Maryland American Water Proudly Presents American Water Charitable Foundation Grant to Restore Main Street Clock in Downtown Bel Air

$20,000 grant to the Bel Air Downtown Alliance will fund replacement of the broken landmark

BEL AIR, Md., Nov. 16, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Maryland American Water presented a $20,000 State Strategic Impact grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation – a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK) – to the Bel Air Downtown Alliance Inc. (BADA) to fund the replacement of the Main Street clock in the Town of Bel Air.

"The clock is a signature piece of Main Street and a nod to Harford County's history as a clockmaking center," said **Jenny Erhard, Executive Director, Bel Air Downtown Alliance**. "We're excited to see the Main Street clock fully restored and are grateful to Maryland American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation for providing the funding to make it happen."

The State Strategic Impact Grant, provided by the Foundation, will provide a full replacement of the broken clock. A recognizable landmark in the heart of downtown, the clock has been out of service for many years. Approved earlier this fall, the funding will restore a focal point of Bel Air's historic downtown.

"The iconic clock at the corner of Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue has been a part of the landscape in downtown Bel Air for years, and residents took notice when it stopped working," said **Laura Runkle, President, Maryland American Water**. "We're glad the American Water Charitable Foundation was able to help the Bel Air Downtown Alliance bring it back into working order. Supporting projects like this is just one way we give back to the communities we serve."

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2026 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.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is pleased to partner with organizations that align with Maryland American Water and support the historical preservation of the community," said **Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation**.

BADA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to mobilize stakeholders and community partners like American Water to invest in Bel Air's neighborhoods, the local economy, and quality of life. Downtown Bel Air is a major focus of BADA's work, with projects aimed at making the Main Street area more welcoming to visitors, attractive to businesses, and a source of pride for residents. The project is a partnership with the Town of Bel Air, under the Main Street Maryland program.

This grant builds on the existing partnership between Maryland American Water and BADA. In 2022 and 2023, the two organizations also collaborated to make Shamrock Park, the most used playground in the Bel Air community, more accessible to people with disabilities.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation, here.

Learn more about Maryland American Water's community impact, here.

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