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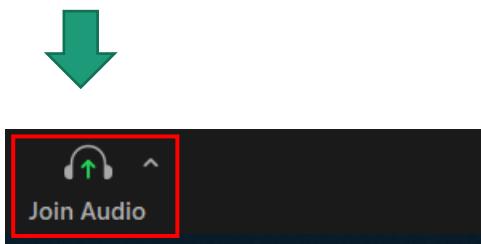


Welcome to the
2022 Safe, Clean Water Grants
Informational Workshop

We will get started shortly

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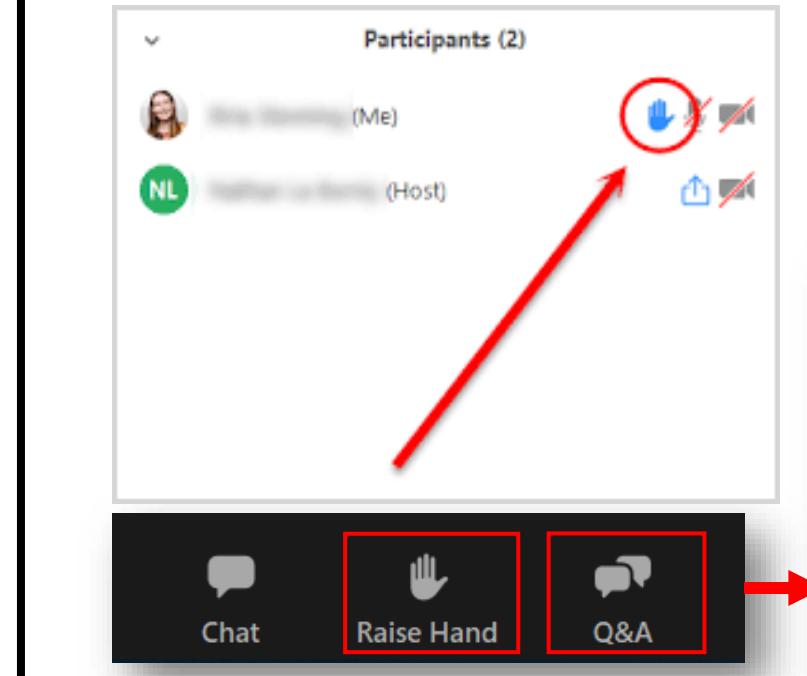
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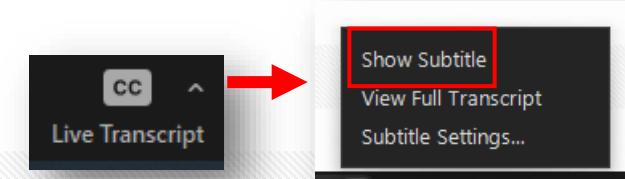
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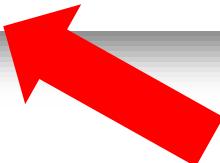
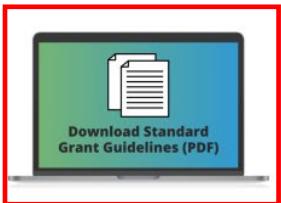


Standard Grant Guidelines

Download the guidelines and follow along!

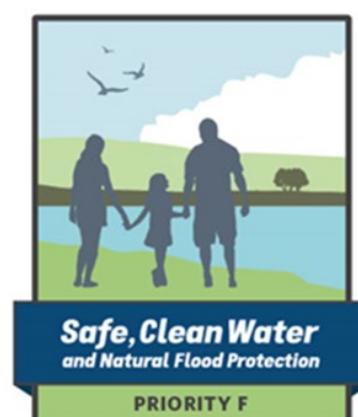
<https://www.valleywater.org/standardgrants>

Valley Water helps make a difference through our Standard Grants and Partnerships Program



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Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection
PRIORITY F

A Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection
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Safe, Clean Water
and Natural Flood Protection



2022 Safe, Clean Water Grants Informational Workshop

Dec. 9, 2021 • Dec. 15, 2021 • Jan. 12, 2022 • Jan. 25, 2022

Agenda

- About Valley Water
- Safe, Clean Water Program
- Grants & Partnership Program
- New Changes to Grants under Measure S
- Funding Availability
- Eligibility & Requirements
- Grant Cycle Timeline
- Standard Grants Criteria, & Sample Projects
- Bonus Criteria
- Proposal Scope, Budget, & Schedule
- CEQA, Permits, Insurance
- Fluxx Grants Management System
- Other Grant Opportunities
- Questions & Answers

Valley Water Mission

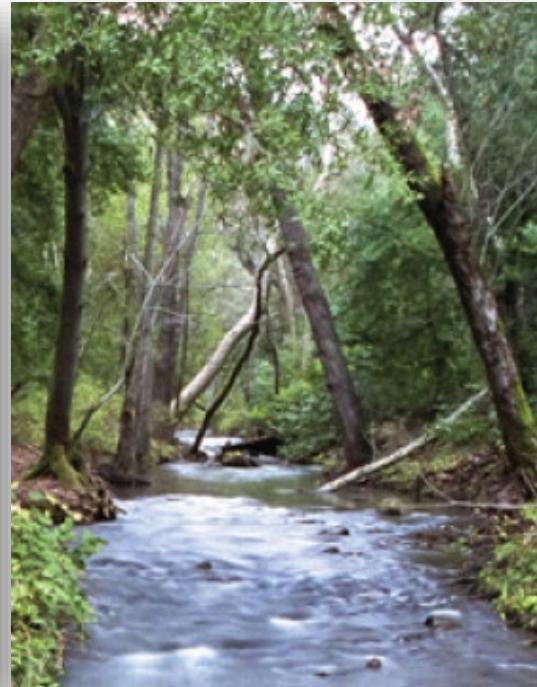
Providing Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.



**Clean, Reliable
Water**



**Flood
Protection**



**Healthy Creeks
and Ecosystems**

Grants & Partnerships Program

- Funded through voter approved ballot measure
- Provides funding to the community to address the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program priorities
- Leverages community resources for efficient use of funds
- Increases collaborations and partnerships for stewardship activities with cities, the county, nonprofit organizations, schools, and other community stakeholders

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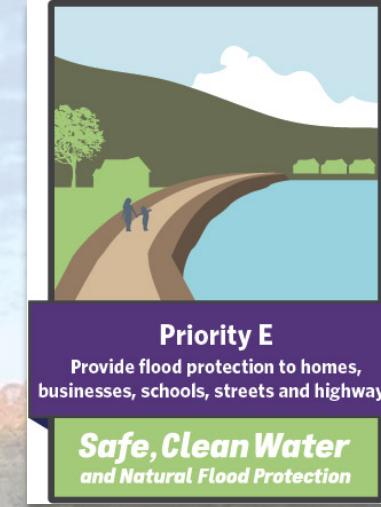
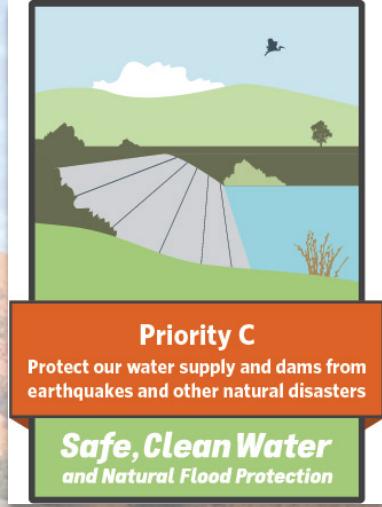
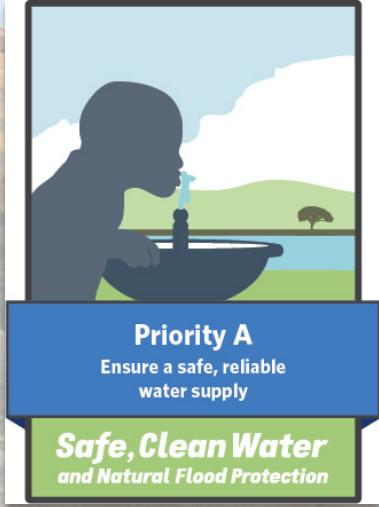
**Safe,
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Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

- In November 2020, voters in Santa Clara County approved Measure S, which renewed the SCW Program
- The renewal will continue to provide approximately \$47 million annually for local projects that deliver safe, clean water, natural flood protection, and environmental stewardship to all the communities in Santa Clara County





Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (SCW)

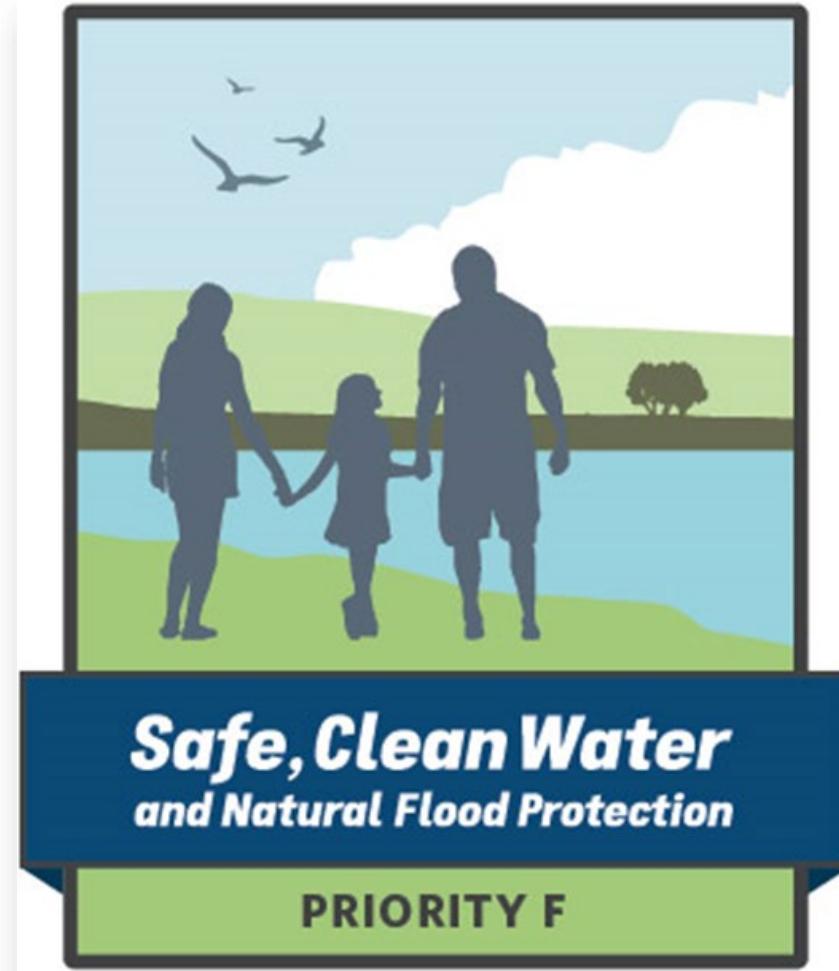
There are six priorities under the renewed SCW Program

Project F9:

Grants and Partnerships for Safe, Clean Water, Flood Protection and Environmental Stewardship

Four funding opportunities:

- Standard Grants
- Mini-grants
- Partnerships
- Water Bottle Filling
Stations (*Coming soon*)





What's new for Standard Grants in FY22 (transition year)

- Consolidated grant funding for increased accessibility, with no minimum or maximum amount per project
- Same project criteria is being carried forward in FY22
- All 5 project types are available with one total grant amount, instead of total amounts available per project type
- All projects will have a 5-year agreement term
- Announcement in advance of applications opening to help applicants prepare strong project proposals



Funding

Standard Grants

- Total of \$1.4 million in standard grants available
- Valley Water Board of Directors may approve full or partial funding of the grant request amount
- Not all projects that meet minimum requirements are guaranteed to be funded
- Seeking diversity in project types, project locations, and project sizes

Funding

Important Reminders

- Funds provided on a reimbursement basis
- The final 10% of the grant award amount may be retained until project completion
- Funds may not be used for:
 - Pre-award costs
 - Proprietary work of which the results cannot be released to the public



Tip# 1

Funding recommendations are based on the evaluation criteria and the grant funding allocation matrix listed in [Grant Guidelines](#)



Standard Grant Guidelines: Pages 14-50

A photograph of a river flowing through a lush green landscape with trees and a bridge in the background.

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A graphic featuring a silhouette of a family (two adults and a child) walking along a path next to a body of water under a blue sky with birds. Below the image is a blue banner with white text: "Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection" and "PRIORITY F".

A Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection
Special Parcel Tax Funded Program

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The Valley Water logo consists of a stylized green and blue water droplet shape above the words "Valley Water". The Safe, Clean Water logo features the words "Safe, Clean Water" in a serif font, with "and Natural Flood Protection" in smaller text below it, all set against a background of green and blue waves.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be one of the following:

- Local agency or municipality
- Special districts
- 501 (c)(3) non-profit
- Local nonprofit that is an affiliate of and/or sponsored by another nonprofit that possesses a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status
- School, community college or university (public, private, or not-for-profit)
- For-profit organizations (*applies to Water Conservation Research Grants only*)



Project Eligibility

- Located in Santa Clara County
- Matching funds of at least 25% of total project cost (monetary or in-kind)
- Must be completed within 5 years following agreement effective date
- Eligible applicants may seek grant funding for multiple projects
- Only one grant may be awarded for each individual project



Ineligible Projects

Grant funding will not be provided for:

- Feasibility studies
- Master planning
- Mitigation projects
- Projects designed to meet regulatory or permit obligations
- Operations and maintenance of existing projects or programs
- Land acquisition (unless specifically deemed for use in habitat or species restoration or protection)



Grant Application Timeline (tentative)

Applications Open for Proposals

Applications are only accepted online using the Fluxx grants management system



**March 5, 2022-
April 15, 2022**

Board Approval
Present evaluated proposals and recommend grant awards to Valley Water Board of Directors for approval

Open: January 3, 2022

Due: March 4, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.



Proposal Evaluations

Panel of Valley Water and/or external subject matter experts review and evaluate grant proposals.

May 2022



Grant Application Timeline (tentative)

Notice of Awards

Send out notice of funding to approved grantees

June 2022



June - December 2022



Following Agreement Effective Date

Grantee may begin work on project

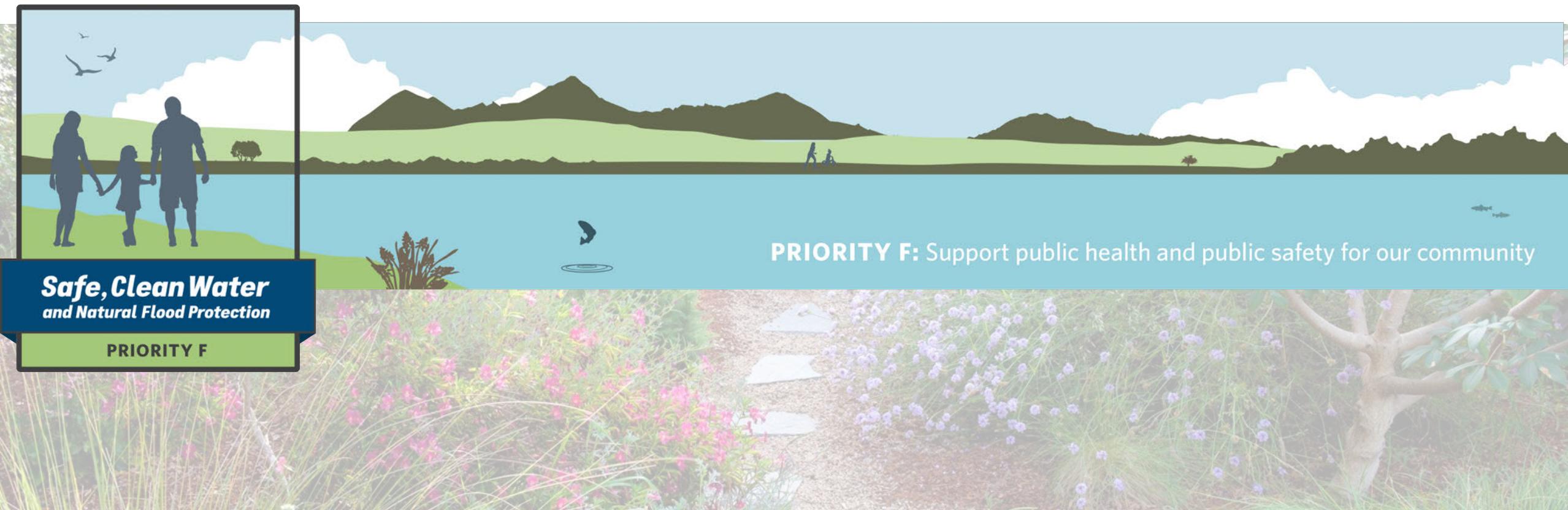
Agreement Enacted

Draft, review, and execute Agreement*

*Agreement Execution times may vary based on complexity of scope, CEQA review, permitting, and grantee's ability to respond to any required follow-up documentation or clarifications.



2022 Grant Cycle Project Types & Criteria



**Safe, Clean Water
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PRIORITY F

Water Conservation Research Grants (formerly A2)

Identify water savings devices and strategies that can assist Valley Water with its water conservation efforts

Sample Projects

- Develop water reduction devices, technologies, strategies, and/or methods
- Research cost-effectiveness of water conservation activities/technology
- Develop educational or outreach materials to help the community conserve water



Sample: Water Conservation Project

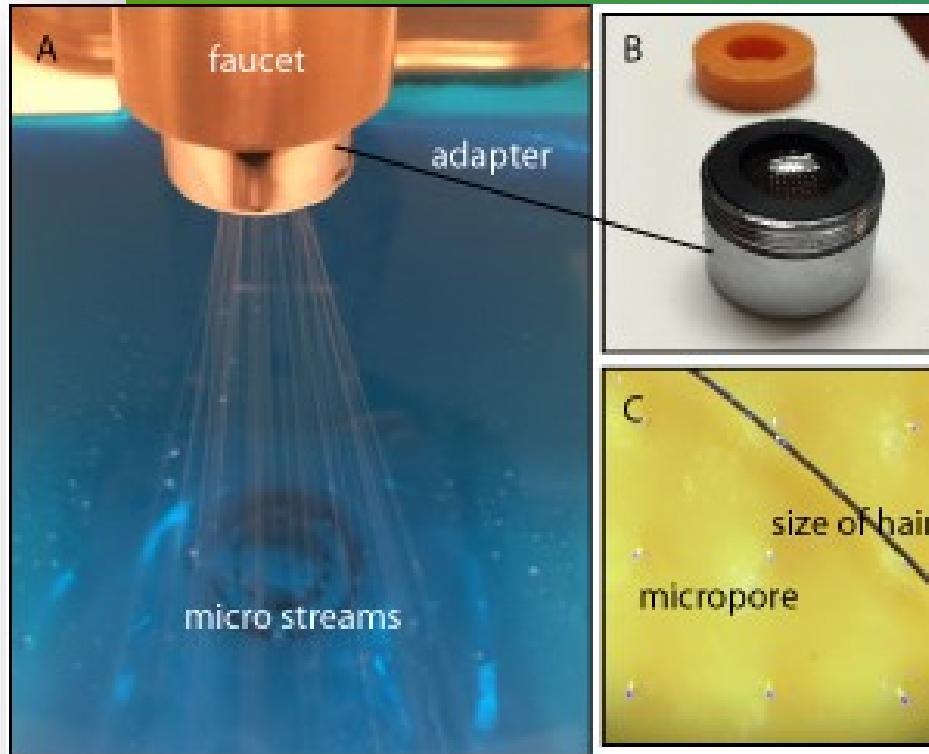
Micro Streams Faucet Adapter

Grantee Veloctron, LLC

Valley Water Award \$30,000

Year Awarded 2016

Developed a residential water saving faucet adapter that utilizes 0.1 gallons per minute (GPM), which is about 13 times better than the average customer flow rate of 1.34 GPM. The water saving faucet, based on pore-microarray technology, saved an average of 3,846 gallons of water per year, per person.



Sample: Water Conservation Project

Dipper Well Replacement

Grantee Fisher Nickle, Inc.

Valley Water Award \$37,500

Year Awarded 2017

Measured the potential water savings of three dipper well technologies. Dipper wells are designed to rinse and sanitize serving utensils. In California, there are approximately 100,000 dipper wells that can use up to 500 gallons of water per day. The replacement technologies demonstrated an average water savings of approximately 250 gallons per day. The research will be shared with commercial foodservice facilities.



Pollution Prevention Grants (formerly B3)

Help prevent contaminants and litter from entering our waterways and groundwater

Sample Projects

- Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals, auto products, gardening products, cleaning products, paints, light bulbs, batteries, and electronic waste, and trash
- Initiate environmentally-friendly gardening and composting techniques
- Provide public education to schools, communities, organizations, etc. about reduce contaminants in our waterways



Sample: Pollution Prevention Project

Effective Storage and Composting of Livestock Manures

Grantee Regents of the University of California & UCCE

Valley Water Award \$60,000

Year Awarded 2016

Created composting and demonstration sites at Emma Prusch Park in San Jose, Martial Cottle Park in San Jose, and Gilroy High School Farm. The Grantee educated participants about the effects of manure runoff on water quality and safety. The project included outreach to livestock owners and community members about proper manure storage and safe composting to minimize pathogens from entering stormwater and creeks.



Volunteer Cleanups and Education (formerly B7)

Cleanup, education, outreach and watershed stewardship activities

Sample Projects

- Providing education and outreach activities on the need for clean, effective creeks and waterways in under-resourced communities
- Organizing cleanups with volunteers from local public schools
- Developing and implementing curriculum around the relationship between water quality and riparian area health for local businesses and their employees



Sample: Volunteer Cleanups and Education Project

Watershed Education Campaign

Grantee Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Valley Water Award \$28,410

Year Awarded 2018

Enhanced awareness of the biodiversity nurtured by Guadalupe River through programs for K-12 students, the annual Water Festival for 5th grade students, activation of a 180-gallon aquarium, and the creation of a mural underneath the Coleman Avenue bridge.



Sample: Volunteer Cleanups and Education Project

Schools Goin' Green

Grantee City of Sunnyvale

Valley Water Award \$32,250

Year Awarded 2014

Worked with 3,421 middle and high school students to clean up more than 4,189 pounds of litter during 98 cleanups around their school campuses and neighborhoods. The project also included implementing student-led campaigns to change littering behavior. The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) recognized it as an outstanding stormwater project in 2017.

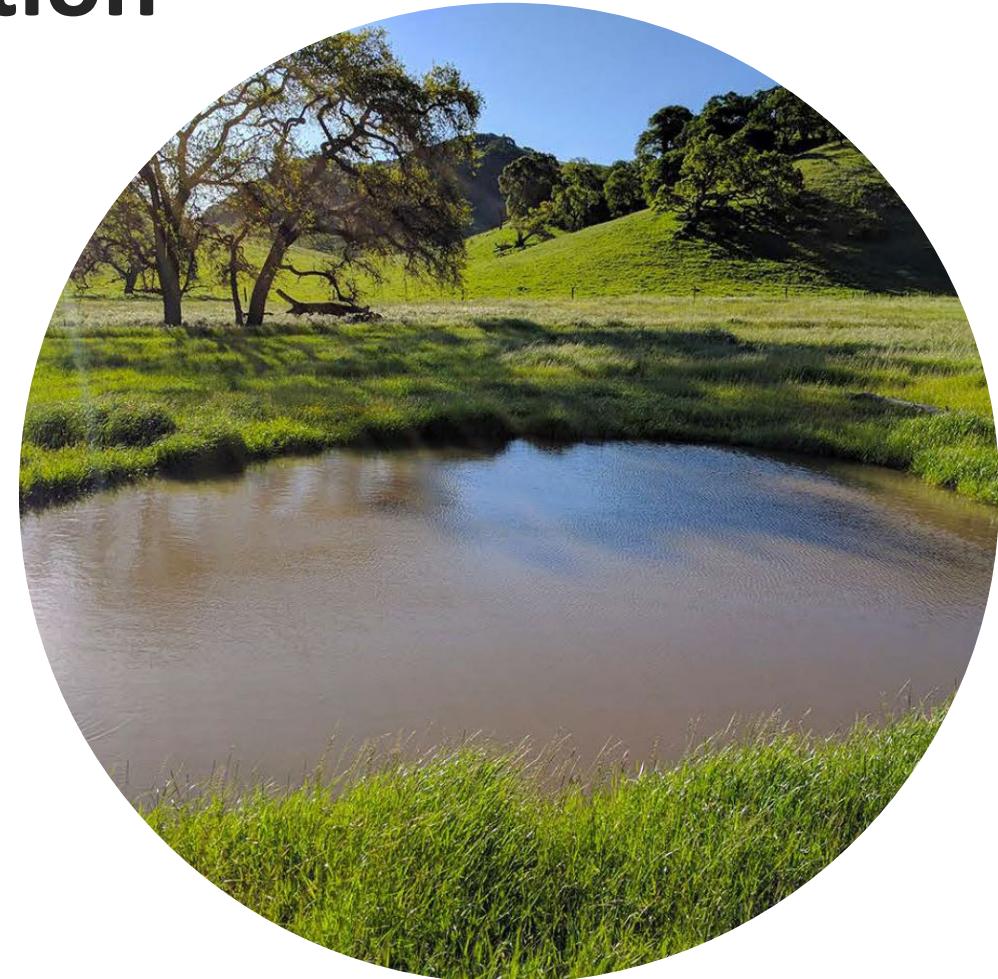


Wildlife Habitat Restoration Grants (formerly D3)

Support activities that create or enhance local habitat

Sample Projects

- Create or enhance wetland, riparian, and tidal marsh habitats
- Protect special-status species
- Remove fish migration barriers
- Install fish ladders
- Remove non-native, invasive plant species
- Plant native species



Sample: Wildlife Habitat Restoration

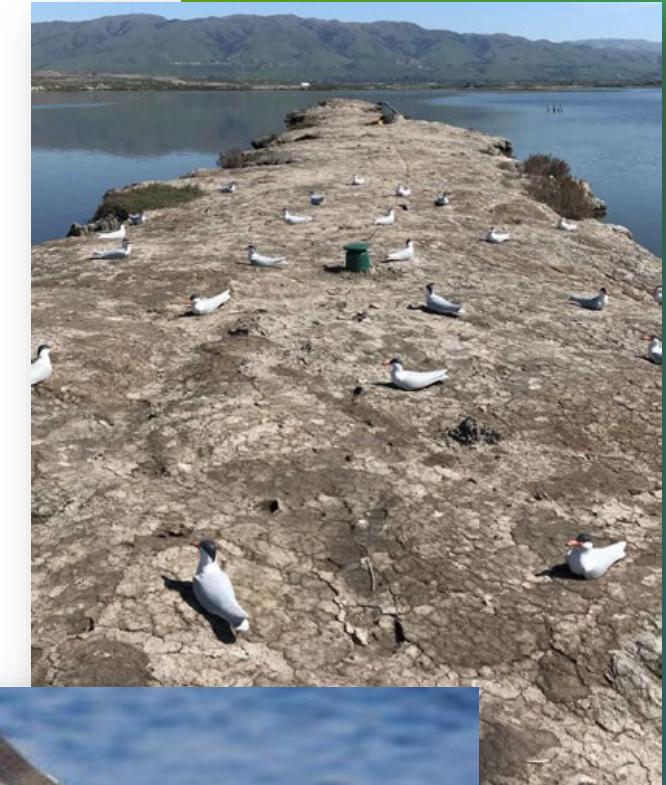
Establishing Forster's Tern Nesting Sites Project

Grantee San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

Valley Water Award \$164,000

Year Awarded 2019

Helped establish nesting sites for Forster's terns, at-risk seabirds that were once abundant in Alviso Pond A16. The project re-established nesting colonies on recently constructed islands using innovative technologies, such as bird decoys and electronic call systems to attract Forster's terns.



Access to Trails & Open Space (formerly D3)

Provide new access to trails and open space

Sample Projects

- Construction of a bridge linking two trails together
- Creation of a trail that provides a significant link to the creekside trail network
- Activities that support urban trails and encourage community involvement



Sample Access to Trails and Open Space

Calero Reservoir Oak Cove Trail Construction

Grantee County of Santa Clara

Valley Water Award \$125,980

Year Awarded 2015

Constructed a new, five-mile trail and restoration areas around Calero Reservoir. Since opening to the public in Spring 2020, it enhances the county's nature resources and promotes a positive visitor experience.



Sample Access to Trails and Open Space

Webb Creek Bridge

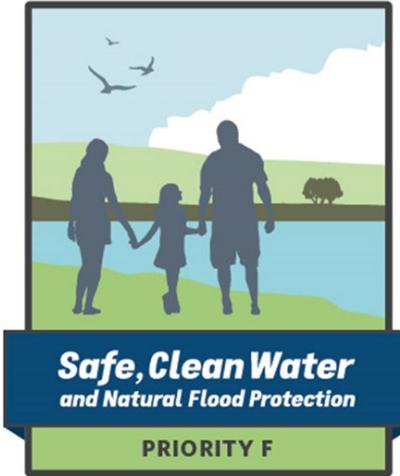
Grantee Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Valley Water Award \$149,500

Year Awarded 2018

Constructed a new service bridge over Webb Creek in the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve as part of a multi-phased plan to open the preserve for public access. The bridge opened approximately four miles of trails and facilitates a future regional multi-use trail connection between the Lexington Basin and Skyline, as well as ensures emergency service access is possible throughout the preserve.





Award Recommendations:

A panel of Subject Matter Experts will evaluate applications and recommend grant awards to the Board of Directors based on the:

1. Criteria for your project type
 - Each of the 5 priority types have unique scoring criteria – important to thoroughly review:
 - Minimum Requirements
 - Project Evaluation Criteria
2. Unique Grant Funding Allocation Matrix for your project type

Grant Funding Allocation Matrix		
Tier 1	70-100% Funding	85-100 points
Tier 2	30-69% Funding	70-84 points

Bonus Criteria

Bonus Points Available for the Following:

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- More than half of the project's required matching funds come from a monetary source (not in-kind)
- Demonstrating strong financial ability to carry-out the project

APPLICANT IS FIRST-TIME STANDARD GRANT RECIPIENT

- Excludes prior mini-grants

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Project serves/impacts a Disadvantaged Community

Bonus Criteria

Environmental Justice – Disadvantaged communities include any of the following:

LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

- Household incomes below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the county

LOW-INCOME CENSUS TRACTS

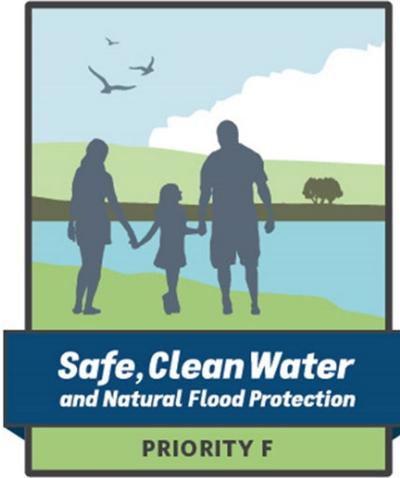
- Census tracts where aggregated household incomes are less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county
- See [Santa Clara County Low Income Census Tracts \(Poverty Zone\)](#)

AN AREA DEFINED BY CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- See [CalEPA Proposed SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities](#)



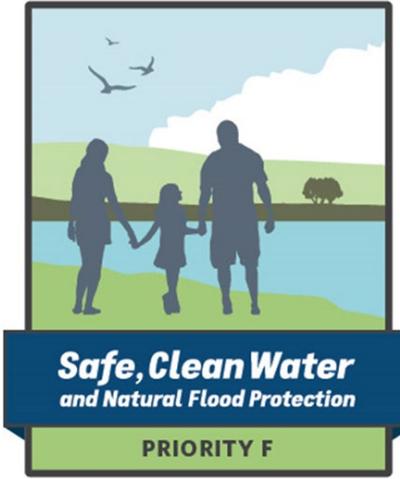
Proposal Requirements



Proposal Requirements

Grant proposals require the following:

- Online application submitted through Fluxx
- Project Scope, Schedule, Budget
- Resolution from governing body
- 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
- W-9 Form
- Form 990
- Audited Financial Statements
- Organizational Budget
- Resumes of Key Staff



Project Scope

A good scope includes the following:

- Project Summary
- Location
- Community Served and demographics
- Project Partners (if applicable)
- Project Tasks
 - Details for each task should include:
 - Approach and Subtasks
 - Metrics and Deliverables
- Plans for Project Operations, Maintenance, & Monitoring
- Project Team

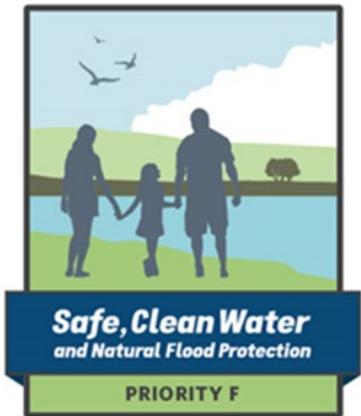
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A good Scope will incorporate the grant criteria listed in **Grant Guidelines**



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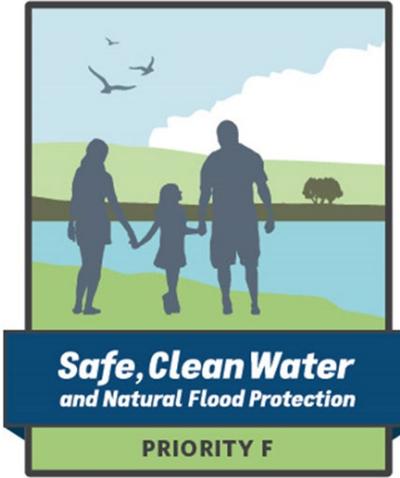
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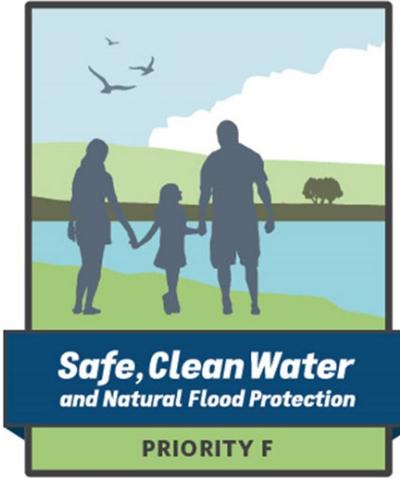




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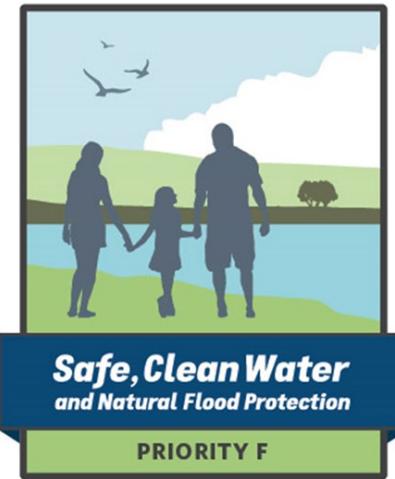
- Match tasks in Scope & Budget
- Realistic, best estimate
- May need to shift based on agreement execution, CEQA review, permitting, etc.
- Assume agreement executed around September – December 2022
- May use any format



Project Budget

Important reminders:

- Match tasks in Scope & Schedule
- Realistic estimate - do your research
- Grant award amount will not be increased
- Include all contributions to meet 25% match (including in-kind)
- See guidelines for calculating value of volunteer hours
- 80% of grant funding must go toward implementation

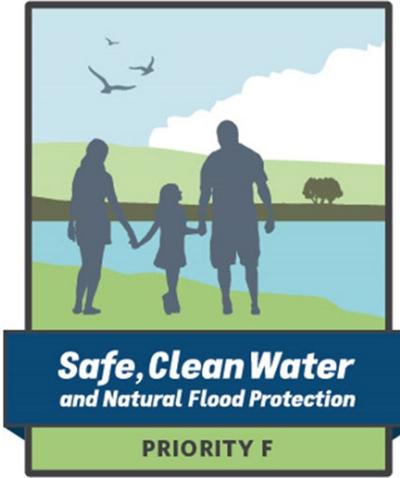


Project Budget

Template & Sample Budget

APPENDIX C - BUDGET TEMPLATE

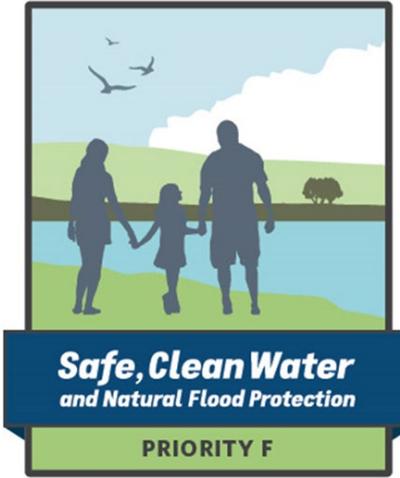
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Other Requirements

Each project will need the following items upon award and before agreement can be executed:

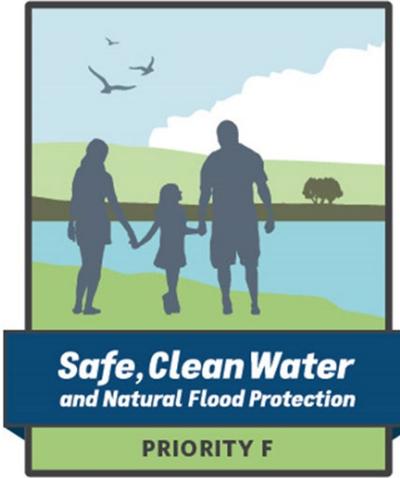
- CEQA Review
- Permit review
- Approved Certificate of Insurance & Endorsements
- Complete Scope, Schedule, & Budget



Environmental Compliance

CEQA Review:

- Valley Water must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, *a.k.a. CEQA*
- CEQA requires Valley Water to analyze a project's potential environmental impact
- CEQA is complete when lead agency has filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) or upon documentation that the project qualifies for an exemption



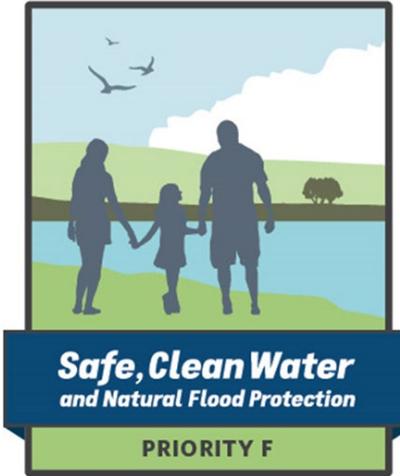
Environmental Compliance

CEQA Review:

Grantee should provide completed CEQA documents with application (if applicable and available)

OR provide the following details in the application:

- Project locations and access routes
- Any species and habitat(s) that could be affected
- Ground disturbing activities
- Work schedule
- Potential environmental concerns that may exist

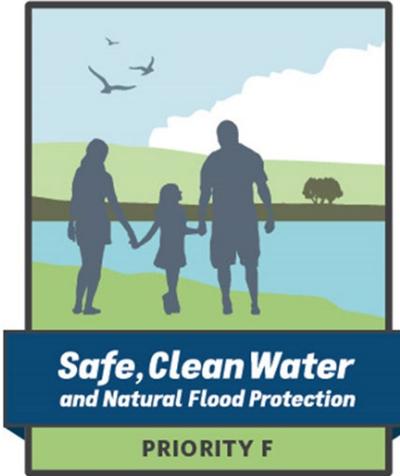


Environmental Compliance

CEQA Review:

A completed CEQA review is not required prior to grant proposal submission or award.

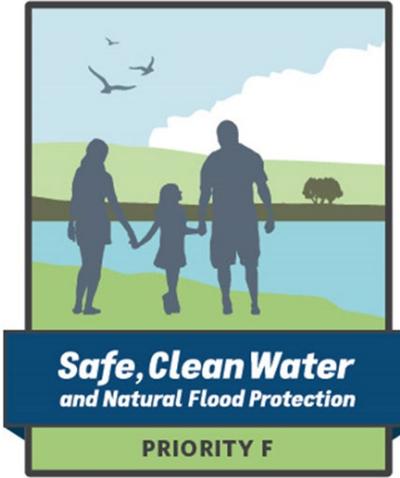
However, proposals that are further along in the process of CEQA review may score higher than those that are not based on the evaluation criteria in the [Grant Guidelines](#)



Permit Compliance

Permit Review:

- Valley Water requires that grantee has proper permits before starting project activities on privately, publicly, or Valley Water-owned property
- Applicants who can show progress in obtaining the required permits are given more points based on the evaluation criteria in the Grant Guidelines
- Contact Valley Water staff for more information on permitting

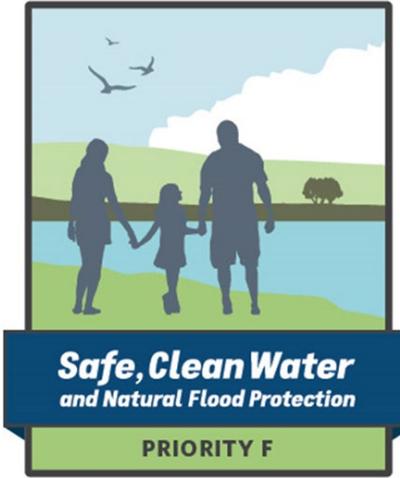


Permit Compliance

Permit Review:

Grantee should provide completed permit documents with application (if applicable and available)

OR be prepared to submit them to Valley Water prior to performing the scope of work



Insurance

Review and Requirements:

- Grantee shall adhere to the insurance requirements for the entire agreement term
- See Attachment 4, Grantee Insurance Requirements, in the Grant Guidelines
- Project's insurance requirements may be adjusted, as needed, on a case-by-case basis
- All insurance endorsements require approval before executing agreement



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You will then receive an email notification with login information, which will give you access to the portal and our application forms. Should your funding application be successful, this portal will give you access to our reporting templates.

For any questions or registration issues please contact grants@valleywater.org.

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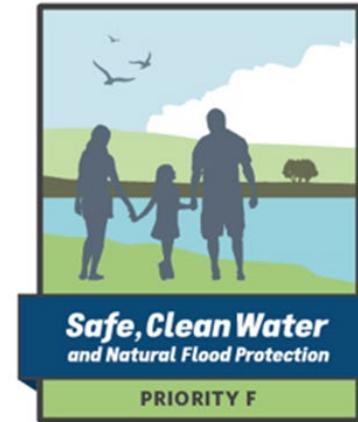
Important Reminders:

- Read the [Grant Guidelines](#)
- Develop your proposal using the criteria in the [Grant Guidelines](#)
- Include all required proposal documents listed in the [Grant Guidelines](#)
- Submit your proposal through Fluxx as directed in the [Grant Guidelines](#)
- Review the [FAQ \(frequently asked questions\)](#)
- No proposals will be accepted after the due date and time

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Tip# 3

Thoroughly read and follow the [Grant Guidelines](#) and [FAQ](#) to ensure a complete application and a great proposal



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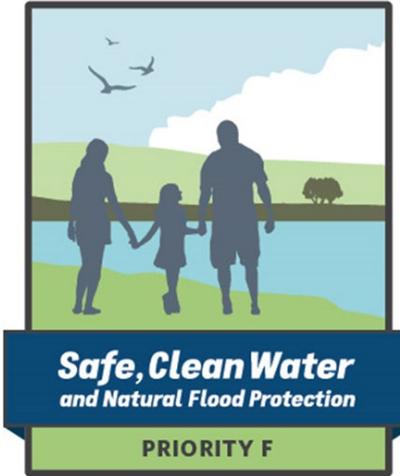
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Other Grant Opportunities

Funding available through Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water Program:

- Mini-grant Program
 - Up to \$5,000 per project and available year-round
 - Not reimbursement based -- 50% funds received upfront
 - Provides seed funding to encourage community engagement in activities that further safe, clean drinking water, water conservation, flood protection, and environmental stewardship
 - Streamlined application
- Water Bottle Filling Stations Program – *coming soon*

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