

Florida Water Protection and Sustainability Program

Introduction

The Florida Water Protection and Sustainability Program (WPSP) was created through passage of Senate bills 360 and 444 during the 2005 legislative session and their subsequent signing into law by Gov. Jeb Bush. The purpose of this program is to provide cost-share funding for construction of alternative water supply projects.

Program description

Cost-sharing will be on a reimbursement basis for construction costs of alternative water supply development projects. To be considered eligible for the cost-share funding, projects must first be identified in the District Water Supply Plan (DWSP) of the St. Johns River Water Management District. After projects are incorporated into the DWSP, they will be further evaluated as to their suitability for this funding program. The identification of water supply development projects in the DWSP does not guarantee funding assistance through this funding program.

Projects will be evaluated for cost-share funding based on consideration of the 12 factors described in 373.1961(3)(f) and (g), *Florida Statutes* (2005). Also, the District may add evaluation factors as appropriate. District staff will evaluate the potential projects and recommend projects for inclusion in the cost-share funding program. The District's Governing Board will select the projects for inclusion in the program.

Cost-share reimbursement will be up to 40 percent of construction costs. Projects selected for this program may be allocated less than 40 percent reimbursement. The District's Governing Board will determine the percentage of reimbursement on a case-by-case basis. The entity constructing a project shall be required to pay at least 60 percent of the project's construction costs.

More information

For more information about the WPSP, visit www.sjrwmd.com. You may also contact Tom Bartol at (386) 312-2304, or by e-mail at tbartol@sjrwmd.com.



Information is available on the District's Web site
(http://www.sjrwmd.com/programs/cost_share.html).
