

Tips and Tricks for State and Federal Infrastructure Funding

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Agenda



The Need for Funding



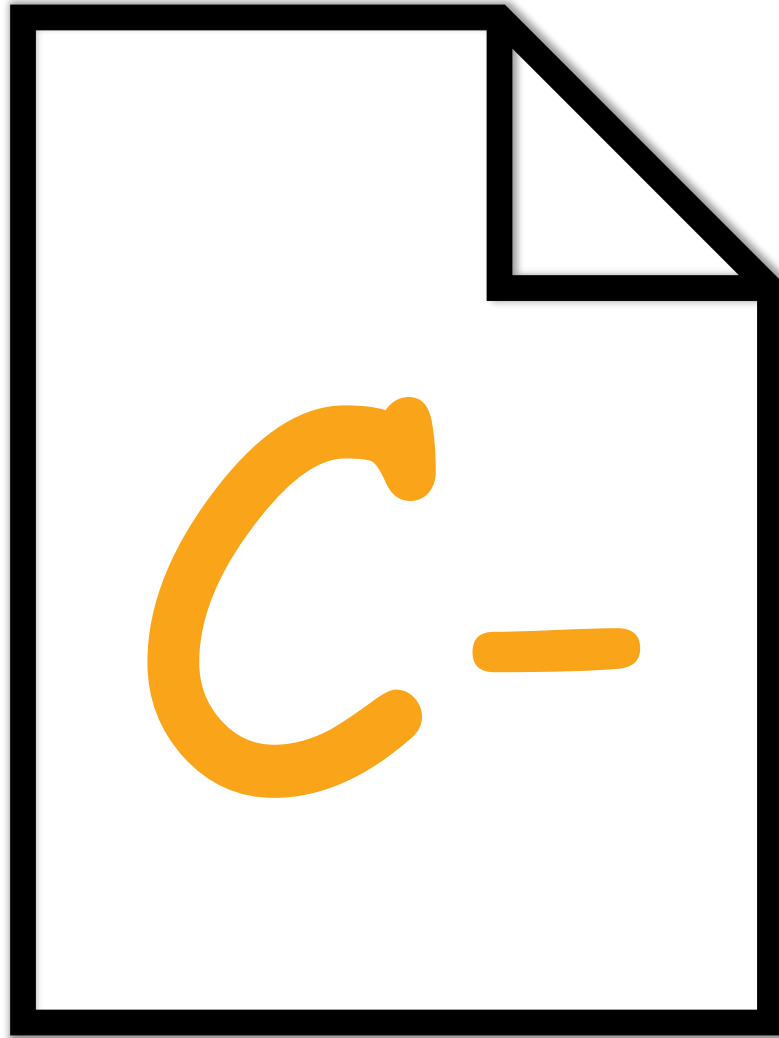
Funding Opportunities



Tips and Tricks

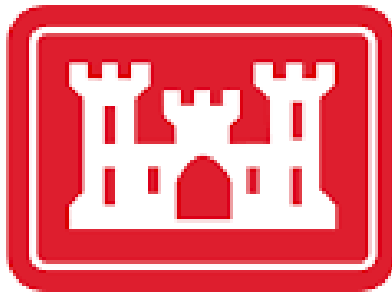


The Need is Great – FL Stormwater Grade



Opportunities

Federal Funding Agencies



FEMA

Opportunities

State Funding Agencies



Southwest Florida
Water Management District

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St. Johns River
Water Management District



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Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission



Programs across these entities have

- Ever-changing deadlines
- Varying priorities, goals, and criteria
- Distinct application, compliance, and reporting requirements



Tips



Identify a critical and competitive project

- Available for planning, design, research, and construction
- “Shovel Ready” = Funding program must coincide with project term
- Understand the funding program requirements, priorities, and goals and how your project aligns



Tips



Understand the cost and cash flow implications

- Notification of Award may not occur for 6+ months after submittal
- Most are reimbursements NOT cash up front
- Grants typically do not cover full cost of a project, matching funds typically required (e.g. 50% cost share)
- Federal “cross-cutter” requirements will add to project cost and timeline
 - BABA
 - AIS
 - NEPA
 - Davis-Bacon
 - DBE
- Grant administration costs may be able to be included in your request!

Tricks



Review or prepare **PLANNING DOCUMENTS** (master, comprehensive, regional plans, hazard mitigation plans) critical projects should be named.



Reach out to program contacts **EARLY**



PREPARING for the application process is necessary to effectively meet program deadlines



Collaborate with your internal and external stakeholders **OFTEN**



ORGANIZE your team for reporting and disbursement requirements

Funding Environment

- Funding program pauses for reviews for alignment to administration priorities.
- We must watch our verbiage and align to current administrations priorities (e.g. resiliency, climate variability, and economic development).
- SRFs are a primary funding option for many critical projects, making many funds are oversubscribed.
 - » Executive branch announced 2026 “skinny” budget showing an 89% reduction in funding provided to the SRFs.
- Cancellation of the FEMA BRIC program.

ADVOCACY MUST CONTINUE!





Thank you