

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

Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply by March 7, 2025

DAVENPORT, IA – February 12, 2025 – Iowa American Water is thrilled 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.

“The funds from the American Water Charitable Foundation will have a long-lasting impact on the health of both Nahant Marsh and the Mississippi River, said Brian Ritter, executive director of the Nahant Marsh Education Center. “The funds are being used to convert degraded farmland into wetlands that will help to filter water pollution and provide new habitat for wildlife.”

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 four from Iowa American Water’s service areas:

- Nahant Marsh Education Center – This grant will help restore 55 acres of farmland that was recently acquired by Nahant Marsh to improve water quality along the Mississippi River and construct 1.2 miles of trails and boardwalk on the edge of land parcel to create accessibility for recreation and education.
- Partners of Scott County Watersheds - This grant will help support the Goose Creek Park Project, which provide habitat reconstruction, bank and stream restoration, water quality improvements and recreation amenities for 15 acres on the site.
- Friendly House – Grant will support program outings that introduce economically-disadvantaged kids to water-based recreation activities.
- Keep Scott County Beautiful/Xstream Cleanup – Grant will provide volunteer supplies and equipment to this Quad-Cities initiative to clean up local waterways with the goal of maintaining clean water for drinking, recreation, wildlife and commerce.

“As a provider of safe, clean water and wastewater service for customers in Iowa, 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 Iowa American Water President Brad Nielsen. “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 watersheds 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 Iowa 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](https://www.amwater.com/awcf).

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