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Pennsylvania American Water Announces Launch of American Water Charitable Foundation 2025 Water and Environment Grant Program

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Feb. 7, 2025) – Pennsylvania American Water is pleased to announce the launch of the American Water Charitable Foundation 2025 Water and Environment Grant Program. The Foundation invites community partners to apply for grants that promote clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability and water-based recreation projects.

“Pennsylvania Resources Council is extremely grateful to the American Water Charitable Foundation and Pennsylvania American Water for the Water and Environment Grant we received last year,” said the organization’s deputy executive director Sarah Alessio Shea. “As an organization, we strive to prevent waste and conserve the environment. The Water and Environment Grant we received truly supported that mission, allowing us to provide water conservation education and resources directly to members of the community and also reduce watershed pollution in the process.”

In 2024, the American Water Charitable Foundation awarded a combined total of $1 million to 59 organizations in 11 states, supporting organizations located in communities served by American Water, including 15 Pennsylvania-based organizations:

- Allegheny CleanWays, Allegheny County – Cleanup of illegal dumping sites and litter on Allegheny County waterways ($10,000)
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, York County – Train and empower community champions to improve, restore and protect their local watershed ($51,776)
- Berks Nature, Berks County – Support construction of a vernal pool to enhance water quality, biodiversity and environmental education at Neversink Mountain Preserve ($4,941)
- Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, Cumberland County – Create safe, accessible, elevated viewing areas of the wetlands and stream at Letort Spring Garden Preserve ($6,000)
- Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Luzerne County – Conduct a water quality assessment of fishery and impacts from abandoned mines in Southern Wyoming Valley ($18,000)
- Lehman Sanctuary, Luzerne County – Restore native wildflower watershed habitats alongside watershed education to regional students ($10,000)
- North Branch Land Trust, Luzerne County – Implement an invasive species management plan that increases stormwater retention, water quality and public access at the Hanover Crossings Marsh Sanctuary ($25,000)
- Old Forge Elementary PTO, Lackawanna County – Restore arboretum to create an outdoor classroom with seating, shade, plants and a pond/water source ($10,000)
- Pennsylvania Envirothon, Snyder County – Support statewide high school environmental science competition ($15,000)
- Pennsylvania Resources Council, Allegheny County – Provide residents of Mon Valley with free rain barrels and education to reduce watershed pollution ($10,000)
- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, Montgomery County – Provide on-water education for 600 students in Norristown Area School District through The Floating Classroom Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program ($20,000)
- Scranton Tomorrow, Lackawanna County – Purchase landscape materials for City Pride 2024, including soil, plants, signage, and litter abatement supplies ($38,200)
- The Greater Pittston Land Revitalization Corporation, Luzerne County – Empower the community through The Gardens at Pittston Housing Authority shared green space: fostering growth, connection and sustainability ($10,000)
- The Pennsylvania State University, Dauphin County – Engage underserved communities by exposing K-12 students to a pilot scale water treatment plant at Penn State Harrisburg ($23,663)
- Three Rivers Waterkeeper, Allegheny County – Provide an ambassador program focused on community engagement to protect source drinking water ($15,000)

“As a provider of safe, clean water and wastewater service for customers across Pennsylvania, a commitment to

the well-being of the environment and our watersheds is at the heart of all we do. We understand that as a company, we play an important role in protecting, restoring and enhancing these shared resources. We also know we can't do it alone," said Pennsylvania American Water Vice President of Business Development, Government and External Affairs Thom Chiomento. "We're thankful for the many dedicated community partners we're able to collaborate with as they work to address environmental concerns, offer educational resources and ensure the health and vitality of our state for generations to come. We encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and apply for a Water and Environment Grant."

The Foundation supports three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has invested over $20 million in funding through grants and matching gifts that positively benefit the communities where American Water and its employees live and work.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to work collaboratively with Pennsylvania American Water and launch the 2025 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 Our mission to Keep Communities Flowing empowers communities to understand the importance of water education and conservation, while also encouraging local organizations to engage in protecting this vital resource."

Applications will be accepted through March 7, 2025. Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation, grant 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.

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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.

About Pennsylvania American Water

Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.3 million people.

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