



## MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

**Date:** April 16, 2026  
**To:** CLFLWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney, District Administrator  
**Subject:** National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Five Star Grant Application



**District Wide**

### **Background/Discussion:**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to consider authorizing District staff to submit an application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) [Five Star Grant Program](#). This would be a new grant program for the CLFLWD. If awarded, this grant would provide funding for shoreline restoration projects and shoreline public outreach.

Staff propose partnering with the District's three lake associations and two soil and water conservation districts on this project. All proposals are required to have five partners involved, including the applicant organization. Discussions with these potential partners have not yet started. CLFLWD resolution 22-02-03 authorizes the District administrator to apply for, execute, and perform agreements providing for District grant funding up to \$40,000, where the District does not thereby obligate itself to a local share of more than \$20,000. Since this grant request is likely to exceed the \$40,000 limit, staff are seeking this Board authorization prior to spending resources working on this grant, including the time collaborating with other partners.

The grant award range is \$30,000-\$150,000. Staff propose applying for a grant in the upper area of this range. This program requires a 75% non-federal match, which would, for example, amount to \$112,500 if a \$150,000 request was made. Match funds can be provided through District staff time, volunteer time, and state grants (e.g., Watershed Based Implementation Funding, if awarded).

If awarded, the project period would be approximately January 2027 through June 2028.

### **Recommended Action:**

Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to authorize District staff to work with other local partners to submit a grant application and funding request to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Five Star program. Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.