

### RIVER Cost-Share Program

The Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) cost-share program provides funding assistance to water supply and/or wastewater utilities, government entities, and local entities for projects that decrease water consumption, implement water savings programs, provide AWS, protect water supply, improve water quality, restore natural systems, and provide flood protection. There is between \$800,000 to \$1 million allocated annually, with individual projects typically being between \$100,000 and \$400,000.

### Agricultural Cost-Share Program

The SRWMD Agricultural Cost-share Program provides funding assistance districtwide to agricultural operations for the implementation of projects that conserve water and/or result in nutrient loading reductions. The cost-share program provides up to 90% cost-share, not to exceed \$300,000 per funding source for approved projects. Funding is allocated to this program from DEP along with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). For the fiscal year (FY) 2023/24, there was approximately \$2.1 million funded with the same amount expected to be funded through FY 2024/25.

### REDI Program

The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) was established to better serve Florida's economically distressed rural communities (Section 288.0656, F.S.). Counties or communities facing economic challenges are entitled to seek a "Match Waiver or Reduction" in relation to job or wage criteria, eligible company criterion, incentive prerequisites, and grant funding. The eligibility for a match waiver in grant programs is determined by individual state agencies, taking into account their yearly budget allocations and adherence to federal and state regulations (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity n.d.). In the SRWMD's portion of the Partnership area, there are seven REDI counties (Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Suwannee, and Union), which qualify for match waivers.

## **SJRWMD**

SJRWMD offers funding through a competitive cost-share program to support agricultural projects. The funding may come from SJRWMD alone or in partnership with local entities, and state funds can supplement these awards.

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