



# VALLEY WATER REFILL STATION GRANT PROGRAM

2022 Virtual Workshop

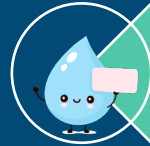
# TOPICS TO COVER



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## About Valley Water

### Valley Water Mission

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

01

#### Clean, Reliable Water



02

#### Healthy Creeks and Ecosystems



03

#### Flood Protection





## Grants & Partnerships Program

### What We Do

- Leverage community resources for efficient use of funds
- Increase collaborations and partnerships for stewardship activities with community stakeholders

### Funding Source

- Funding made available through the voter-approved special parcel tax

### YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK





Safe, Clean Water and Natural  
Flood Protection Program

## Measure S

- Approved by Santa Clara County voters in November 2020, which renewed the Safe, Clean Water Program
- The renewed program will continue to provide approximately \$47 million annually for projects in Santa Clara County that focus on
  - Safe, clean water
  - Natural flood protection
  - Environmental stewardship

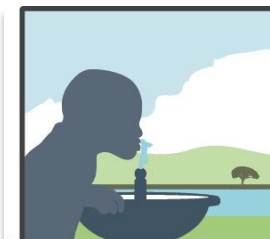






## Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

# Six priorities under the renewed Safe, Clean Water Program



### Priority A

Ensure a safe, reliable  
water supply

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



### Priority B

Reduce toxins, hazards and  
contaminants in our waterways

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### Priority C

Protect our water supply and dams from  
earthquakes and other natural disasters

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### Priority D

Restore wildlife habitat  
and provide open space access

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### Priority E

Provide flood protection to homes,  
businesses, schools, streets and highways

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### Priority F

Support public health and  
public safety for our community

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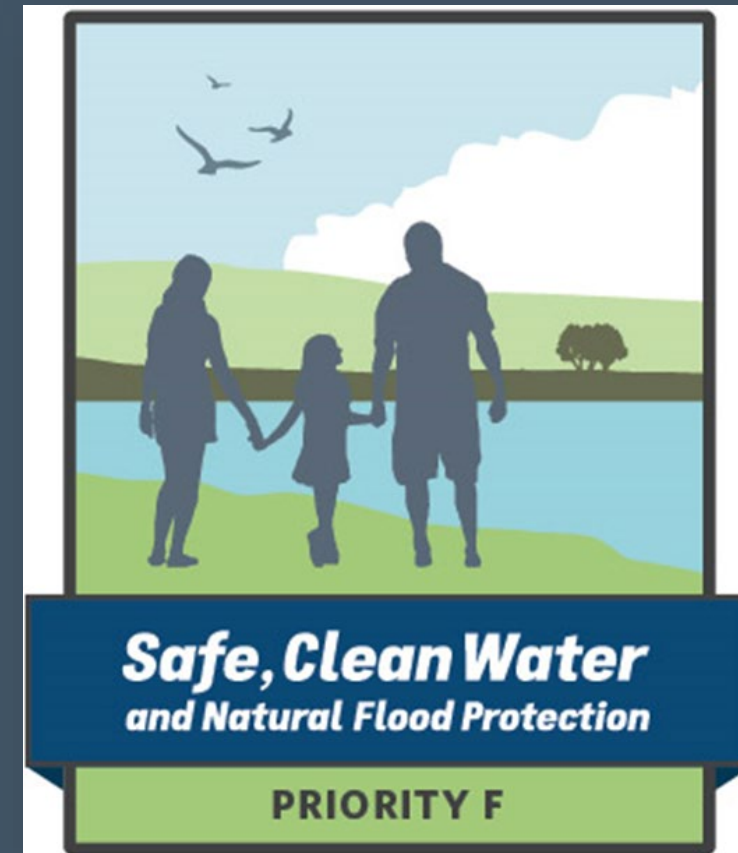
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## Project F9

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

Four Funding opportunities :

- Standard Grants
- Mini-grants
- Partnerships
- Water Bottle Refill Stations



Introducing our newest grant funding opportunity:

# Valley Water Refill Station Grant Program

The program is committed to increasing drinking water access in our communities, with a priority in underserved communities or locations serving school-age children and students in Santa Clara County.



<https://valleywater.org/refillstation>



# Funding

## Valley Water Refill Station Grants

- Total of \$100,000 funding available per fiscal year
- Standard \$5,000 grant funding per awarded refill station grant application
- Funds may be used for the purchase, installation and maintenance of a water bottle refill station
- 50% of grant funds awarded upon agreement execution. Remaining funds will be awarded upon the installation of the refill station and submittal of required documentation.



# Applicant Eligibility

*Applicants must be one of the following:*

- Public agencies, such as special districts, cities, towns, and county agencies
- Schools, community colleges or universities (public or nonprofit)
- Organized community group with an established structure that can identify an individual responsible for signing the agreement and meeting insurance requirements
- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations
- Nonprofits without 501(c)3 exempt status but can demonstrate they are an affiliate of a nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status that acts as a fiscal sponsor
- \*Private entity, such as a
  - Private water district/agency; school, community college or university (private); or for-profit company



***\*Must demonstrate that the refill station will be installed in an area with public access***

# Project Eligibility and Requirements

- Location of the proposed refill station must be in Santa Clara County and must be installed in a location with public access
- Prioritization will go towards organizations that work in historically underserved communities or locations serving school-age children
- Must submit the following documents before enacting the agreement:
  - Property Owner Consent Letter, or other document that authorizes permission for the installation of the water bottle refill station
  - Signed W-9 form
  - Picture of proposed location



# Important Things to Note

## *Valley Water Refill Station Grants*



- The grantee is responsible for seeking out a licensed contractor in the state of California to properly install the refill station
- Grantee is responsible for ongoing maintenance and repairs beyond the agreement term
- Grantee can choose whatever refill station style best fits their needs
- Grantee has one year from the date of agreement execution to install the refill station and submit the required documentation to complete their project.
- Valley Water will provide the required signage for the Grantee to use on their refill station

# Valley Water Refill Station Grant Timeline



01

## Application

Apply for a grant through the Fluxx grants management system.

Must submit the following:

- W9 Tax ID Form
- Picture of Proposed Site
- Documented permission to install from site owner or governing entity

02

## Award (2-4 weeks)

Valley Water reviews the application.

If the application meets the eligibility and program requirements, Valley Water will award the grant and notify the grantee.

03

## Execution (4-6 weeks)

Grants staff drafts the agreement and works with the grantee to finalize the agreement.

Once finalized, the grantee will receive the first \$2,500 of the grant funds (50%). Grantee has one year from agreement execution to complete their project.

04

## Installation and Closeout

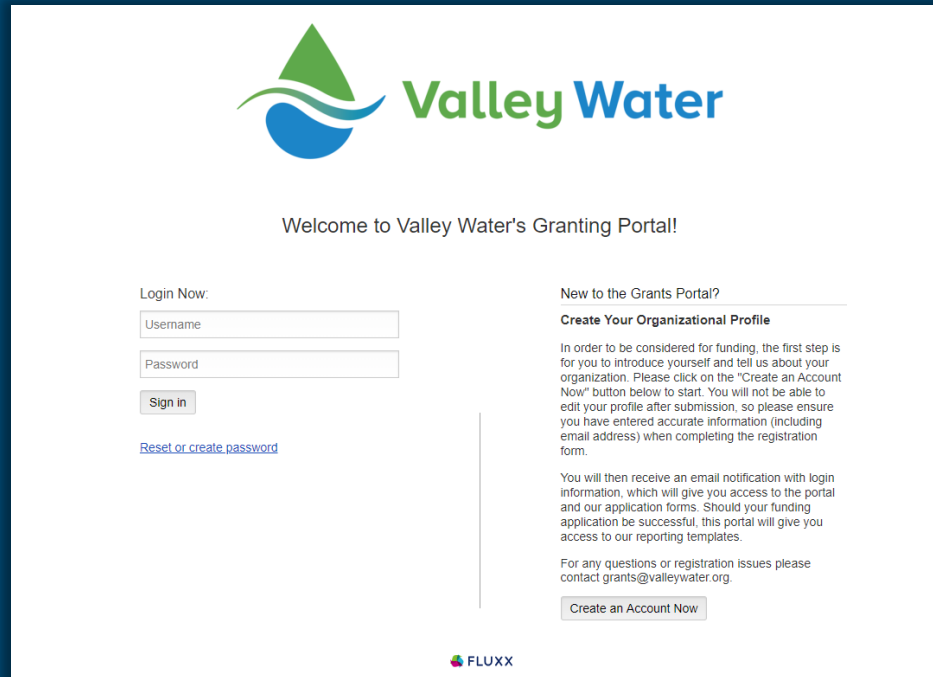
Once installed, the grantee will submit the following to receive the remaining \$2,500:

- Picture of the installed station with Valley Water signage
- A final payment request



# What's different?

- Does not require 25% match from grantee funding sources
- Insurance requirements are waived
- Streamlined application process via our Fluxx grants management system ([valleywater.fluxx.io](https://valleywater.fluxx.io)) and a shorter, streamlined agreement



The screenshot shows the Valley Water Granting Portal interface. At the top is the Valley Water logo, which consists of a stylized green and blue water drop icon next to the text "Valley Water". Below the logo is the text "Welcome to Valley Water's Granting Portal!".

On the left side, under the heading "Login Now:", there are two input fields for "Username" and "Password", followed by a "Sign in" button. Below these fields is a link that says "Reset or create password".

On the right side, under the heading "New to the Grants Portal?", there is a section titled "Create Your Organizational Profile". The text below this heading explains that users must introduce themselves and provide accurate information (including email address) when completing the registration form. It also states that users will receive an email notification with login information and access to application forms upon successful registration. At the bottom of this section is a "Create an Account Now" button.

At the bottom center of the page, there is a small logo for "FLUXX".





Demonstration

# Past Refill Stations

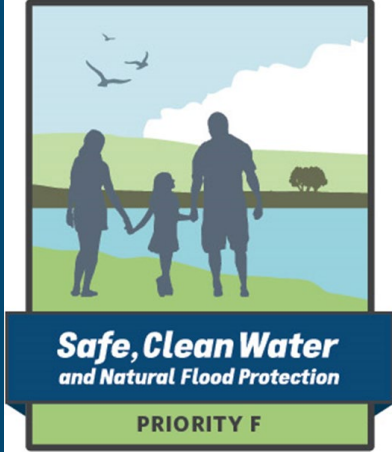




# Start your Valley Water Refill Station Grant Application today!

Applications are accepted on a year-round basis or until all available funding are disbursed during the fiscal year.

<https://valleywater.fluxx.io>



# Other Grant Opportunities

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



## Mini-grant Program

- Provides seed funding to encourage community engagement in activities that further safe, clean drinking water, water conservation, flood protection, and environmental stewardship
- Up to \$5,000 per project and available year-round
- 50% of funds received upfront and remainder disbursed upon project completion
- Streamlined application
- To learn more, visit:

<https://valleywater.org/minigrants>

## Standard grants Program

- Annual grant cycles that offer \$1.4 million in total with no minimum or maximum for projects that fit into the following categories:
  - Water Conservation
  - Pollution Prevention
  - Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education
  - Wildlife Habitat Restoration
  - Access to Trails and Open Space Grants
- Leverage funds to partner with the community to help create meaningful change
- To find more information on the upcoming standard grant cycle, visit:

<https://valleywater.org/standardgrants>



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# QUESTIONS?





# Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection