## New Jersey American Water Launches Inaugural Reusable Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program

CAMDEN, N.J. – August 20, 2024 –New Jersey American Water is proud to announce the launch of its inaugural Reusable Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program and is now accepting applications from eligible organizations within its service areas. This new initiative aims to boost trust in tap water and reduce single-use plastic waste by providing sustainable hydration options in public spaces.

"As the largest water utility in the state, we're committed to promoting the benefits of tap water while supporting environmental sustainability," stated Mark McDonough, president of New Jersey American Water. "This program was inspired by the ongoing requests we've received from local organizations over the years, looking for ways to provide sustainable water options in their communities. Through this initiative, we aim to meet that demand, and foster trust in the quality of our tap water."

The grant program encourages applications from communities with demonstrated needs, particularly those that align with Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (IDE) goals. Selected recipients will receive funding to purchase filling stations, enhancing public access to sustainable water sources. Eligible facilities must be located within New Jersey American Water's service territory and be open to the public. Recipients will be responsible for installation and associated costs.

For more information and to apply, visit the <u>Water Refill Station Grant</u> <u>Program</u> page on the New Jersey American Water website. Applications must be submitted by September 27, 2024. Recipients will be notified in October.

Funding for the Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program will be provided by the American Water Charitable Foundation, as part of its State Strategic Grant Program, focused on high-impact projects and initiatives throughout American Water's national footprint. State Strategic grants are part of the Foundation's Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focused on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities.

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.

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