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Pennsylvania American Water Proudly Recognizes 15 American Water Charitable Foundation State Strategic Impact Grantees

Recipients across the Commonwealth receive $215K in total funding

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Dec. 18, 2024) – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Pennsylvania American Water, announced today that the Foundation awarded State Strategic Impact Grants to 15 organizations across the Commonwealth, totaling $215,000 in funding.

“The Chester County Food Bank is incredibly grateful for Pennsylvania American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation,” said CCFB CEO Andrea Youndt. “Through their generosity, more children in Chester County have access to the healthy food they need to thrive, especially over weekends and school breaks. Pennsylvania American Water is committed to our community, and we look forward our continued partnership with them.”

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the Foundation’s 2024 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact projects and initiatives throughout American Water’s national footprint.

“Collaboration is key to truly making a positive change in the communities we call home,” said Thom Chiomento, Pennsylvania American Water vice president of business development, government and external affairs. “We’re proud to partner with nonprofits across Pennsylvania that are dedicated to continuing such important work. It’s an honor to assist them in those efforts with this financial support from the American Water Charitable Foundation.”

Below is a list of the grantees from across Pennsylvania, along with details on their respective projects and award amounts:

- Butler Township Volunteer Fire District, Butler County – Provide onsite treatment and assistance to individuals impacted by recent events ($5,000)
- Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, Cumberland County – Preserve and protect lands and natural resources in the south central Pennsylvania region ($10,000)
- Chester County Food Bank, Chester County – Provide nutritious food for weekend meals and snacks for students throughout Chester County ($20,000)
- Commission on Economic Opportunity, Luzerne County – Support efforts of the Weinberg Regional Food Bank that coordinates a charitable food system in northeast Pennsylvania ($20,000)
- Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company, Butler County – Provide onsite treatment and assistance to individuals impacted by recent events ($5,000)
- Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department, Berks County – Enhance fire protection and emergency services ($10,000)
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Allegheny County – Support 43rd annual KDKA Turkey Fund that provides a holiday meal for those in the region facing food insecurity ($20,000)
- Indiana County Community Action Program, Indiana County – Assist in fighting hunger throughout Indiana County ($10,000)
- Local Government Academy, Allegheny County – Facilitate a non-partisan education program on the roles of municipal staff and elected officials ($20,000)
- Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania, Dauphin County – Address food insecurity for communities throughout Pennsylvania, providing approximately 45,000 meals to those in need (Click here to view video about donation) ($10,000)
- NEPA Youth Shelter, Lackawanna County – Support the conversion of an existing warehouse into a teen safe space ($20,000)
- North Strabane Township Fire Department, Washington County – Underwrite the purchase of a portable digital flow meter and 10 back pressure increasers for training and increased service accuracy ($10,000)

- Watersheds of South Pittsburgh, Allegheny County – Establish a cohort of citizens and residents to advise the Saw Mill Run Task Force ($20,000)
- York County Food Bank, York County – Support the goal of fighting food insecurity throughout York County ($10,000)
- York County Veterans Outreach, York County – Provide housing and utility assistance to local veterans facing financial challenges ($25,000)

Carrie Williams, president of the American Water Charitable Foundation, stated, “We are thrilled to collaborate with Pennsylvania American Water to help support organizations that provide critical resources and programs throughout Pennsylvania. The State Strategic Impact Grant program underscores our commitment to strengthen communities served by American Water.”

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation here, and review Pennsylvania American Water’s 2023 Community Impact Report summarizing the company’s outreach efforts.

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.

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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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