



Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant 2026: Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization Projects

Application Instructions

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Please complete this application to request funding for an Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization Project from the Fairfax Water Grant Program. (Or, complete the online version at fairfaxwater.org/grants.)

The project or activity for which the grant is to be used shall be consistent with program guidelines, which are available at fairfaxwater.org/grants. Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization Grants may not exceed a total of \$5,000 per property.

Guidelines

The complete guidelines are available at fairfaxwater.org/grants. All applicants must read and understand the guidelines.

Page Limit

Applications are limited to 10 pages, including all documents and attachments.

Deadline

Emailed and online applications are due by 11:45 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026. Mailed applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2026.

How to Submit this Application

- Email outreach@fairfaxwater.org
or
- Mail to:
Fairfax Water
ATTN: Watershed Protection Specialist
8560 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031

Or, complete the online application at fairfaxwater.org/grants.

Required for Full Application

1. **Before You Apply: Easement Application Pending Approval Needed**
All applicants for Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization Projects must first receive

notice of "Pending Approval" from Fairfax Water for an Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Easement Policy Application. To request approval:

- Read the easement guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions at fairfaxwater.org/shoreline-easement-policy
 - Complete the application on that same webpage
2. **Tax Form:** The Property Owner's [completed W-9](#); grant funds will be reported to the IRS and may be considered taxable income. (Please consult a tax advisor with questions.)
 3. **Agency Certification:** Completed State or Local Agency Certification; find the fillable form at fairfaxwater.org/grants.
 4. **Planting Plan:** If the project includes plantings or restoration, please upload a planting plan showing the locations of the planting and the types of plants that will be used.

Optional Attachments

- **Photos:** You may include one file of photos equivalent to one printed page. This can be one photo, or a collage of photos.
- **Other Information:** You may include one file of additional information equivalent to two printed pages.

Questions?

Please reach out to us at outreach@fairfaxwater.org.

The application begins on page 3. You do not need to print or include pages 1 and 2 of the instructions in your final packet.



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Qualifying Questions

I have read and understand the Grant Guidelines.

- Yes
- No

If the proposed project is physical or in-stream, I have received the appropriate required permit(s) from either local government or conservation district and will include it in this application packet. (The form is available at fairfaxwater.org/grants.)

- Yes (include the document with your application)
- No
- Not applicable

Contact Information

Property Owner:

Project Address:

Phone:

Email:

Authorized Representative (if different than Property Owner):

Title and Company (if applicable):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Project Title:

Project Description:

Project Schedule and Timeframe:

Project Budget (list below or attach separate document; [see example on page 10 of the Grant Guidelines](#)):

Amount of Grant Request

- Please detail the requested amount, not to exceed \$5,000: \$ _____
- Matching amount to be provided by applicant, if applicable: \$ _____

Please describe how Fairfax Water grant funds will be used on the project:

Please describe the project justification, as defined in Section III. B. of the [Grant Guidelines](#):
"The project must directly support and relate to Fairfax Water purposes. This includes source water protection projects with well-defined water quality goals."

Please describe the project's sustainability efforts, as defined in Section III. C. of the [Grant Guidelines](#):

"Fairfax Water encourages sustainable or continuing projects. An effort should be made to maintain and monitor the project to determine its success over time. For example, if a shoreline is stabilized, the project should be assessed periodically to ensure that stability has been maintained along the shoreline. Although not required, a sustainable or continuing project is more likely to receive support."

Please describe the project's quantifiable results, as defined in Section III. D. of the [Grant Guidelines](#):

"The project should have results that are quantifiable. This may consist of, but is not limited to, the length of shoreline stabilized. Quantifiable information should be used in development of the project purpose and used as a tool to measure its effectiveness."

Certification

By signing below, I certify that I am an individual property owner applying for funds to support a shoreline stabilization project on the Occoquan Reservoir. I own the property where the project will be located; the property is located adjacent to the Occoquan Reservoir as described in the Grant Guidelines. I am aware that I must receive final approval from Fairfax Water and the appropriate local, state, and/or federal agencies prior to any construction. I have attached a completed IRS Form W-9; I am aware that the Grant funds distributed to individuals for shoreline stabilization projects will be reported to the IRS and may be considered taxable income.

I also certify that I or the Authorized Representative:

1. Am/is authorized to act on behalf of the named property owner to receive and commit resources toward this project or activity, and
2. Can certify that to the best of my/their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application is true and correct, and
3. Recognize that as a public entity, Fairfax Water is obligated to make copies of this grant application available to the public upon request, and
4. Have attached the Property Owner's completed IRS Form W-9, and
5. The Property Owner is aware that grant funds distributed will be reported to the IRS and may be considered taxable income, and
6. The Property Owner owns the land where the project will be located, and the property is located adjacent to the Occoquan Reservoir as described in the Grant Guidelines and map at fairfaxwater.org/grants, and
7. The Property Owner is aware that the project must receive final approval from Fairfax Water and the appropriate local, state, and/or federal agencies prior to any construction.

Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

Name (typed or printed)

Title