



Future Supply Actions Funding Program Round 3

# Pre-Proposal Bid Webinar

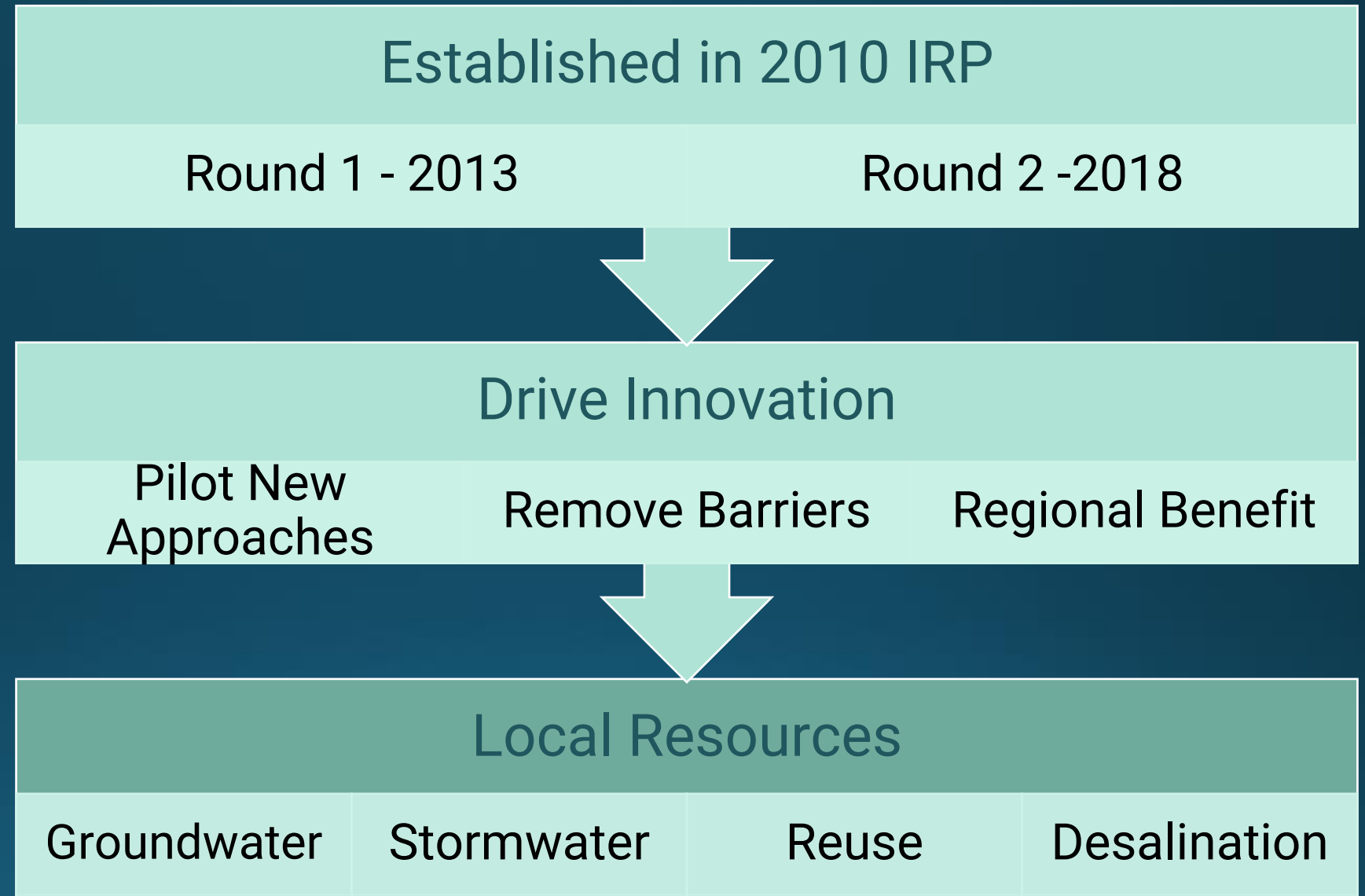
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## Overview







- Future Supply Actions Funding Program Background
- Round 3 Details
- Proposal Guidelines
- Questions

## Background

Supports the Climate  
Action Management  
Plan for Water  
process resiliency  
principles



## FSA Core Program Elements

-  Up to \$500k per member agency or per study
-  100% dollar-for-dollar match
-  2-year studies
-  Selected through RFP
-  Studies must meet minimum criteria
-  Selected by expert panel



Final  
Symposium  
will be returning  
for Round 3



## FSA Funding Program

Round 1 - Approved in 2013 - 13 studies

Round 2 - Approved in 2018 - 14 Studies

- All FSA Program materials and presentations, and current Round 3 materials, presentations, and Q&A responses will be found at:

**<https://www.mwdh2o.com/FSA>**

## FSA Round 3

### Available Funding

- Fund up to 8 Studies up to \$3M
- Up to \$500k per member agency or study
- Next Funding round is expected in FY 2025-6

### Agreement Terms

- No retention, flexible invoicing options
- One-year extension provision

### Member Agency Partnership

- 5% scoring benefit
- Requires one lead member agency and two or more Member Agency partners

## Round 3 Schedule

Date	Milestone
12/01/2023	Release of RFP
12/13/2023	Non-mandatory pre-bid webinar
01/12/2024	Questions for clarification will close
02/05/2024	<b>RFP proposals due by 2:00 p.m.</b>
Q2 2024	Proposal awards (Contingent upon Board)
Q2 2024	Agreements signed by recipients (Goal)
Q1 2025	Work Initiation Deadline
Q4 2026	Final Report Deadline



# Who can submit?

- Open to Metropolitan member agencies
- Member agencies may partner with other member agencies or with other entities
  - Must be submitted by one designated lead member agency
  - **Metropolitan member agency** partners must contribute at least \$10,000 to qualify for 5% scoring bonus



Photo: City of Santa Ana & Orange County Water District - Restoration of Recharge Sources from Invasive Mussels

# What Studies or Pilot Tests qualify?

## Program may include

Pilot and bench-scale studies

Demonstration studies

Integration studies

Innovative treatment processes

New technologies

## Program may not include

Existing studies or projects

Construction of full-scale projects

Design of full-scale projects

CEQA documentation for projects

Acquisition of properties

Similar Studies

Repeat of prior studies

## What are the Key Agreement Terms?

- Two-year Study or Pilot Test
  - One-year extension
- Semi-annual reports
- Invoicing options: Quarterly, Semi-Annually, or Deliverable-based
- Final Report and Presentation Copy for final payment
- Symposium Participation



Photo: Aliso Creek Smart Watershed Network Pilot Project Municipal Water District of Orange County with program managers Moulton Niguel Water District

# Proposal Submittal Guidelines

Only accepted in PDF  
format

Formatted with an 8  
1/2" x 11" size paper  
with black text in a 12-  
point font

Proposals may not  
exceed 20 pages,  
including attachments.

Support Letters, and  
other supplemental  
information should be  
included in the  
Appendix

Proposals shall be clear,  
accurate, and  
comprehensive

The PDF should include  
the entire proposal



# Proposal Submittal Guidelines

## Support letters:

- No more than five
- One Page Limit each
- Do not count for the proposal page limit
- Support letters should be sent to [FSAfundingprogram@mwdh2o.com](mailto:FSAfundingprogram@mwdh2o.com) addressed to Jonathan Jordan

Non-conforming proposals may be deemed non-responsive and rejected.



## Scoring criteria and reviewers

- Reviewers composed of 2 internal and 3 external subject matter experts
- Proposal will be ranked based on evaluation criteria



Photo: City of Anaheim's  
Assessment of Stormwater  
Capture for Groundwater  
Enhancement

Ranking Criteria	Percentage
Removes Barriers/Supply Resiliency	30%
Regional Benefit/Applicability	20%
Innovative Process, Approach, or Technology	20%
Work Plan/Schedule	15%
Costs	15%

In a narrative form, describe how the proposed actions:

Criteria 1  
Removes  
Barriers /  
Supply  
Resiliency  
30%

Increase future local supply potential

Are critical to resource resiliency and planning for climate change-driven uncertainty.

**Removes barriers** to supply development

Increase regional climate resiliency or safeguard current local supplies.

# In a narrative form, describe how the proposed actions:

## Criteria 2

Regional  
Benefit /  
Applicability  
20%

Results of this study would apply to Metropolitan's member agencies, retail agencies, and regional stakeholders.

If applicable, describe other co-benefits, such as water quality, energy, wastewater, infrastructure, environmental, etc.

**Reminder! Metropolitan will award a 5% bonus to proposals with three or more participating Member Agencies.**

Criteria 3  
Innovative  
Process,  
Approach, or  
Technology  
20%

In a narrative form, describe how the proposed actions:

Are unique and innovative.

Advance the field of knowledge to develop future water resources.

Identify and describe the follow-up actions necessary for regulatory acknowledgment or wide-scale implementation.

Criteria 4  
Work Plan /  
Schedule  
15%

## Describe:

Work plan and schedule for each task and deliverable

- Define how proposal success will be measured
- Identify potential challenges, issues, and prerequisites.

How objectives can be achieved in the stated time period

Include a table of required permits, expected award date, and impact on the study work if delayed.



Criteria 5  
Costs  
15%

## For the purpose of proposal evaluation:

Provide a cost breakdown in tabular form

- Include a breakdown of monetary funding match and requested funds
- Provide a list of all funding sources of the funding
- Do not include in-kind services in the funding match

Describe the proposed work plan's cost-effectiveness

How the Member Agency will commit the matching funds before the Member Agency signs the FSA Funding Program agreement.

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# Next Steps

Any Updates or Announcements will be posted at the FSA Funding Program's website: [www.mwdh2o.com/fsa](http://www.mwdh2o.com/fsa)

**Proposals will be received until 02:00 p.m., February 05, 2024.**

Please email proposals and any relevant correspondence to [FSAFundingProgram@mwdh2o.com](mailto:FSAFundingProgram@mwdh2o.com)

# Questions?

