



Water Supply Stakeholder Outreach Program Grant 2026

Application Instructions

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Please complete this application to request funding for education, source water protection, and water quality monitoring projects in eligible areas. For Occoquan Reservoir Shoreline Stabilization projects, please use the other application at fairfaxwater.org/grants instead.

Online applications are available 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. Grants may be in the form of funding, technical services, or a combination thereof, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.

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. **Taxpayer ID (FEIN):** The organization's Federal Employer Identification Number
2. **Tax Form:** The [organization's W-9](#) or other documentation proving non-profit status

3. **Agency Certification:** Completed State or Local Agency Certification of Proposed Physical or In-Stream Project (if required in the project's area and if the project is physical or in-stream; find the fillable form at fairfaxwater.org/grants).

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

Organization and Contact Information

Name of Organization:

Organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):

Organization Description (1-3 sentences):

Contact Name:

Contact's Mailing Address:

Contact's Phone:

Contact's Email:

Authorized Representative (if different than Contact):

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 14 of the Grant Guidelines](#)):

Amount and Type of Request

What is the total amount of the grant request, not to exceed \$10,000?

What is the type of grant request? (choose one)

- Funds
- Funds with Matching Amount; Amount: \$
- Technical Services from Fairfax Water; Please describe the technical services and estimated number of hours required:

Project Details

How will Fairfax Water grant funding be used on this 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 educational programs on any aspect of water supply, treatment, or distribution; watershed management; and watershed protection. This also 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. For educational programs, follow-up programs should be conducted. For source water protection projects, an effort should be made to maintain and monitor the project to determine its success over time. For example, if a stream bank is stabilized, the project should be assessed periodically to ensure that stability has been maintained in the stream. 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, how many people participate, how many fliers were distributed, or how many water quality samples were taken over a specified time period. Quantifiable information should be used in development of the project purpose and used as a tool to measure its effectiveness.”

Certification

I certify that I or the above Authorized Representative:

1. Am/is authorized to act on behalf of the named organization 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 a completed IRS Form W-9 and submitted proof of the organization’s tax-exempt status.

Signature of Contact or Authorized Representative

Name (typed or printed)

Title