

Florida Department of Environmental Protection



Division of Water Restoration Assistance

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Restoration Assistance provides financial assistance to local governments and other entities to improve the quality and quantity of Florida's water resources.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Stormwater and Wastewater)

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provides low-interest loans to local governments to plan, design and build or upgrade wastewater, stormwater and nonpoint source pollution prevention projects as well as reclaimed water and reuse projects. Agricultural management practices as well as clean energy projects that benefit water quality may also qualify for funding. Discounted assistance for small communities is available. Interest rates on loans are below market rates and vary based on the economic means of the community. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund is Florida's largest financial assistance program for water infrastructure.

Grants are available to small communities for the construction of wastewater facilities in municipalities with 10,000 or fewer people and per capita income levels below Florida's average. Projects must be associated with wastewater collection, transmission, treatment or disposal facilities and must accompany a CWSRF loan. Loans with principal forgiveness are also available for small, disadvantaged communities. Financing rates are usually well below market rates.

Applications for loans are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds are available.

Contact: Catherine Murray at 850-245-2966 or Catherine.M.Murray@FloridaDEP.gov or visit FloridaDEP.gov/wra/srf/content/cwsrf-program

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund provides low-interest loans to local governments and private utilities to plan, design and build or upgrade drinking water systems. Discounted assistance and principal forgiveness are sometimes available for qualified communities. Interest rates on loans are typically 40% below market rates.

Applications for loans are accepted year-round and are evaluated for funding each August and quarterly thereafter as long as funds are available.

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Nonpoint Source Management (Pollution Prevention)

The Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant and the State Water-Quality Assistance Grant (SWAG) projects that reduce pollution from nonpoint sources and urban stormwater. Eligible projects include stormwater treatment, erosion and sediment control, and septic tank pollution abatement.

The Section 319 grant funds projects or programs that reduce nonpoint sources of pollution that benefit Florida's priority watersheds. Local sponsors must provide at least a 40% match or in-kind contribution. Eligible activities include demonstration and evaluation of urban and agricultural stormwater management practices, stormwater retrofits and public education.

SWAG funds are available through periodic legislative appropriations to DEP. When funds are available, the program funds stormwater retrofit projects that improve impaired waters, such as stormwater treatment, erosion and sediment control, and septic tank pollution abatement.

Combined applications for both funds are accepted and evaluated in the spring of each year.

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Water Supply Restoration Funding

The Water Supply Restoration Funding Program helps citizens, whose wells are impacted with potential health hazards due to man-made contaminants, restore their water supply to safe levels of drinking. Eligible contaminants do not include bacterial contamination or naturally occurring chemicals.

There are three primary methods to provide safe drinking water at no cost to well owners: connection to a public water system; installation of a water filtration system; or delivery of bottled water.

The program's sampling contract with the Department of Health (DOH) allows potable water quality monitoring which includes well surveying, sampling, and data collection at no cost to the property owner, subsidies for increased costs associated with potable water well construction for drinking water wells within an EDB delineated area.

Funding and well-sampling requests are accepted year-round.

Contact: 1-833-DEP-WSRF (1-833-337-9773) or Water_SupplyRestoration@FloridaDEP.gov or visit FloridaDEP.gov/wra/water-supply-restoration

Other Division Programs

Alternative Water Supply and Restoration

The Alternative Water Supply and Restoration Program is responsible for managing Alternative Water Supply projects that are selected by DEP's Office of Water Policy and Ecosystems Restoration; and developing and managing grant agreements resulting from line item appropriations (legislative appropriations) in each year's Florida General Appropriations Act.

Contact Deinna Dalton at 850-245-2230 or Deinna.Dalton@FloridaDEP.gov or visit FloridaDEP.gov/wra/wra/content/alternative-water-supply-and-restoration-program

Deepwater Horizon

DEP's Deepwater Horizon Program works in partnership along with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in responding to impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the resulting restoration process.

Contact: Sarah Ketron at 850-245-2167 or Sarah.Ketron@FloridaDEP.gov or visit FloridaDEP.gov/deepwaterhorizon

Springs and Watershed Restoration

The Springs and Watershed Restoration Program administers grants for springs restoration funding and other activities directed by the Legislature.

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Water Quality Improvement Grants

The Water Quality Improvement Grant Program (formerly the Wastewater Grant Program) provides funding to governmental entities (cities, counties, municipalities, etc.) to address wastewater (including septic to sewer), stormwater and agricultural sources of nutrients in waterbodies that are not attaining nutrient or nutrient-related standards, have an established total maximum daily load or are located within a basin management action plan area, a reasonable assurance plan area, an accepted alternative restoration plan area, or a rural area of opportunity.

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