



**UNINCORPORATED HILLSBOROUGH  
COUNTY ONLY**



**Hillsborough County  
Neighborhood  
Low-Volume Irrigation Program  
Mini-Grant Application**

## AVAILABLE FUNDING

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces the availability of \$150,000 in funding for low-volume irrigation systems. The program is being administered through the Office of Neighborhood Relations (ONR) in collaboration with the Hillsborough County Water Department and Cooperative Extension Services. **This grant is only for associations in unincorporated Hillsborough County.** Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis and evaluated for eligibility as received. Only one application per association per fiscal year will be considered. The County's fiscal year is from October 1 through September 30. The maximum individual award will be \$2,500 per association.

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of this grant program is to encourage water conservation by facilitating the installation of efficient low-volume irrigation systems in community-maintained areas. "Low-volume" irrigation is defined as a maximum of 0.5 gallons per minute, per emitter, at operating pressures not to exceed 25 p.s.i. Funds may be used to retrofit current systems, or install new systems in areas with a water hook-up readily available.

Upon approval of an application, a Coordinator from the Office of Neighborhood Relations will contact the association representative to discuss the selection of an installation vendor. If the association has a contracted maintenance vendor who is licensed, insured and capable of and willing to perform the installation, arrangements will be made to use that vendor. If the association does not have a contracted maintenance company that can install or retrofit a system, an installer will be selected from a list maintained by ONR.

## ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR APPLYING

Neighborhood, Civic, Homeowner Associations and Special Taxing Districts in **Unincorporated Hillsborough County** are eligible to apply for funding. A specific area that the applicant represents must be identified and evidence of active local resident involvement and concurrence will be required. For-profit service providers and local government entities are not eligible to apply for funding.

## PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Neighborhood leaders are invited to propose projects that will install or retrofit current irrigation systems with low-volume technology in community-maintained areas. This area could be either community-owned or city/county owned and community-maintained. Proof of ownership and/or city/county maintenance agreements should be attached.

## PROJECTS NOT QUALIFIED

- Some examples of the types of projects/budget items that do **NOT** qualify for funding are listed below:
- Projects proposed to be completed on private property subsequently benefiting an individual property owner.
- Watering areas that contain solely or mostly "sod" (turf).
- Projects presented without evidence of association Board of Directors (Trustee) approval

## INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the application pages that follow. Read each question carefully and respond in the spaces provided. Contact the Office of Neighborhood Relations (813) 272-5860 if you have any questions.

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**A. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION for Low Volume Irrigation Grant Program**

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1. **Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Type of Organization    \_\_\_ Neighborhood, Community, Civic or Homeowners Association  
                                  \_\_\_ Special Tax District (*only eligible if no association exists*)
- b) Has the organization named above been legally incorporated in the State of Florida? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
                                  (*This is not a requirement for funding but may influence implementation process options.*)
- c) If yes, what is its Federal Tax Identification Number? \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **President's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
                  (*Home*)                    (*Work*)                    (*Fax*)
- E-mail address: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Additional Contact Person Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
                  (*Home*)                    (*Work*)                    (*Fax*)
- E-mail address: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Property Management Co (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_
- Property Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_                    FAX: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail address: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Neighborhood/Subdivision Location and Boundaries Location**

North boundary: \_\_\_\_\_ South boundary: \_\_\_\_\_

East boundary: \_\_\_\_\_ West boundary: \_\_\_\_\_

General location (e.g., Brandon, Lutz, Ruskin): \_\_\_\_\_

County Commission District: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Association Website Address**

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**B. PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION**

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1. **Project Summary:** *Describe the project area where the system will be installed. Please include an inventory of installed plants and amount of shade available. Please note: Watering areas that contain solely or mostly "sod" (turf) do not qualify. Please submit a sketch of the area to be irrigated in relationship to the subdivision. Actual design and installation will be done by a County-approved vendor. Please provide specific directions to the area to be irrigated so that County staff can inspect it once installed. If you are in a gated community, we will need the entry code for that inspection.*

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2. **Neighborhood Demographics:** *Describe the make-up of your neighborhood, including the number of homes, % single-family dwellings, etc.*

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3. **Location:** *Describe the general location (e.g. Carrollwood) and specific neighborhood boundaries.*

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4. **Board Authorization and Community Notification:** *Describe the process used to obtain Board of Directors (Trustee) authorization and efforts to advise and seek input from residents in your community. (newsletter articles, door-to-door flyers, survey, etc.)*

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5. **Additional sources of funding:** *Describe other sources of funds (e.g. association dues collected) available to you? If so, what kind and how much?*

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6. **Type of Installation:**       *new installation*       *retrofitting of a current system*

*If it will be a retrofitting, please describe the current system in detail and/or attach an "as built" map.*

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7. **Water Source:**      *Describe the source of water to be used (city/county, community well, reclaimed)? Is the current source metered? If so, what is the historical water use? How is the association paying the monthly bill?*

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8. **Conservation Program Marketing:**      *Describe what type of water conservation marketing and community awareness your community would be willing to coordinate in conjunction with this program (i.e. host "Water Wise" workshop within the community, door-to-door distribution of flyers, article(s) in neighborhood newsletter).*

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**C. CERTIFICATION**

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I hereby certify that the above information is correct and represents the consensus of the residents in the target area described.

(Signature of Association President is required)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

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Submit completed application to:

Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations  
601 E Kennedy Blvd, 1st Floor  
Tampa, Florida 33602

FAX: (813) 276-2621

**Applications will be received continuously and reviewed as received for eligibility and funding.**

Questions may be directed to Neighborhood Relations at 272-5860.

## **Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners**

Al Higginbotham – Chairman

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## **County Administrator**

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## **Water Department**

Paul VanderPloog, Director

925 E Twiggs Street

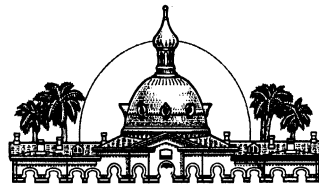
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## **Cooperative Extension Services**

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