



APPLY NOW FOR COST-SHARE FUNDING

Central Florida Water Initiative Water Conservation Projects

Applications are now being accepted for a cost-share funding program to support the implementation of water conservation projects within the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI). This is part of the State of Florida's efforts to identify and implement cost-effective strategies to protect the state's water resources while meeting Florida's water needs. Partnering with local governments and other large water users (such as agricultural, commercial, industrial, homeowner associations, and large landscape irrigation) to reduce water demands through implementation of water conservation projects is an important and effective way to help accomplish this goal.

In 2019, Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature approved statewide funding to develop water resource and water supply projects. Applications are now being accepted on behalf of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for funding consideration for water conservation projects within the CFWI Planning Area (which includes all of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Polk counties and southern Lake County). The CFWI is a joint planning effort where the South Florida, St. Johns River, and Southwest Florida water management districts are working collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders to implement effective water supply and water resource planning.

Eligible projects for consideration should be ready to implement water conservation technology programs that provide the most immediate and cost-effective benefits. Projects may be eligible for up to 50 percent cost-share reimbursement. The application process opens February 17, 2020 and closes **March 27, 2020 at 5 p.m.** To apply, [click here](#).

For the latest information and details, visit sfwmd.gov/coopfunding. For assistance with the application process, applicants may contact any of the following District staff:

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- St. Johns River - Deirdre Irwin (dirwin@sjrwmd.com or 386-329-4341)
- Southwest Florida - Cassidy Hampton (cassidy.hampton@watermatters.org or 352-796-7211) or Josh Madden (josh.madden@watermatters.org or 352-796-7211)



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The CFWI encompasses five counties: Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole. The state's water experts project that this region will need an additional 300 million gallons of water per day by 2035. Through the CFWI, three water management districts — South Florida, Southwest Florida and St. Johns River — are working collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders to implement effective water resource planning, including water resource and supply development and management strategies to protect, conserve and restore our water resources. To learn more, please visit cfwiwater.com.