

**AMENDMENT NO. 4
TO AGREEMENT NO. LPF2701
BETWEEN
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
HERNANDO COUNTY**

This Amendment to Agreement No. LPF2701 (Agreement), as previously amended, is made by and between the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), an agency of the State of Florida, and Hernando County (Grantee), on the date last signed below.

WHEREAS, the Department entered into the Agreement with the Grantee for Hernando County Septic Upgrade Incentive Program (Project), effective August 29, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantee has requested a revision in the scope of work for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantee has requested an extension of the Agreement to complete additional septic upgrades; and,

WHEREAS, other changes to the Agreement are necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 3. of the Standard Grant Agreement is hereby revised to change the Date of Expiration to April 30, 2028. The Department and the Grantee shall continue to perform their respective duties during this extension period pursuant to the same terms and conditions provided in the Agreement.
2. Attachment 3-3, Revised Grant Work Plan, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment 3-4, Revised Grant Work Plan, as attached to this Amendment and hereby incorporated into the Agreement. All references in the Agreement to Attachment 3 shall hereinafter refer to Attachment 3-4, Revised Grant Work Plan.
3. Exhibit J, OSTDS/EDH Grants Data Collection Tool, is hereby added to the Agreement.
4. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect. If and to the extent that any inconsistency may appear between the Agreement and this Amendment, the provisions of this Amendment shall control.

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The parties agree to the terms and conditions of this Amendment and have duly authorized their respective representatives to sign it on the dates indicated below.

HERNANDO COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By: 
Authorized Signature

By: _____
Secretary or Designee

Jerry Cambell, BOCC Chairman
Print Name and Title

Angela Knecht, Division Director
Print Name and Title

Date: August 11, 2026

Date: _____

Daronathan Do, DEP Grant Manager

Zach Easton, DEP QC Reviewer

List of attachments/exhibits included as part of this Amendment:

Specify Type	Letter/ Number	Description
Attachment	3-4	Revised Grant Work Plan
Exhibit	J	OSTDS/EHD Grants Data Collection Tool

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

By: Natasha López Perez
Hernando County Attorney's Office

ATTACHMENT 3-4 REVISED GRANT WORK PLAN

PROJECT TITLE: Hernando County Septic Upgrade Incentive Program

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will be located in Hernando County: Lat/Long (28.5158, -82.5625), in the Weeki Wachee Priority Focus Area (PFA).

PROJECT BACKGROUND: Pursuant to the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act (2016) and resulting Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) the Grantee will complete a Wastewater Feasibility Analysis to determine when central sewer is the appropriate solution. The Grantee will also determine alternative solutions to reduce nutrients to the springshed areas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Based on the results of the Wastewater Feasibility Analysis performed by Hernando County, the Grantee will develop a Septic Upgrade Incentive Program to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) to include nitrogen reducing enhancements. The incentive program is intended to offset a portion of homeowner costs by providing certified septic system installers and licensed plumbers with up to \$7,500 after the installation of enhanced nitrogen-reducing features to existing septic systems located in targeted areas within the County that are pre-approved by the Department.

This project includes funding for personnel, grant administration, and overhead costs.

TASKS: All documentation should be submitted electronically unless otherwise indicated and should be submitted prior to the expiration of the grant agreement.

Task 1: Septic Upgrade Incentives

Deliverables: The Grantee will provide incentive payments to eligible recipients of up to \$7,500 per installation to encourage homeowners to voluntarily remediate existing conventional Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS) to include nitrogen reducing enhancements within parts of the county approved by the Department. The Grantee will submit through the Department's GIS web-interface data collection tool parcel-level data identifying OSTDS enhancements along with associated grant information.

Documentation: The Grantee will submit:

- 1) a signed summary of activities completed for the period of work covered in the payment request, using the format provided by the Department's Grant Manager;
- 2) a list of addresses and type of septic upgrade completed; and
- 3) copies of invoices for the upgrades by a registered septic installer or licensed plumber.

For the final documentation, the Grantee will also submit an email from the Department's GIS web-interface data collection tool, confirming that data for the project has been submitted.

Performance Standard: The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, a payment request may be processed.

Payment Request Schedule: The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

Task 2: Grant Administration

Deliverables: The Grantee will provide grant administration services related to Task 1, to include review of documents and forms, budget oversight, preparation and submittal of quarterly progress reports, processing of payment requests and related documentation, and overall project coordination and supervision.

Documentation: The Grantee will submit a signed summary of activities completed for the period of work covered in the payment request, using the format provided by the Department's Grant Manager. Upon request by the Department's Grant Manager, the Grantee will provide additional supporting documentation relating to this task.

Performance Standard: The Department's Grant Manager will review the documentation to verify that the deliverables have been completed as described above. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager, a payment request may be processed.

Payment Request Schedule: The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than monthly.

PROJECT TIMELINE & BUDGET DETAIL: The tasks must be completed by the corresponding task end date. Cost reimbursable grant funding must not exceed the budget amounts as indicated below.

For payment requests that include Contractual Services, the Grantee shall provide documentation of the procurement process, as consistent with Attachment 1, Section 9.c.

Task No.	Task Title	Budget Category	Grant Amount	Task Start Date	Task End Date
1	Septic Upgrade Incentives	Miscellaneous/ Other Expenses	\$4,491,446.09	07/01/2021	10/31/2027
2	Grant Administration	Contractual Services	\$521,501.00	07/01/2021	10/31/2027
Total:			\$5,012,947.09		

Note that, per Section 8 of Attachment 1 in the Agreement, authorization for continuation and completion of work and any associated payments may be rescinded, with proper notice, at the discretion of the Department if the Legislature reduces or eliminates appropriations. Extending the contract end date carries the risk that funds for this project may become unavailable in the future. This should be a consideration for the Grantee with this and future requests for extension.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Exhibit J
OSTDS/EHD Grants Data Collection Tool**

The current **OSTDS/EHD Grants Data Collection Tool** for this grant can be found on the Department's website at this link:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a68fffc3004f4c53b7de40ceda3842f8/>

This tool shall be used for grant agreements for construction of septic to sewer, septic upgrades, sewer extension, other sewer system improvements or for connection to central sewer to collect parcel-level data identifying collection system extensions; lift stations and other infrastructure associated. This requirement will be listed in the Deliverables section of the grant work plan if it is required.

The User Guide for this tool can be found here:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a68fffc3004f4c53b7de40ceda3842f8/page/User-Guide>