

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: **GBD19-0006**

Date Approved: **July 9, 2019**

Subject: **Educational Water Resource Funding Program**

Approval:

Governing Board Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



1.0 Reference to Prior Policy

There are no prior versions of this Directive.

2.0 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Directive is to establish a policy for the Educational Water Resource Funding Program (Program). The intent of the Directive is to offer District funding assistance to community groups and schools within the District boundaries to implement educational, water resource projects that presents factual information on the nature, use, and management of water resources relating to water conservation, water quality, flood protection, and/or natural systems restoration.

3.0 Definitions

- a) Community groups means non-profit public charities as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and other similar groups, both public and private, whose mission is education and resource management and who do not operate for profit.
- b) Schools means a public or private K-12 educational institution, including charter schools, authorized by and operating in accordance with the Rules of the State Board of Education; a Florida College System Institution; a member institution of the State University System and a not-for-profit independent university recognized by the Florida Commission on Independent Education and who is a member institution of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF).

4.0 Elements of Policy

Staff shall make applications and any associated information available at minimum on the District's website or social media outlets. Applications will consist of information necessary to evaluate each project proposal according to its water resource educational benefits, cost of project, and location.

Staff shall maintain all Program application submittals and associated documents in accordance with the Districts public records requirements.