

# Start your project with a Mini-Grant!

## Valley Water Grants & Partnerships Program



## Mini-Grants Program

Do you have a small-scale project idea or need help kickstarting a larger project? Mini-Grants are designed to provide seed funding to encourage activities that further safe, clean drinking water conservation, flood protection and environmental stewardship in Santa Clara County.

### Funding availability

Applicants can request up to \$10,000 per project. After the application is approved and the agreement is executed, grantees will receive 50% of funds upfront and then the remaining funds once the project is complete. Applications are open on a rolling basis or until all available funds are disbursed during the fiscal year. Valley Water has a total of \$100,000 in grant funding available for this year.

### Who is eligible?

Valley Water is accepting applications from the following organization types and groups that work/provide services within Santa Clara County:

- Public agencies, such as cities, towns, and county agencies.
- For-profit agencies.
- Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Nonprofits without a 501(c)(3) but can demonstrate that they are an affiliate of a nonprofit organization that possesses a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Schools, community colleges, and public and private colleges/universities.
- Open space districts, mutual water agencies/districts, resource conservation districts.
- Organized community group with an established structure (must identify an individual responsible for signing the agreement, insurance, etc.).

### What projects are eligible?

The proposed project must be located in Santa Clara County, and demonstrate one or more of the following benefits:

- Enhance creek and bay ecosystems.
- Improve fish passage and habitat.
- Identify potential water reduction technologies and methods/researching new and innovative water technologies.
- Prevent trash and contaminants from entering our waterways and groundwater.
- Expand trail and open space access.
- Conduct educational or outreach opportunities related to any of the above benefits.

### How to apply:

Visit us at [valleywater.org/grants](https://valleywater.org/grants), call us at (408) 630-2080, email us at [grants@valleywater.org](mailto:grants@valleywater.org), or scan this QR code:



to start your application today!

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Clean  
Water**  
and Natural Flood Protection

Interested in other grants? Check out all of Valley Water's grant funding opportunities for community projects at [valleywater.org/grants](https://valleywater.org/grants).

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