

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025 Consent [X] Regular []
Public Hearing []

Department: Water Utilities Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A.) authorize the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) to pursue funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Nonpoint Source Management Grant Program for a grant amount estimated up to \$500,000 for the Golfview Heights of Westgate Water Main Replacement Project (Project); and
- B.) delegate authority to the County Administrator, or designee to sign all grant application forms and supporting documents and complete all registration requirements, execute the forthcoming agreement and all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications, and other forms associated with the forthcoming agreement and any necessary minor amendments that do not substantially change the scope of work, terms, or conditions of the forthcoming agreement.

Summary: FDEP has allotted funding for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to local governments and non-state entities to implement eligible shovel-ready stormwater treatment projects that reduce or eliminate nonpoint source nutrient pollution in verified impaired waterbodies. Funding is also available for projects that implement nonpoint source pollution best management practices, public education programs to prevent pollution, and septic abandonment/connection to sewer on private property. The objective of the Project is septic to sewer conversions whereby it will connect onsite septic systems to the centralized wastewater collection system and improve water quality. **This grant requires a 50% match, which will be funded from a one (1)-time expenditure from Water Utilities user fees, connection fees and balance brought forward.** District 2 (MWJ)

Background and Justification: Since 2020, Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature, over the past five (5) legislative sessions, have approved an investment of \$310 million statewide to develop water resource and water supply projects to help protect water resources and meet the needs of existing and future users. The goal of these grants is to reduce nonpoint source pollution from land use activities.

Attachments:

- 1. FDEP Nonpoint Source Management Grant Request for Applications

Recommended By: Ali Bayat Department Director Date: 2/19/25

Approved By: [Signature] Assistant County Administrator Date: 2/25/25

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

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DEP is now accepting applications for Nonpoint Source Management Grants through **March 31, 2025**. Please see the below link for information and the application:

[ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/Grants](https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/Grants) [protectingfloridatogether.gov]

FROM DEP:

"Nonpoint Source Management Grants fund stormwater treatment projects aimed at reducing or eliminating nonpoint source nutrient pollution in verified impaired waterbodies, particularly those ready for immediate implementation. Funding is also available for best management practices (BMPs) to address nonpoint source pollution, public education programs to prevent pollution and septic-to-sewer on private property.

Financial assistance is available to Florida's local governments, including counties, municipalities and special districts, water management districts, other state agencies, public universities/colleges and national estuary programs located in Florida.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Demonstration and evaluation of [BMPs](https://click.info.floridadep.gov) [click.info.floridadep.gov].
- Nonpoint source pollution reduction in priority watersheds (e.g., areas with water quality restoration plans).
- [Green stormwater infrastructure](https://click.info.floridadep.gov) [click.info.floridadep.gov] and low-impact development for stormwater.
- Groundwater protection from nonpoint sources.
- [Public education programs](https://click.info.floridadep.gov) [click.info.floridadep.gov] on nonpoint source management (319 Grant only).
- Septic-to-sewer projects (319 Grant only).

Examples include lateral connections to sewer mains, installation of grinder pumps/stations on private property and abandonment of septic systems contributing to pollution."

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