



New York City's Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program

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Program Vision



The goal of the Grant Program is to:

- ❖ Reimburse water efficiency projects on private property.
- ❖ Conserve potable water and reduce flows to the sewer system and wastewater facilities.



Grant Program Overview



Grant Funding & Reimbursement

	Specifications	Grant Funding Amount
Equipment	WaterSense®-certified fixture replacements	Fixed maximum unit price
	Custom water efficiency retrofits	\$10 per gallon per day (gpd) water savings achieved or up to 100% of documented equipment costs
Third-party Facility Water Use Survey and Design Services	Third-party costs for Facility Water Use Survey and any associated Design Services required in development of the application	Up to 20% of total equipment costs

Fixed Maximum Unit Prices for WaterSense Certified Fixture Replacements

Fixture	WaterSense Specification	Maximum DEP Rebate Rates (\$/fixture)
Residential Toilets (Tank or Flushometer)	≤ 1.6 gallons per flush	\$125
Showerheads	≤ 2.0 gallons per minute	\$45
Bathroom Sink Aerators	≤ 1.5 gallons per minute	\$3
Commercial Toilets (Flushometer)	≤ 1.28 gallons per flush	\$650
Urinals	≤ 0.5 gallons per flush	\$600

Examples of Custom Water Efficiency Retrofits

- Reusing cooling tower condensate for cooling tower make up water
- Reusing condensate from ConEd steam for cooling tower make up water
- Rainwater/Greywater/Blackwater reuse systems

Eligibility



- ❖ Proposed project is on private property and saves at least one million gallons per year (2,740 gallons per day)
- ❖ Applicant has DEP account in good standing, an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) device, and at least one year of data
- ❖ **NEW:** Each project must cost at least \$50,000 per each building included in the project

The proposed project must:

- ❖ Commence within 6 months following the Notice to Proceed
- ❖ Be constructed within 3 years from the Notice to Proceed
- ❖ Offset potable water use by at least:
 - 50% of the savings for which the Project is designed within a year of construction completion, and
 - 90% of savings within three years of construction completion.
- ❖ **NEW:** Be maintained for at least 20 years

The Applicant must provide a complete application package, including:

- ❖ Application Form
- ❖ Project Work Plan
- ❖ Documentation of current or future water demand and potential savings

If a water reuse project, the proposed system must comply with:

- ❖ Department of Buildings Plumbing Code
- ❖ Department of Health Requirements
- ❖ Any other applicable rules and regulations

Applications will be evaluated for:

- ❖ Water Savings
- ❖ Cost Effectiveness
- ❖ Project Schedule
- ❖ Feasibility
- ❖ Co-benefits



Application Process and Grant Timeline





Applying to the Grant Pilot Program

1. Submit Grant Application

- Applications may be submitted at any time and, pending funding availability, may be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. All applications are due June 1, 2022, and additional application rounds may be announced in the future.



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2. Grantee Submits Signed Grant Acceptance Package to DEP, which includes the Funding Agreement



**Project Construction
and Reimbursement
of Costs**

3. Construction/Installation of Project

Following Notice to Proceed:

- ❖ Construction must begin within 6 months
- ❖ Construction completed within 3 years
- ❖ Quarterly and annual status reports are required

Reimbursement of Costs:

- ❖ After Notice to Proceed
- ❖ At 50% completion
- ❖ After receiving the Final Acceptance Letter



4. Final Inspection

5. Final Invoice for Water Conservation Project



- ❖ The Project must be permanent and operational for a minimum of 20 years
- ❖ DEP will monitor annual water use
- ❖ If an on-site water reuse system, Grantee is required to submit reports as part of Maintenance Plan
- ❖ Failure to meet the water savings goal for a minimum of 20 years or comply with any provision of the Funding Agreement, may result in termination of the agreement and repayment of funding to DEP.

More Information



nyc.gov/dep/water-conservation-grant

Our Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Pilot Program provides commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential property owners with incentives to install fixture retrofits and other water efficiency technologies, such as on-site water reuse systems, totaling \$50,000 or more on a single private property.

Contact waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov for any program inquiries.

- [Download the Water Reuse Fact Sheet](#)
- [Download the Water Conservation and Reuse Grant One-pager](#)
- [Download the Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Information Session Presentation](#)

Eligible Funding

Eligible Costs	Conditions	Grant Funding Amount
Equipment Costs	WaterSense® certified fixture replacements	Fixed maximum unit price; see table below
	Custom Water Efficiency Retrofits	\$10 per gallon per day (gpd) water savings achieved, up to 100% of documented equipment costs.
Facility Water Use Survey, and Design Services	Includes third-party costs for facility water use survey and any associated design services required in development of the application.	Up to 20% of total equipment costs

Grant Guide and Application Form

Application Process



Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, pending funding availability. Please email waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov if you are interested in applying.

The following must be submitted for the application to be considered:

1. **Application Form**

Interested applicants should read through the Grant Application Guide, sample Legal Agreement and Restrictive Covenant before applying.

- [Download the Grant Application Guide and Application Form](#)
- [Download the Grant Funding Agreement \(sample\)](#)
- [Download the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant \(sample\)](#)

Questions?

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