What is the purpose of the Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program?
The goal of the New York City Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program is to help conserve New York City potable water and reduce flows to the sewer system and wastewater treatment facilities. The Grant reimburses water efficiency projects on private property that include conventional fixture retrofits and/or innovative water saving technologies, such as on-site water reuse.

What is the applicant eligibility criteria for the Program?
Grants are available to institutional (e.g., museum, school), residential, or commercial customers who receive a water bill directly from DEP for their own water use, and not for resale. Applicants must have an account in good standing with a functioning Automated Meter Reading (AMR) device and must have one year of water use data. Applicants applying for funding for new construction projects who do not have water use data would qualify for water reuse projects only. Proposed projects must conserve at least one million gallons of water per year, or about 2,740 gallons per day.

What costs are eligible for reimbursement?
The following costs are eligible for reimbursement under the Program:

- Third-party costs for a Facility Water Use Survey
- Third-party costs for Design Services
- Equipment costs (includes materials and supplies)

The funding conditions and amounts for each eligible cost are presented in the table below. Costs for Facility Water Use Surveys and Design Services are reimbursable if performed by a third party, up to 20% of equipment costs. Labor costs are NOT eligible for reimbursement.
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**How do I apply for a grant?**
For applications to be accepted and considered for funding, the following documents must be included in the application package:

- Application Form
- Documentation of Current or Future Water Demand and Potential Savings
- Project Work Plan

The Program webpage (www.nyc.gov/dep/water-conservation-grant) contains links to all documents required for application, in addition to the Program Guide. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact DEP to discuss eligibility of projects prior to submitting an application by emailing waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov or calling 718-595-6242.

**What is the application timeline?**
Applications can be submitted between July 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019. Grant awards are expected to be announced in Spring 2020. The number of issued grants are limited to available funding.

**If I have several properties and water and sewer accounts, do I need to apply for each one separately?**
Multiple properties with the same property owner may be grouped under a single grant application if a total of one million gallons per year (about 2,740 gallons per day) of potable water can be conserved.

**How long does the grantee have to construction their project?**
Once DEP issues the Notice to Proceed, the grantee has up to three years to complete construction of their project. However, projects with a shorter timeline may be prioritized when considering applications for funding.
Are outdoor irrigation efficiency projects eligible for reimbursement?
Yes, however, applicants are encouraged to include outdoor irrigation as a component of a larger conservation and/or reuse project. Outdoor irrigation occurs seasonally and does not contribute to permanent, year-round water savings; therefore, savings must be averaged over the course of a year.

What are examples of innovative water savings projects?
On-site water reuse is one example of a more innovative approach to water efficiency. On-site water reuse projects include stormwater recycling, cooling tower condensate recycling, and blackwater recycling. Other examples include replacement or retrofit of commercial or industrial equipment like dishwashers, water-cooled ice machines, and cooling towers.

How much is one million gallons per year?
One million gallons per year is roughly 2,740 gallons per day. As an example, replacing approximately 69 inefficient toilets in a multi-family residential building (3.5 gallons per flush or more) with efficient models (1.3 gallons per flush for less) would save about 2,740 gallons per day.

My AMR was just installed/replaced/reppaired. Can I still apply to the grant program?
12 months of water use data must be documented in the Facility Water User Survey. Applicants applying for funding for new construction projects who do not have water use data would qualify for water reuse projects only.

I do not receive a water bill, or I pay for my water through dues or rent. Can I still apply?
No, only property owners may apply for a grant under this Program.

Other questions?
All grant program inquiries can be directed to waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov or 718-595-6242.

For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep/water-conservation-grant.