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2021 Safe, Clean Water Grants Pre-Proposal Workshops

October 14 and October 22, 2020
Agenda

- About Valley Water
- Safe, Clean Water Program
- 2021 Grant Funding Cycle
- Funding Availability
- Main Grants Criteria, Sample Projects and Timeline
- Mini-Grants Criteria, Sample Projects and Timeline
- Demonstration of Online Submission
- 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
Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

- 15-year strategy to ensure uninterrupted water resources services
- Funded through a voter approved ballot measure
- The grants program provides funding to the community to address program priorities
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**15-Year Grant Cycle Schedule**

Valley Water
## Funding Availability

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## Mini-Grant Funding Availability

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<th>Application Period</th>
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<td>Pilot A2: Water Conservation Mini-Grants</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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<td>June 29, 2020 on a rolling basis until Dec. 2020</td>
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<td>D3: Wildlife Habitat Restoration Mini-Grants</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Year-round on a rolling basis</td>
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Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be one of the following:

- Local agency or municipality
- Special district
- 501 (c)(3) non-profit
- School, community college or university (public or non-profit)
- Organized community group with an established structure that can identify an individual responsible for signing agreement, insurance, etc. (mini-grants only)
- For-profit organizations (pilot A2 mini-grants only)

Applicants must agree to:

- Provide a signed IRS W-9 tax form and meet Valley Water’s insurance requirements
- Agree to a waiver of liability that releases Valley Water from any liability associated with the grant funding
Eligible projects include:

- Projects must be located in Santa Clara County
- Project must have matching funds of at least 25% of total project cost (monetary or in-kind)
- Only one grant will be awarded for each project
- Projects must be completed within the timeframes below following the date of the executed agreement:
  - Three years for B7 Volunteer Cleanups and Education projects
  - Five years for D3 Access to Trails and Open Space projects
  - Two years for D3 & A2 Mini-Grants following the date of executed agreement
B7 Volunteer Cleanups and Education

• 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 B7: 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 B7: 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.
D3 Access to Trails & Open Space

• Providing 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
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 the trail opened to the public in Spring 2020, it enhances the county’s nature resources and promotes a positive visitor experience.
Sample D3: 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 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 serve access is possible throughout the preserve.
Grant Application Timeline (tentative)

Request for Proposals

**DUE: December 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.**
Applications are only accepted online using the Fluxx grants management system

Proposal Evaluations

**Dec 2020/Jan 2021**
Review and evaluate grant proposals by a panel of Valley Water staff and external members

Board Approval

**Feb/Mar 2021**
Present evaluated proposals and recommend grant awards to Valley Water Board of Directors for approval
Grant Application Timeline (tentative)

**Notice of Awards**
- April 2021
- Send out notice of funding to approved grantees

**Agreement Enacted**
- By June 30, 2021
- CEO executes grant/partnership agreements

**Commence Projects**
- Grantee may begin projects
A2 Water Conservation Mini-Grants

• Helping identify potential water reduction technologies and methods
• Researching new and innovative technologies
• Conducting educational or outreach opportunities related to water conservation
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.
D3 Wildlife Habitat Restoration Mini-Grants

• Educational activities (workshops, training sessions, tours, etc.) or development of outreach materials that focuses on watershed stewardship and wildlife restoration

• Physical improvements, such as invasive plant removal or native planting

• Surveys to identify open space needs, trail accessibility, etc.

• Research projects that benefit the restoration of wildlife or support trails and open space accessibility
Sample D3: Mini-Grant Project

Watershed and Wildlife Education Project

Grantee: Bay Area Older Adults

Valley Water Award: $5,000

Year Awarded: 2018

Provided outdoor educational programs for older adults age 50+ to experience Valley Water watersheds first-hand as well as teach them about protecting our watersheds and dependent ecosystems. Completed five programs for a total of 115 participants. Survey results showed that 97% of participants said their knowledge about the watershed and/or wildlife project was improved by the program.
Mini-Grant Application Process

**Online application submitted**
Applications are only accepted online using the Fluxx grants management system. Email applications will not be accepted.

**Online application review**
~1-2 months
Staff will review the application and may follow up with applicants for additional information.

**Online application approval**
~2 weeks
Staff recommends projects to executive management for award approval.
Mini-Grant Application Process

1. **Project awarded**
   - Email notification sent to applicant.

2. **Execute grant agreement**
   - ~2-4 months
   - Staff works with grantee and internal teams to develop the grant agreement and route for approval and signatures.

3. **Commence projects**
   - Grantee may begin projects. Initial 50% of grant award is issued at onset. Final 50% of grant award is reimbursed upon completion.
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