Illinois American Water Announces Launch of American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Water and Environment Grant Program

Illinois American Water's former Environmental Grant Program merges with Foundation's grant program



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Belleville, Ill. (February 7, 2024) - Illinois American Water is delighted to announce the launch of the American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Water and Environment Grant Program. To streamline the grant experience for its community partners, the Foundation has combined the state'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.

"Our commitment to providing clean, safe and reliable water and wastewater service to our customers and communities includes helping to protect our water sources," said Rebecca Losli, President of Illinois American Water. "Collaborating with the Foundation on this grant program strengthens our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and bolsters our support for community partners engaged in watershed conservation efforts."

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 Illinois 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 here.

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 amwater.com/awcf and follow the American Water Charitable Foundation on Facebook.

About Illinois American Water

Illinois 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 and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville. For more information, visit www.illinoisamwater.com and follow Illinois American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

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