



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](#).

Can project proposals be submitted through Water Management Districts? No, Springs Restoration Grant project proposals will be submitted solely through the Protecting Florida Together online grants portal. Projects will then be evaluated by the department and water management districts.

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. 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 2026-27. 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 Restoration 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. If applying to be included in the multi-year plan, please be sure to clearly explain your phased approach within the project proposal.

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 versions of 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.

What costs are eligible under the Septic to Sewer projects?

Eligible costs include only the tangible activities of conversion to sewer, including construction of sewer, septic abandonment, laying lateral, and connection by the licensed plumber or contractor. Impact fees (also called infrastructure or capital fees) and similar fees are not eligible costs.

Are sewer connections required under this grant funding?

Please note that septic-to-sewer projects will not be eligible for funding if connections are not required.

If the project selected makes sewer connections available to properties currently served by onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS), you will be required to provide notification of the availability of sewer and of the requirement to connect within 365 days of the notification, per [s. 381.00655, F.S.](#) Proof of such notice will be required in the grant agreement following construction completion and prior to final reimbursement.