



Building Water Awareness —

Community Partnering Program.



About the Program

Sprinkled throughout Metropolitan's huge six-county service area are pockets of learning – conservation demonstration gardens, native garden tour stops, school programs and community workshops – all designed to teach about the importance of water. Their common thread is funding received through Metropolitan's Community Partnering Program, which provides up to \$2,000 in sponsorships to community-based organizations, including nonprofits, professional associations, educational institutions and public agencies.



Eligibility

Eligible projects include water-related educational outreach programs like community forums, workshops and water festivals, water-themed curriculum and supplies for grades K-12, after-school programs, exhibits, promotional materials and native plant and California Friendly® garden signage. Applicants who serve our disadvantaged communities – which represent about half of Metropolitan's service area – are especially encouraged to apply for sponsorships.

Priority is given to applicants within our six-county service area, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties who have member agency involvement. On occasion, applications outside the service area that address Metropolitan's mission and promote regional priorities, such as water conservation and water-use efficiency, may be approved.

Visit our website at www.mwdh2o.com/who-we-are/member-agencies/ to locate your member agency by entering your zip code at the top of the web page.

About Metropolitan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 member agencies – cities and public water agencies – that serve 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and helps its members develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

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Eligibility

Funding is available to local, regional, state and national organizations with a Sec. 501(c) 3 tax status, non-profit educational institutions and public agencies may submit a proposal for a sponsorship. Funding also is available to organizations having 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) and 501(c)(12) tax status.

Repeat applicants seeking sponsorship of the same program/project will be evaluated on the previous year's Recipient Fulfillment Report and results of that sponsorship. Metropolitan does not guarantee consecutive-year sponsorships.

Application Review

Sponsorship applications are reviewed throughout the year, and funding is limited and may be depleted prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start date of the event or program.

Apply here: mwdh2o.jotform.com/91625622208151

Terms and Conditions

- Submitted applications requesting more than the \$2,000 sponsorship maximum will not be considered.
- Programs will NOT be funded retroactively. If the event date precedes the application, the funding request will not be considered.
- If a program or project is approved, funds will be distributed ONLY to the organization that applied. The organization's name, street address (no P.O. #s) and federal tax ID on the application must match the IRS W-9 federal tax form, otherwise the sponsorship award will not be considered.
- No substitutions: Awarded funds may ONLY be used for the event/activity described in the application. If the program is cancelled or substantially modified, funds MUST be returned to Metropolitan.
- Sponsorships may NOT include endorsements or implied endorsements of brand name products or companies

Expenses Not Funded

- Requests solely for labor expenses
- Legal, lobbying or consultant fees
- Leasing or rental expenses
- Meals or refreshments
- Travel / transportation
- Film festivals
- Office space or utility expenses (gas, electric, internet, water)
- Scholarships, internships, stipends, honorariums or teacher release time
- Equipment or devices that are eligible for rebates through SoCalWaterSmart
- Combined administrative and labor expenses are limited to 20% (up to \$400) of the total Metropolitan sponsorship



Questions

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