

Tips and Tricks for State and Federal Infrastructure Funding

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Agenda



The Need for Funding



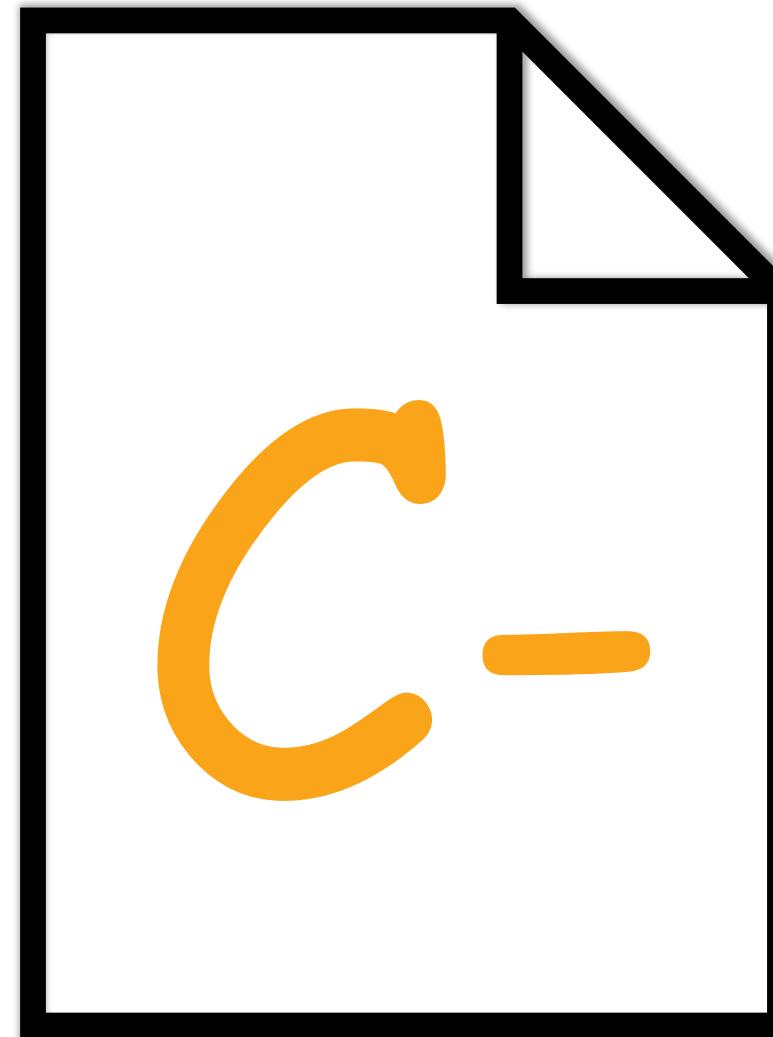
Funding Opportunities



Tips and Tricks

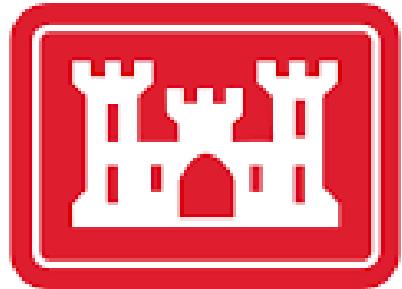


The Need is Great – FL Stormwater Grade



Opportunities

Federal Funding Agencies



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State Funding Agencies



Southwest Florida Water Management District
WATERMATTERS.ORG · 1-800-423-1476



St. Johns River Water Management District



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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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

Public Health

Protect
Habitat

Environmental
Justice

Drought Impacts

Community Benefit

Water Quality

Financial Need

Rural

Strategy Expand

Resiliency

Low-to-moderate income (LMI)

Leveraging

Regionalization Energy
Efficiency

Innovative
Technology

Mitigation

Upgrade

GHG Reductions

Disadvantaged
Community

Compliance

Alternative Supply

Green Infrastructure

Community
Support

Economic Development

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!





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