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An innovative public-private grant partnership will provide \$673,000 for important restoration, research and education projects in the Tampa Bay watershed.

Seven organizations or agencies are receiving grants from the Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund (TBERF). The Fund is managed jointly by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and Restore America's Estuaries (RAE). Funding comes from the Southwest Florida Water Management District; The Mosaic Company Foundation; Hillsborough County; Manatee County; Pinellas County; the Florida Department of Transportation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and TECO Energy.

This year, seven grant proposals were selected to receive full or partial funding totaling \$673,070. Because TBERF grants require a 1:1 match, this will result in nearly \$1.35 million in the coming year for projects to protect and restore the Tampa Bay watershed.



**Mosaic proudly supports the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and for our contributions to the Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund, we recently were recognized with a Gulf Guardian Award for our partnership to help restore and protect Tampa Bay's watershed.**

*Mosaic's Jeff Stewart, Environmental – Sr. Mgr.(third from left), joined representatives from the EPA, Restore America's Estuaries and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to accept the partnership award.*

