

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

Consent [X]

Regular []

Public Hearing []

Department: Water Utilities Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A.) Authorize the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) to pursue funding from the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Cooperative Funding Program for two (2) grants with combined amounts estimated up to \$18,000,000 for the Palm Beach-Broward Interconnect Phase 2 South Reclaimed Water Transmission Pipeline and the expansion of Water Treatment Plant (WTP) No. 11 Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA) Production Wells-Phase 1; and

B.) Delegate authority to the County Administrator, or designee, to sign all grant application forms and supporting documents and complete all registration requirements, execute the forthcoming grant agreement and all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications, and other forms associated with the forthcoming grant agreement and any necessary minor amendments that do not substantially change the scope of work, terms, or conditions of the forthcoming grant agreement.

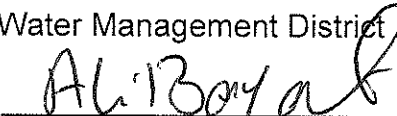
Summary: SFWMD has allotted funds to assist local governments, public and private water providers, and other entities with construction and/or implementation of alternative water supply (AWS) or water conservation through its Cooperative Funding Grant Program. AWS projects are associated with development of nontraditional water sources and/or storage to meet current and future water demands. Grant applications are due on February 26, 2026. Phase 2 of the South County Reclaimed Water Transmission Pipeline and Pump Station includes construction of approximately four (4) miles of 24-inch reclaimed pipeline, which connects Phase 1A to Phase 1B and Phase 1B to the Mandatory Reclaimed Water Service Area. The project also includes a reclaimed water booster pump station to maintain adequate pressure in the reclaimed water transmission system. This expansion of PBCWUD's reclaimed water system will deliver reclaimed water from the interconnection point with Broward County at Hillsboro Canal to various potential reclaim users in Southern Palm Beach County. PBCWUD also pursues grant funds for the construction of three (3) UFA Production Wells (PW) (14,15, 16) and the associated raw watermain (RWM) required to convey raw water to WTP No. 11. This project will be completed in two (2) phases: Phase 1 includes construction of PW 14 and associated RWM, and Phase 2 consists of PW 15 and 16. Together, the PWs will provide an additional 1,800 gallons per minute of raw water to WTP No. 11 and increase operational efficiency of the wellfield. Funds are requested for Phase 1 of this project. **These grants require a 50% match, which will be funded from a one-time expenditure from Water Utilities user fees, connection fees and balance brought forward. Districts 5 & 6 (MWJ)**

Background and Justification: Since 2020, Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature, over the past five (5) legislative sessions, have approved an investment of \$335 million statewide to develop water resource and water supply projects to help protect water resources and meet the needs of existing and future users. In anticipation of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 legislative appropriations, the SFWMD is accepting applications for AWS and water conservation projects for funding consideration. SFWMD provides funding consideration for AWS and water conservation projects to support Florida's continuing efforts to implement cost-effective strategies to conserve its precious water resources while meeting the state's water needs.

Attachment:

1. South Florida Water Management District Request for Applications

Recommended By:


Department Director

1/6/26
Date

Approved By:


Chief Deputy County Administrator

1/13/26
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
External Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
In-Kind Match County	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Budget Account No.: Fund Dept. Unit Object

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes _____ No X

Is this item using State Funds? Yes X No _____

Reporting Category N/A

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

No Fiscal Impact

C. Department Fiscal Review: Joony Soreman

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Joony Soreman 1/12/26
OFMB NAIF

Brando Mack 1/12/26
Contract Development and Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 1/12/26
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.



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ATTACHMENT 1

APPLY NOW: Funding Opportunity for Alternative Water Supply and Water Conservation Projects

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APPLY NOW Alternative Water Supply and Water Conservation Projects



The South Florida Water Management District (District) is now accepting applications for cost-share projects to develop alternative water supplies (AWS) and to advance water conservation initiatives. This initiative is part of the State of Florida's continuing efforts to implement cost-effective strategies to

conserve its precious water resources while meeting the state's water needs. Partnering with local governments and other entities for implementation of water conservation projects and development of alternative water projects is an important and effective way to help accomplish this goal. **All local governments applying for this grant must have an adopted irrigation ordinance consistent with the District's year-round Irrigation Rule in place in order to be eligible for funding consideration. All local governments must also have an approved Water Supply Facilities Work Plan per statute to be eligible for funding consideration.**

Governor Ron DeSantis requested annually recurring cost-share funding for developing water supply and water resource development projects. The District is requesting applications for funding consideration for AWS and water conservation projects within the District's 16-county service area in anticipation of cost-share funding being appropriated for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. This funding cycle corresponds to a project start date occurring on or after October 1, 2026.

Eligible projects for consideration should be construction-ready AWS projects or ready-to-implement water conservation technology programs or projects that provide the most immediate benefits. The deadline to apply is **February 26, 2026 at 4 p.m.** Projects may receive up to 50 percent cost-share of eligible project costs. Two informational webinars are scheduled on January 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. and on January 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

To apply for the funding, register for the informational webinars, and other details, visit [SFWMD.gov/CoopFunding](https://sfwmd.gov/CoopFunding). If you need assistance with the application process or technical support, contact Stacey Payseno at spayseno@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-2577 or Ibel Cruz at icruz@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-6777.

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. Our mission is to safeguard and restore South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protect our communities from flooding, and meet the region's water needs while connecting with the public and stakeholders.