



VALLEY WATER REFILL STATION GRANT PROGRAM

2022 Virtual Workshop

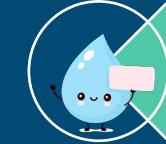
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About Valley Water

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

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AT WORK**



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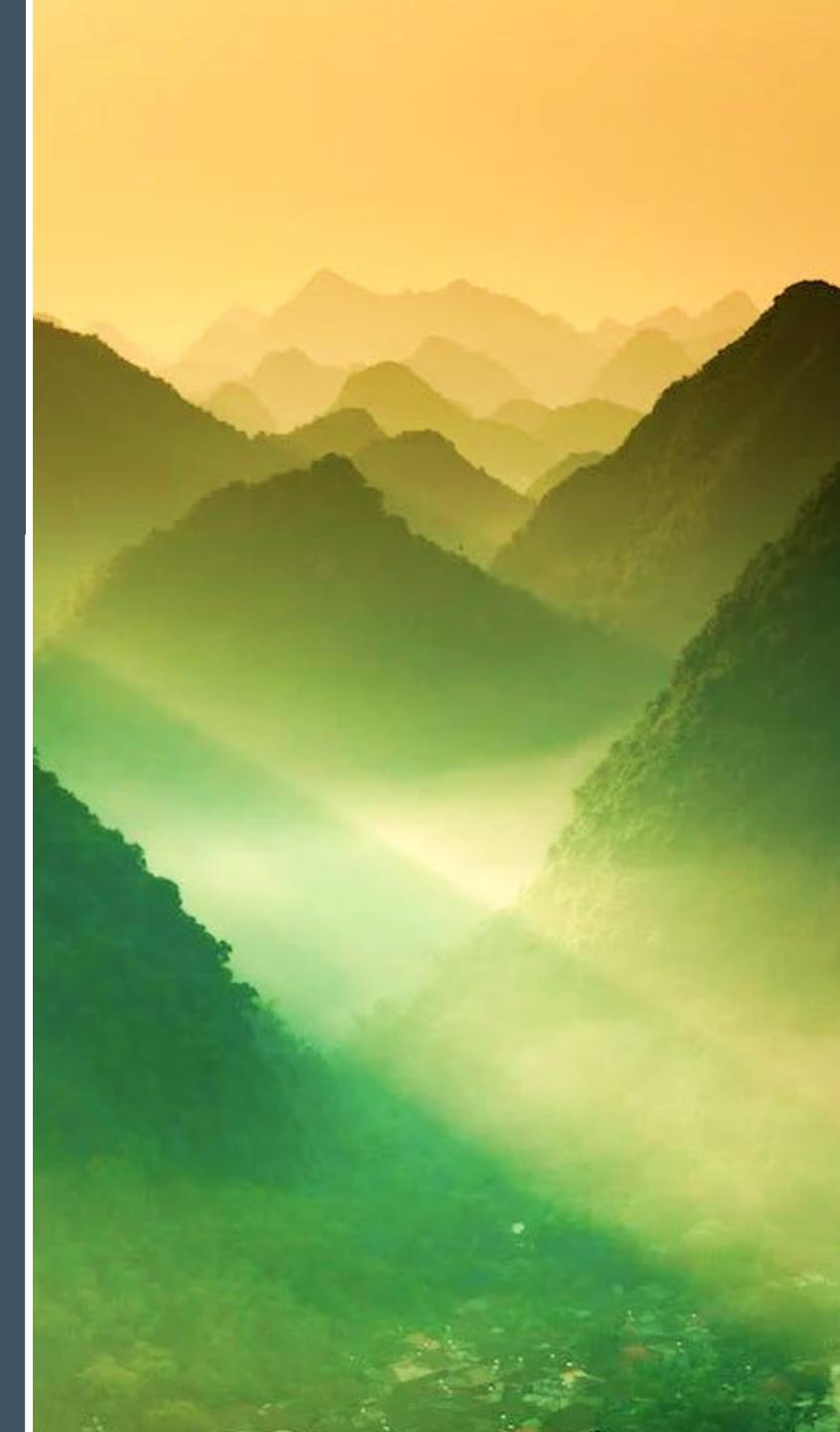
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Water**
and Natural Flood Protection



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

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Priority B

Reduce toxins, hazards and
contaminants in our waterways

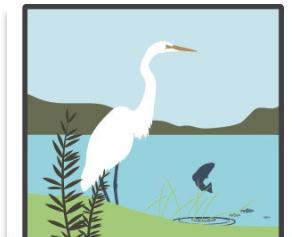
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Priority C

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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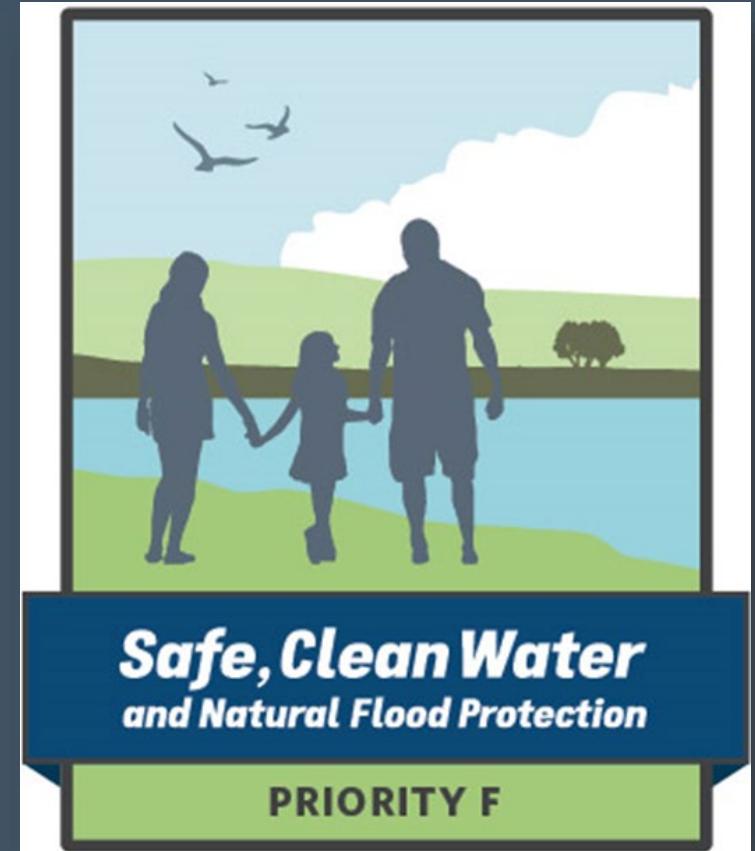
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Project F9

**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 for 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



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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.

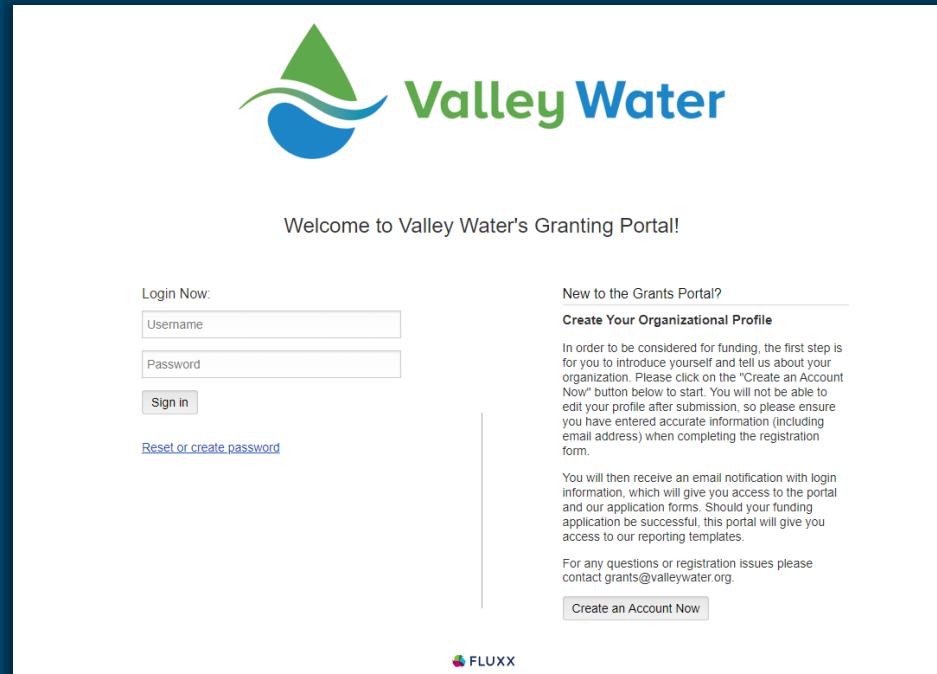
04 Installation and Closeout

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) and a shorter, streamlined agreement

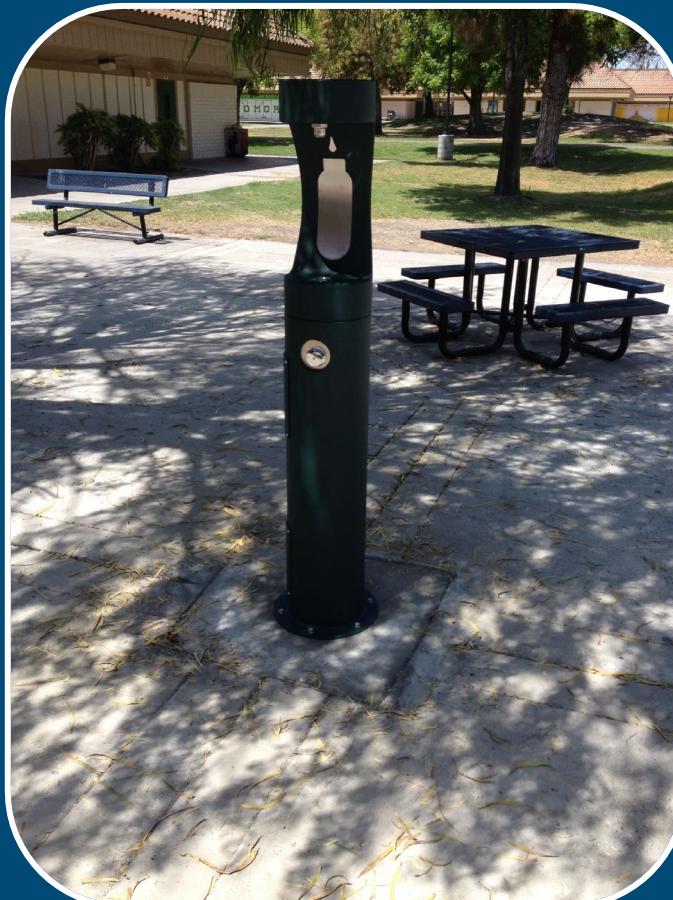




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Demonstration

Past Refill Stations

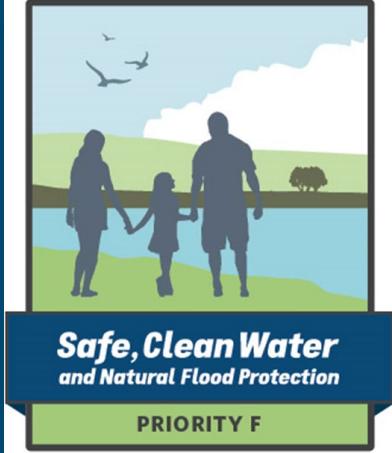




Start your Valley Water Refill Station Grant Application today!

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?





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