

**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.
- Projects proposed to be completed on county property that is maintained by county departments/staff.
- 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.

A. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION for Low Volume Irrigation Grant Program

1. **Organization Name:** WATERFORD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
- a) Type of Organization Neighborhood, Community, Civic or Homeowners Association
 Special Tax District (only eligible if no association exists)
 Other (only eligible if no association exists in the geographic area to be served)
Specify: _____
- 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: 13317 Waterford Run Drive
City/Zip Code: Riverview, FL 33569
2. **President's Name:** Leo Judge
Address: 13110 Waterford Run Drive
City/Zip Code: Riverview, FL 33569
Phone: (813)654-7533
(Home) (Work) (Fax)
E-mail address: (if applicable) leofjudge@gmail.com
3. **Additional Contact Person Name & Title:** Ed Arvel, President, Waterford Special Taxing District
Address: 10005 Hunt Cliff Drive
City/Zip Code: Riverview, FL 33569
Phone: (813) 654-8991
(Home) (Work) (Fax)
E-mail address: (if applicable) jeana@mpinet.net
4. **Property Management Co (if applicable):** none
Property Manager's Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ FAX: _____
E-mail address: (if applicable) _____

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

North boundary: Alafia River South boundary: TECO Easement

East boundary: Bell Shoals Road West boundary: Gibbons Preserve

General location (e.g., Brandon, Lutz, Ruskin): Riverview (Bell Shoals Rd. north of Boyette Rd.)

County Commission District: _____

6. **Association Website Address**

B. PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION

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.*

- Front Entrance Exterior (outside gate) See attached list of plants and flowers and vendor's proposed plan. Also, hedges line inside walls to the south and north. Sod areas approximately 15% of entire common area of front entrance exterior.
- Front Entrance Interior (inside gate) See attached list of plants and flowers. Sod areas approximately 30% of entire common area of front entrance interior. Common area also includes 24 palm trees along approximately 150 lineal feet on the north side of Waterford Run Drive.
- Areas for low-volume irrigation include entire front entrance on both sides of front gate and north side of Waterford Run Drive where palm trees are planted.

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

We are a gated community of 60 single family dwellings in an upscale sub-division with wetlands and the Alafia River to the north, a boundary privacy wall to the south, and a large park area where Bell Creek flows through our community and empties into the Alafia River. The park area is in a high risk flood zone having a history of the Creek overflowing its banks and flooding the entire park area. The only amenities at the park are two community tennis courts. The park area borders on a TECO easement corridor, the Gibbons Preserve, and the Ace Golf Driving Range.

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

Riverview off Bell Shoals Road just north of the Boyette Road / Fishhawk Blvd traffic light. See section A5 above for specific neighborhood boundaries.

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.)*

The Low-Volume Irrigation Program and Mini-Grant Application received from the Neighborhood Relations Department and the plans for same from the County approved vendor will be posted on the Waterford website. The community will be informed by email of the posting and that the WPOA Board will be voting on the grant and vendor's proposed plan. Residents will be encouraged to respond to the email for comments and also encouraged to attend the following monthly WPOA meeting for feedback.

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?*

Assessments are set by the Special Taxing District (WTD), collected by the State, and returned to the WTD to fund the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the common areas including those areas with the low-volume irrigation system.

6. **Type of Installation:** new installation X 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.

Current system is an underground sprinkler system with a timer controlled panel set for the designated day for watering, time of day, and length of time to run for all zones controlled. It also has a rain sensing device to inactivate watering. All sprinkler heads are "pop-ups" that are located in plant beds and some minimal sodded areas at the front entrance.

8. **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?*

The community has its own well. There is no water meter to measure usage and there is no historical water usage information available. As such, there are no monthly bills.

9. **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).*

The WPOA will encourage property owners to upgrade (where possible) their existing irrigation systems to low-volume irrigation and will work with the vendor in making presentations to the community at monthly/annual WPOA meetings.

C. CERTIFICATION

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: _____

D. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit completed application to:

Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations
601 E Kennedy Blvd, 13th 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.

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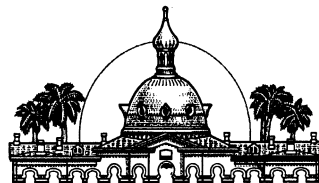
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