# West Virginia American Water Announces Launch of American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Water and Environment Grant Program

American Water's former Environmental Grant Program to merge with Foundation grant program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – February 5, 2024 – West Virginia American Water announced the launch of the <u>American Water Charitable Foundation</u> 2024 Water and Environment Grant Program. To streamline the grant experience for its community partners, the Foundation has combined West Virginia American Water's former Environmental Grant Program with its Water and Environment Grant Program. This strategic integration will strengthen the Foundation's charitable focus and impact across American Water's footprint.

"Investing in environmental programs and initiatives is one of the wisest things we can do to strengthen the health of our drinking water sources across West Virginia," said Rob Burton, president of West Virginia American Water. "Through this grant program, our team is continuing to show our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability that support a brighter future for the Mountain State."

The Foundation invites community partners to apply for grants that promote clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability and water-based recreation projects. Applications will be accepted from organizations served by American Water and located in the following states, in addition to its Military Service locations: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to work collaboratively with West Virginia American Water and launch the Water and Environment Grant Program, supporting impactful initiatives and programs across the nation," said Carrie Williams, President of the American Water Charitable Foundation. "Our charitable focus to Keep Communities Flowing empowers communities to learn how every drop counts while engaging local organizations on the importance of protecting this vital resource."

The Foundation supports three pillars of giving – Water, People and Communities. Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has invested \$15.5 million in funding through grants and matching gifts that positively benefit the communities where American Water and its employees live and work.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation, eligibility and how to apply <u>here</u>.

### **About American Water**

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We

Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

As one of the fastest growing utilities in the U.S., American Water expects to invest \$34 to \$38 billion in infrastructure repairs and replacement, system resiliency and regulated acquisitions over the next 10 years. The company has a long-standing history of executing its core operations, aligned with sustainable best practices, through its commitments to safety, affordability, customer service, protecting the environment, an inclusive workforce and strengthening communities.

American Water has been recognized on the 2023 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index for the fifth consecutive year, ranked 18th on Barron's 100 Most Sustainable U.S. Companies 2023 List, earned the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® Excellence Award, among additional state, local and national recognitions.

For more information, visit <u>amwater.com</u> and join American Water on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X (formally Twitter)</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

### **About American Water Charitable Foundation**

The American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company's ongoing commitment to be a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:amwater.com/awcf">amwater.com/awcf</a> and follow the American Water Charitable Foundation on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.

# **About West Virginia American Water**

West Virginia 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 587,000 people. For more information, visit <a href="www.westvirginiaamwater.com">www.westvirginiaamwater.com</a> and follow West Virginia American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

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