American Water Newsroom

Tennessee American Water Proudly Recognizes the American Water Charitable Foundation 2023 Workforce Readiness Grantees

Recipients include two nonprofit organizations in the area

[Chattanooga, TN] – December 5, 2023 – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced two organizations were awarded a 2023 Workforce Readiness Grant, supporting communities served by Tennessee American Water.

“At Tennessee American Water, we believe in supporting and enhancing the communities where we live, work, and operate,” said Grant Evitts, president, Tennessee American Water. “Through the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Workforce Readiness Grant Program, we are able to provide critical funding to these organizations that help lay the groundwork for a skilled workforce, empowering individuals to contribute meaningfully to our diverse communities.”

Listed below are the grantees, award amount and brief description of the projects being funded:

Teach For America, Inc. – $25,000 Workforce Readiness grant to recruit and support educators who are impacting Chattanooga’s most vulnerable students

Project Return Inc. – $20,000 Workforce Readiness grant to connect men and women after incarceration to meaningful employment

“Teach For America is thrilled and honored to partner with Tennessee American Water to ensure more students in Hamilton County have access to an excellent and equitable education,” said managing director, external affairs & Chattanooga – Teach for America David Baird. “We believe that a broad, diverse, and accountable coalition is crucial to the mission of educational equity, and Tennessee American Water’s $25,000 workforce readiness grant ensures Teach For America can continue to strengthen our teacher corps, recruit more leaders for Chattanooga schools, and create the conditions necessary for all children to lead, learn, and thrive in Hamilton County.”

The Workforce Readiness grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities.

“The American Water Charitable Foundation is pleased to partner with organizations serving a diverse range of needs in the Chattanooga area to cultivate meaningful employment and inspire educators,” said Carrie Williams, president, American Water Charitable Foundation. "The Foundation is delighted to join Teach for America and Project Return in helping their clients be successful.”

About Tennessee American Water

Tennessee American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 380,000 people in Tennessee and north Georgia. For more information, visit www.tennesseeamwater.com and follow Tennessee American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

Media Contacts

Daphne Kirksey

External Affairs

423-771-4750

daphne.kirksey@amwater.com

---

https://newsroom.amwater.com/2023-12-05-Tennessee-American-Water-Proudly-Recognizes-the-American-Water-Charitable-Foundation-2023-Workforce-Readiness-Grantees