

7.0 Additional Considerations

1. Staff shall make cost-share funding applications and information packets available on the District's webpage or social media outlets.
2. Staff shall develop and maintain a qualified list of cost-shareable items. Cost-shareable items shall be presented to the Governing Board for approval.
3. Agricultural cost-share funds may be used for administrative services expenditures provided by a cooperator implementing one or more of the District's agricultural cost-share programs.

8.0 Notice of Potential Conflict

Section 112.313(7)(a), F.S. prohibits the District's officers and employees from having or holding any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity which is doing business with the District. In CEO 15-1, 98-3, 90-76 and 77-65 the Florida Commission on Ethics held that receiving a grant, such as the funding offered under the District's Agriculture Cost Share Program, constitutes "doing business with" an agency. Therefore, Section 112.313(7)(a), F.S. prohibits the District's officers and employees from having or holding any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity which is participating in the District's Agriculture Cost Share Program.

However, the prohibition set out in Section 112.313(7)(a), F.S. does not apply to members of the Governing Board. In CEO 20-09, the Florida Commission on Ethics held that Section 112.313(7)(a), F.S. does not prohibit members of the Governing Board from having or holding any employment or contractual relationship with an agricultural producer that applies for and receives a cost-share grant from the District. Provided that such member's actions are still subject to the prohibition against misuse of public position set out in Section 112.313(6), F.S., and, were such matter to come before the Governing Board, the voting conflict law codified in Section 112.3143, F.S. would apply.