# ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Fiscal Year 2027 Cost-Share Program



#### **Program Overview**

- The District receives and ranks applications to transmit to DEP for funding determination
- Funding may be provided to assist with the construction / implementation costs of projects addressing:
  - Water supply / alternative water supply (AWS)
  - Water conservation (WC)
- Applications are submitted online through the District's online application process





## Irrigation and Conditions of Service Requirements for Funding

- Municipalities and counties must have a landscape irrigation ordinance that is consistent with the District's model irrigation ordinance
- Utilities must have a condition of service to address irrigation conservation and have a water conserving rate structure





### Alternative Water Supply Projects

Eligible projects must be of one of the following project types:

- Reclaimed water
- Stormwater
- Surface water
- Brackish groundwater
- Desalination
- Other non-traditional source
- Other water quantity





### Water Conservation Projects

Eligible projects must be of one of the following project types:

- Residential water conservation projects (replacement of older less efficient plumbing fixtures, improving the efficiency of landscape irrigation systems)
- Recreational/aesthetic water use projects (improving the efficiency of irrigation systems or replacing systems with more efficient types)
- Commercial / Industrial / Institutional projects vary from manufacturing and cooling processes to typical indoor and outdoor conservation (plumbing and irrigation)







### Alternative Water Supply & Water Conservation Projects

The District will consider the following factors in the selection of AWS and Water Conservation projects:

- Projects that provide regional benefits
- Projects that benefit water bodies with adopted MFLs, particularly those that are in recovery or prevention
- Projects that provide dual benefits to water supply and water quality
- Projects with complementary efforts, such as AWS projects that also provide flood protection, or recreational benefits
- The return on investment, that is, the amount of funding the state grant will leverage by District and/or local cooperators, while recognizing the funding limitations of REDI or other economically disadvantaged communities







#### Fiscal Year 2027 Timeline

- December 11, 2025 Program announcement
- January 29, 2026 Applications due by 5 p.m.
- March 17, 2026 Staff complete reviews and scoring
- May 12, 2026 Governing Board approval



### **Application Steps**

- 1. Review the funding guidance manual on the <u>District</u> cost-share program web page
- 2. Schedule pre-application meeting
- 3. Submit application and supporting documentation



### **Ranking Criteria**

- Benefit to District's Core Missions (up to 30 pts.)
- Secondary benefit to multiple missions (up to 10 pts.)
- Project purpose, goals, and success measures (up to 10 pts.)
- Project readiness (up to 20 pts.)
- Cost effectiveness (up to 30 pts.)



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