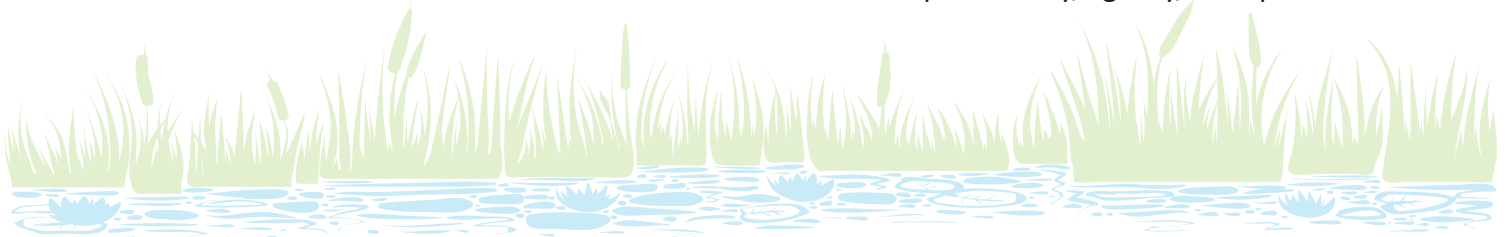


Lake Improvement Grant Program

The Hillsborough County Lake Improvement Grant Program provides matching grants for water quality improvement projects that promote environmentally sustainable management strategies for lakes in unincorporated Hillsborough County, and help achieve improvements in water quality and lake ecosystems.

Program Guidelines:

- The project must be located in unincorporated Hillsborough County and directly associated with a natural lake (i.e. not a man-made stormwater pond).
- For a lake to be eligible, one of the following must be met: 1) The County must own a portion of the lake or property abutting the lake, or 2) the County must possess one or more drainage easements associated with the lake, or 3) the lake must receive water from, or discharge water to, the County's stormwater drainage system.
- Grants may be used for water quality improvements and/or vegetation maintenance. This program is intended for water quality improvement, and grants will not be awarded solely for the aesthetic improvements or recreational benefit (qualifying examples include minor stormwater treatment, general cleanup of trash and debris, herbiciding/removal of nuisance vegetation, purchase and installation of native aquatic plants, etc.)
- Up to \$5,000 may be awarded per lake, and no more than \$50,000 may be awarded in any fiscal year.
- Funding provided must be matched by the applicant(s) on a 1:1 basis (i.e. applicant(s) must also spend at least \$5,000 in order to receive the full \$5,000 from the County). The amount of reimbursement eligible for each proposal will be determined in advance, but can't exceed \$5,000.
- Grant funding will be provided by the County as a reimbursement, after the applicant has paid the full expense. After the applicant has completed the project and submitted proper documentation of project expenses to the County, 50 percent of eligible costs, as agreed in advance, will be reimbursed to the applicant, not to exceed \$5,000.
- Award recipients shall not be eligible for an additional award for the same lake for five years from the date of the most recent award.
- Applicants selected to receive grant funds must enter into a formal funding agreement with the County, and work must be completed within 12 months of execution of the funding agreement.
- Funds may not be used for the acquisition of real property.
- Neither the applicant nor any source of matching funds may be a federal, state, or local government, or other public body, agency, or department.



Applications and the complete program policy are available at [HCFLGov.net/HCH20](https://www.hcflgov.net/HCH20) or by contacting Hillsborough County Public Works at (813) 635-5400.



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