



# BIOSOLIDS GRANT PROGRAM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### When will awards be announced?

There is not a set date when awards will be announced. To sign up for updates from the portal, visit [Preference Center | Water Quality Dashboard](#).

### Who may apply?

Applicants must be a county, special district or municipality; however applicants are encouraged to form public-private partnerships with private utilities and firms to implement projects.

### What is the performance period for the grant?

Work done prior to July 1, 2026, will not be eligible for grant reimbursement. There is not a set expiration date for the funding, but availability is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

### What is the minimum and maximum request amount?

There are not set limits on the grant amount you can request for this program.

### Is there a match requirement?

This grant requires a minimum 50 percent funding match from local, state, federal, or private funds. This match requirement is waived for proposed projects within an area designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656.

### What types of projects are eligible?

Eligible projects include projects that:

- Reduce the amount of nutrients in biosolids
- Reduce the amount of emerging contaminants in biosolids
- Provide alternatives to the land application or landfilling of biosolids as a method of disposal

### What if a project is eligible for other grant programs?

Applicants should submit separate applications for each eligible grant program on [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants](#).

### How much funding is available?

There is \$5 million appropriated for the Biosolids Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2026-27. At least 10 percent of the funds are reserved for projects in an area designated as a rural area of opportunity under s. 288.0656.

## How will the prioritization of projects be determined?

The department will prioritize projects consistent with section 403.0674(4), F.S., by considering the environmental benefit that a project may provide. To evaluate the environmental benefit of a project, the department will review how the project's conversion of wastewater residuals to Class AA biosolids, nonfertilizer uses or disposal methods, alternatives to synthetic fertilizers derived from wastewater residuals, or innovative technologies and solutions for the disposal of biosolids are projected to minimize the impact of nutrients and other pollutants on water quality and the environment.

## How many project proposals am I allowed to submit?

There is not a limit on the number of project proposals you are allowed to submit.

## Are the application questions available?

Yes, a PDF version of the questions will be available alongside the webform. The PDF version is provided for informational purposes only and may not be submitted in place of the webform.