



**MEMORANDUM**  
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

**Date:** March 13, 2026  
**To:** CLFLWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney, District Administrator  
**Subject:** Bush Foundation Grant Application



**Background/Discussion:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider authorizing staff to submit a second grant application to the Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant Program. As noted in the February Administrator’s Report, the District’s first proposal for shoreline resiliency work was not selected for funding. Staff proposes re-applying to this grant program for a different project which may better fit the theme of innovation.

The proposed grant project involves refining, testing, deploying, and spreading the Sequential Diagnostic Assessment (SDA) model for water quality improvement. This project would build upon the existing SDA protocols that the District has developed, implement additional diagnostic monitoring within the CLFLWD, work with partners to test the SDA approach in other parts of the state, and spread the model to a wider audience through coordination with state agencies.

District staff are refining the proposed work plan and budget in coordination with potential partners. Depending on partner participation, the grant request may be between \$500,000 to \$2 million or even higher. There is no minimum match for this program and no grant application deadline.

**Recommended Action:**

Proposed Motion: Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit a grant application to the Bush Foundation for Sequential Diagnostic Assessment and, upon advice of counsel, to execute the grant agreement if awarded. Motion seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.