LCRA FIRM WATER CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Apply for up to $100,000 for water conservation equipment and measures

The Firm Water Conservation Cost-share Program encourages and accelerates the adoption of water conservation measures by providing funding to help offset the cost of water efficiency projects and programs.

Grants up to $100,000 are available for up to 50% of the project cost.



Who can apply?

LCRA firm water customers

What types of projects are eligible?

Projects and efforts that reduce or maximize the efficient use of surface water, including:

- Water loss reduction efforts, such as leak detection and repair and pressure management.
- Equipment efficiency upgrades.
- Demand-side conservation programs including incentives for smart irrigation controllers or soil moisture sensors, low-income plumbing repair, or other conservation equipment.
- Conversion of irrigated areas from raw or potable use water to recycled water.
- Emerging technology projects focused on education, outreach or technology advancements.



What's not eligible?

- Planning grants, hiring consultants or training
- Completed projects

Apply for a grant

- Complete the application available at www.WaterSmart.org.
    - The application must be signed by the chief executive administrator or officer of the entity requesting the funds, such as a city manager, executive director, general manager or board president.
- Match at least 50% of the total cost for the proposed project through cash and/or in-kind services.
    - Emerging technology projects less than $15,000 require a minimum match of 20% (not 50%) of the total cost and do not have an estimated water savings requirement.
- Estimate the amount of water the project will save and provide supporting documentation for any calculations.

More about the program

- Decisions regarding awarded funds are within the sole discretion of the Water Conservation Incentives Program Review Committee and may not be appealed. The review committee is comprised of LCRA Board members, the LCRA general manager or his designee, and LCRA firm water customer representatives. Communicating with members of the review committee about a pending cost-share application is not allowed.
- Funds awarded may be lower than the amount requested, depending on the number and type of projects being funded.
- LCRA and the grant recipient must sign an agreement before funding is released.
- Recipients must complete the project within 12 months of the date the grant is awarded. An entity may request a project extension of up to 12 months.
- Recipients must provide LCRA with a final completion report detailing the results of the project.
- Recipients are required to report annual water savings to LCRA for five years following the completion of the project.
- Previously funded projects must be complete before an additional project is funded.
- Projects must meet all federal, state and local regulatory and permit requirements.

Applications received after the deadline will be considered for the next grant cycle.

Questions?

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