

# American Water Charitable Foundation and Illinois American Water Award over \$40,000 to Support Accessible Drinking Water

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER'S HYDRATION STATION GRANT RECIPIENTS



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Belleville, ILL. (October 28, 2025) — The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Illinois American Water, announced today that the Foundation has awarded \$40,400 in grants to 12 eligible public charities and school districts, to fund bottle filling stations through its Hydration Station Grant Program. Funding for new filling stations will enhance sustainable hydration options and reduce single-use plastic waste in communities served by Illinois American Water.

“This contribution goes far beyond convenience—it directly supports the health and well-being of our students by encouraging regular hydration throughout the school day,” said Jeb Blomquist, maintenance director of South

Beloit CUSD 320 and grant recipient. "Access to clean, easily refillable water empowers our students to stay focused, energized, and ready to learn. By reducing the reliance on single-use plastic bottles, our school community is taking meaningful steps toward sustainability and minimizing our ecological footprint."

"The Hydration Station Grant Program supports community partners in our mutual goals of making a positive impact on the environment and helping to ensure easy access to safe, clean and reliable drinking water," said Rebecca Losli, president of Illinois American Water. "Accessible, safe hydration is essential to creating lifelong healthy and environmentally responsible habits."

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is pleased to partner with organizations that align with Illinois American Water's focus on sustainable water access, by providing accessible bottle filling stations that make a meaningful impact" said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation. The following organizations, located across 10 counties throughout Illinois American Water's service territory, were awarded a grant:

- Butterfield Preservation Foundation, Lombard
- The Carle Foundation, Urbana
- EPIC, Peoria
- Jersey School District, Jerseyville
- Monroe County YMCA - HTC Center, Columbia
- Pekin Community High School, Pekin
- Shiloh Village School District #85, Shiloh
- South Beloit CUSD 320, South Beloit
- Stephens Family YMCA, Champaign
- Streator Family YMCA, Streator
- Stookey Parks Not for Profit, Belleville
- Villa Grove CUSD 302, Villa Grove

Each organization will receive funding to purchase a water bottle filling station at a community location, enhancing access to safe, clean, sustainable drinking water for all. The awarded bottle filling stations are expected to be installed in the coming months to benefit residents, visitors, and the environment alike.

Funding for hydrant stations is provided through the Foundation's State Strategic Impact Grant Program. The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2025 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.

For more details, please visit [www.illinoisamwater.com/News & Community/Community Involvement/Hydration Station Grant Program](http://www.illinoisamwater.com/News & Community/Community Involvement/Hydration Station Grant Program).

## **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 6,700 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, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People, and Communities. Since 2012, the Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in funding through grants and matching gifts to support eligible organizations in communities served by American Water. The Foundation is funded by American Water shareholders and has no impact on customer rates. For more information, visit [amwater.com/awcf](https://amwater.com/awcf).

### **About Illinois American Water**

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

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