



SPRINGS RESTORATION 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 award updates from the portal, visit [Preference Center | Water Quality Dashboard](#).

Do I need to apply again if I have already submitted a grant request for this project to a Water Management District?

The Springs Restoration Grant also accepts applications directly from the water management districts (WMDs). If you have already submitted an application to your WMD for your project, you should not also submit an application on Protecting Florida Together. It is recommended that you submit the project proposal to your WMD if you can meet their submittal deadline.

What is the performance period for the grant?

Work done prior to July 1, 2025, 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. However, the majority of awards are between \$100,000 and \$5 million.

Is there a match requirement?

There is not a required match for this program, but the local cost share is a consideration during project selection. The local cost share will be a reporting requirement if the project is selected.

What types of projects are eligible?

Eligible projects are land acquisition and capital projects that protect the quality and/or quantity of water from springs. Project types may include Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs), wastewater (septic-to-sewer, septic system upgrades and treatment facility upgrades), aquifer recharge, stormwater treatment and other types of water quality and quantity projects.

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 \$50 million appropriated for this grant program in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Additional funding may become available as previously awarded projects are cancelled or completed under budget.

How does the multi-year plan work?

Since the Springs Grant is a recurring state grant, the department can commit future funding to projects with a multi-year plan in an effort to only award the grant funds necessary for a project in the current fiscal year and award funding for the maximum number of projects each year.

A multi-year plan is best suited for projects that can be funded over multiple years or phases. Higher cost projects may have an increased chance of being funded if they can be put on a multi-year plan.

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 Word versions of the application questions available?

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