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American Water Charitable Foundation Awards $25,000 to Four New Jersey Nonprofits

HomeFront, Interfaith Neighbors, NORWESCAP and Isles, Inc. receive State Strategic Impact grants.

CAMDEN, N.J., Nov. 9, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- New Jersey American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic nonprofit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), announced today that the Foundation awarded a combined total of $25,000 in State Strategic Impact grants to four New Jersey nonprofits working to strengthen housing stability, financial capability and access to essential resources.

"New Jersey American Water has been a longtime partner of Interfaith Neighbors, and we are grateful for the many ways the company has supported our work and engaged with the communities we serve," **said Heather Triarsi, Chief Executive Officer, Interfaith Neighbors**. "This grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation will help us expand programs that provide individuals and families with resources and opportunities to build greater financial stability."

"These grants strengthen relationships with organizations that are making a meaningful difference in communities across New Jersey," said **Kimberly Schalek Downes, vice president of business development, government and external affairs at New Jersey American Water.** "We have seen that work firsthand, from partnering with Interfaith Neighbors on community initiatives to employees volunteering at HomeFront's FreeStore. These Foundation grants build on those relationships while helping each organization advance programs that directly serve individuals and families."

Grant funding will support the following organizations:

- **HomeFront** in Central New Jersey, providing shelter, permanent housing, rental assistance, food & basic necessities, educational & employment support, wellness resources, and programs for children.
- **Interfaith Neighbors** in Monmouth County, helping individuals and families achieve greater economic stability through rental, mortgage and security deposit assistance, affordable housing and career preparation programs.
- **NORWESCAP** in Warren, Sussex and Hunterdon counties, connecting residents with financial, housing and community support resources.
- **Isles, Inc.** in Mercer County and through statewide programming, supporting healthy homes, neighborhood revitalization and financial empowerment initiatives.

"At HomeFront, we work every day to help families in Central New Jersey meet immediate needs while building a path toward lasting stability: providing safe, secure housing; basic necessities; education and job training support; personal wellness resources; and support for children. We are grateful to the American Water Charitable Foundation for supporting our work and to New Jersey American Water employees for lending a hand at our FreeStore. Their help stocking and organizing clothing and household essentials supports the important day-to-day work to make these items available at no cost to families who need them," **said Sarah Steward, Chief Executive Officer of HomeFront**.

The grants were awarded through the Foundation's 2026 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, which focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact organizations and initiatives across American Water's national footprint.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to support organizations working to address critical community needs," said **Carrie Williams, president of the American Water Charitable Foundation**. "These grants will help expand access to housing support, financial resources and essential community services that strengthen families and communities throughout New Jersey."

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation's community impact in the 2025 Community Impact Report.

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 and celebrating 140 years in 2026, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to approximately 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 19 military installations. American Water's approximately 7,000 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 $25 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.

About New Jersey American Water
New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 3 million people. For more information, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and follow New Jersey American Water on LinkedIn, Facebook, X, and Instagram.

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