

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.

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

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