation will be issued for all project proposals.
- Based on a two-step application process, projects will be evaluated and ranked according to established program criteria.
- Recommended projects will be included in the SFWMD proposed budget for the following year, which is subject to governor and legislative approval.
- If the program budget is approved, cooperative funding contracts are executed.

Where to find more information

- The primary source for program details, including annual workshop dates and application deadlines, is www.sfwmd.gov/coopfunding.