

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

Consent ☒ 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 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Grant Program for a combined grant amount of \$21,100,000 for the following three (3) Projects:

1. Project No. 22-012 (FDEP Agreement No. 22FRP71) Western Region Wastewater Treatment Facility (WRWWTF) Operations Building Replacement, additional funding of \$1,100,000;
2. Project No. 25-021 WRWWTF Resilient Process Improvement Design Build, funding support of \$10,000,000;
3. Project No. 25-023 Western Region North Wastewater Treatment Facility (WRNWWTF) Resilient Process Improvement, funding support of \$10,000,000; 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.

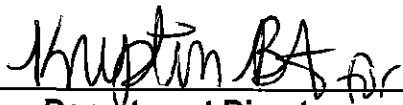
Summary: FDEP has allotted funding for Fiscal Year 2027-28 for the Resilient Florida Grant Program to effectively address the impacts of flooding and sea level rise that the state faces through projects that analyze and plan for vulnerabilities and implementation projects for adaptation and mitigation. Grant applications are due to FDEP on September 1, 2026. On February 7, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the FDEP Agreement No. 22FRP71 (R2023-0169) for WRWWTF that is currently under construction. PBCWUD seeks supplemental funding for additional scope to provide sufficient fire flow to the new operations building at the WRWWTF and comply with permitting requirements. Project Nos. 25-021 and 25-023 include construction of resilient process improvements to address the risk of flooding to these critical assets. These measures will minimize damage, facilitate faster recovery for affected communities and reduce overall costs associated with flooding. The requested funding will support process improvements that directly strengthen the resilience of WRNWWTF and WRWWTF. The Projects are included in the PBCWUD FY 2026 Budget. (PBCWUD Project Nos. 22-012, 25-021 and 25-023) District 6 (MWJ)

Background and Justification: On May 12, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 1954 into law that allocates funding to support a coordinated approach to Florida's coastal and inland resiliency. The Resilient Florida Program aids efforts to protect inland waterways, coastlines and shores, which serve as natural defenses against sea level rise, as well as, prepare communities for the impacts of climate change – including sea level rise, intensified storms, flooding, and inland mitigation. The improvements contained in these Projects will ensure cost savings, better health outcomes and reduced environmental impact for the County.

Attachment:

1. FDEP Resilient Florida Grant Program Request for Applications

Recommended By:


Department Director

7-16-2026
Date

Approved By:


Chief Deputy County Administrator

7/28/26
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 <u>X</u>
Does this item include the use of federal funds?			Yes ____	No <u>X</u>
Is this item using State Funds?			Yes <u>X</u>	No ____

Reporting Category N/A

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

No Fiscal Impact

C. Department Fiscal Review: Joony Solomon

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 7/22/26
Chief Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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

ATTACHMENT NO. 1



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT: DWRAFundingPortal@FloridaDEP.gov

Legislature Identifies Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2026-27

– Grant proposals will be accepted July 1 through Sept. 1, 2026 ~

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is excited to announce more than \$230 million in upcoming grant funding opportunities through its online grants portal. DEP has made available grant proposal forms and additional information on ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants [links-1.govdelivery.com].

Water Restoration Grant Opportunities:

- **Indian River Lagoon and Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvement Grants** to help communities in these basins implement nutrient reductions through wastewater (including septic-to-sewer conversions), stormwater, agricultural and other water quality improvement projects.
- **Alternative Water Supply Grants** to help communities plan for and implement water conservation, reuse, and other water supply and water resource development projects. Priority funding will be given to regional projects in the areas of greatest need and for projects that provide the greatest benefit.
- **Springs Restoration Grants** to protect and restore the quality and quantity of water that flows from springs. Eligible project types include agricultural best management practices, water conservation, hydrologic restoration, aquifer recharge, land acquisition for preservation, septic-to-sewer conversions, wastewater treatment upgrades and stormwater treatment.
- **Innovative Technology for Harmful Algal Bloom Grants** to evaluate and implement innovative technologies to combat harmful algal blooms and nutrient enrichment in freshwater systems.
- **Nonpoint Source Management Grants** to reduce or eliminate nonpoint source nutrient pollution in verified impaired waterbodies. Funding is available for shovel-ready stormwater treatment projects, nonpoint source pollution best management practices, nonpoint source public education programs and septic-to-sewer conversions on private property.
- **Deepwater Horizon Grants** for water quality, hydrologic restoration and resilience projects for Deepwater Horizon Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast Act of 2012.

Resilience and Coastal Protection Grant Opportunities:

- **Resilient Florida Implementation Grants** to implement infrastructure projects to address risks identified in a local government vulnerability assessment or the Statewide Vulnerability Assessment.
- **Beach Management Funding Assistance** grants provide funding to local governments for planning and implementation of beach and inlet management projects to protect upland

structures, provide critical habitat and recreational opportunities, and support local economies through tourism.

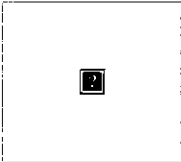
Please visit [FloridaDEP.gov/Funding](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEP/bulletins/41e99e6) to see all of DEP’s funding opportunities.

Please note, any information submitted to DEP will become a public record, subject to disclosure in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Article 1, § 24 of the Florida Constitution. Submittal of a project proposal does not create an agreement, nor does it guarantee funding. All awards are contingent upon legislative appropriations.

About the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the state’s principal environmental agency, created to protect, conserve and manage Florida’s environment and natural resources. The department enforces federal and state environmental laws, protects Florida’s air and water quality, cleans up pollution, regulates solid waste management, promotes pollution prevention and acquires environmentally sensitive lands for preservation. The agency also maintains a statewide system of parks, trails and aquatic preserves. Visit the department’s website at [FloridaDEP.gov](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLDEP/bulletins/41e99e6).

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