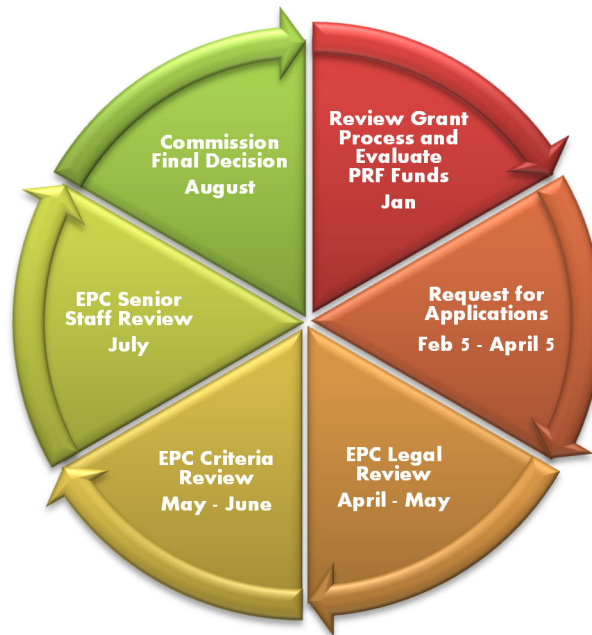




## POLLUTION RECOVERY FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

The Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Act (Chapter 84-446, Laws of Florida) and Chapter 1-9, Rules of the EPC establish a pollution recovery fund which is to be supervised and used by the Commission to restore polluted areas of the County, as defined by the Commission, to the condition they were in before pollution occurred, to mitigate the effects of pollution, or to otherwise enhance pollution control activities within Hillsborough County. The application and review process is generally as follows:

**Online Application Forms must be received on or before the April 5th, 2024, 5:00 p.m. deadline. Late applications will not be considered.**



- The online application and instructions can be obtained at: <http://www.epchc.org/prf>.
- Following the deadline, qualifying applications will be distributed to various persons, including the EPC Legal Department, and EPC technical staff.
- Both the applicant and/or reviewer may request a meeting to discuss details of the project at any time during the review process.
- Select EPC technical staff will perform independent reviews of each project.
- EPC staff will meet with the Executive Director and Senior Staff to discuss qualified projects to determine recommendations for the EPC Commission to consider.
- Select applicants may be invited to attend a meeting with EPC staff to make a brief (15 minute) presentation in support of their project and answer any questions that may arise.
- Staff recommendations will be presented to the EPC Commission for final decision.
- **If the project is approved, the applicant must sign a PRF grant agreement before monies will be available or work on the project can begin.**
- EPC Legal will draft the agreement with standard terms and conditions. The EPC Project Manager will then provide it to the applicant for review and execution.
- EPC Legal will arrange for execution of the agreement by the EPC Chair and the EPC Project Manager will maintain the original agreement.
- The EPC Project Manager will be responsible for ensuring the applicant's compliance with the agreement.