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to create
change!**



Standard Grants Program

Who is eligible?

Valley Water accepts grant applications from the following:

- Public agencies, open space districts, resource conservation districts and mutual water agencies/districts (public and not for profit)
- Schools, community colleges, and colleges/universities (public and not for profit only; private can apply for water conservation grants only)
- Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status
- For-profit organizations (for water conservation grants only)

What type of projects are considered?

Projects that are located in and benefit Santa Clara County, and can be categorized as:

- **Water Conservation Research**
Projects that study and test new and innovative water conservation activities and technologies.
- **Pollution Prevention**
Projects that reduce contaminants in surface or groundwater and reduce emerging contaminants.
- **Volunteer Cleanup Efforts and Education**
Projects focused on creek cleanup, education, outreach and watershed stewardship activities.
- **Wildlife Habitat Restoration**
Project activities that support, restore and or conserve native wildlife.
- **Access to Trails & Open Space**
Projects that provide and increase access to open space and creekside trails or to trails that provide a significant link to a creekside trail network.

FY23 Standard Grant Cycle Apply by March 10, 2023

To learn more and or register for an upcoming workshop, scan this QR code:



Questions? Visit us online at valleywater.org/grants, call **408-630-2080**, or send an email at grants@valleywater.org.

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Application Process

Valley Water has a total of \$1.4 million in grant funds available to award to applicants of qualified projects, with no maximum or minimum. To be considered for a grant award, applicants must demonstrate a 25% match (monetary or in-kind contributions) and the project activities must be at least 80% implementation or construction.

All submitted applications will be evaluated based on the Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria as outlined in the Standard Grant Guidelines. Once reviewed, funding recommendations will be made to the Valley Water Board of Directors based on the application review and grant funding allocation matrix.

After the application is approved and the agreement is executed, the grantee will receive the funds based on reimbursement through an invoice process. Projects must be completed within five years following the agreement's effective date.

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