



# 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)	$\leq 1.6$ gallons per flush	\$125
Showerheads	$\leq 2.0$ gallons per minute	\$45
Bathroom Sink Aerators	$\leq 1.5$ gallons per minute	\$3
Commercial Toilets (Flushometer)	$\leq 1.28$ gallons per flush	\$650
Urinals	$\leq 0.5$ 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 will be accepted on a rolling basis, pending funding availability



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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 greater than \$50,000 on a single property.

Contact [waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov) for any program inquiries.

- [Download the Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Program One-pager](#)

### 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](mailto: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?

All grant program inquiries can be directed to:  
[waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:waterconservation@dep.nyc.gov)

