

## **UGRA Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program Guidelines**

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### **Program Overview**

The goal of the rebate program is to promote water conservation and watershed stewardship through rainwater harvesting. The Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program is available to anyone with a Kerr County address and will reimburse eligible applicants up to \$200 when they provide proof of purchase of rainwater catchment system equipment. Each address is eligible once per calendar year.

This rebate program is open to businesses or individuals in Kerr County. Proof of purchase for rainwater catchment system equipment must be dated within the last 12 months. Payment by UGRA is subject to the availability of funds. For more information, contact UGRA at (830) 896-5445.

### **Eligibility**

Individuals or businesses are eligible to apply to the Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The applicant must provide proof of ownership of or residence at the Kerr County, Texas address at which the rainwater catchment system is installed.
2. Each address is only eligible for reimbursement once per calendar year. The date the application is submitted to UGRA will determine the applicable calendar year.
3. The applicant must provide a merchandise receipt clearly evidencing the purchase of rainwater catchment system equipment and the date of purchase.
4. Applications for rebate must be received by UGRA within 12 months from the date of purchase.
5. The applicant must provide photo documentation that the purchased equipment is installed.

### **Application for Reimbursement**

1. After the purchase of rainwater catchment system equipment, the applicant should submit a payment request to UGRA. The applicant must include in the application the following information:
  - a. A copy of the merchandise receipt evidencing the proof of purchase of rainwater catchment system equipment and the date of purchase;
  - b. Proof of ownership of or residence at the Kerr County, Texas address; at which the rainwater catchment system is installed.
  - c. Photo documentation that the purchased equipment is installed.

- d. Any other information requested by UGRA to process the application for rebate.
2. UGRA shall review the payment request form. Upon receipt of all required information and subject to availability of budgeted funds for this Program, UGRA may authorize payment of a rebate in accordance with these Guidelines.

### **Funding and Program Rates**

1. Rebate payment can be requested for the applicant's purchase of rainwater catchment system equipment. This is defined as any items that were specifically purchased to support the collection of rainwater and can include the following: tanks, barrels, pipes, fittings, gutters, filters, and UV lights.
2. Any rebate payment will not exceed the cost of rainwater catchment system.
3. UGRA's contribution to rainwater harvesting projects are funded with monies budgeted for the Program by the Board of Directors of UGRA and no other monies will be utilized for payment of a rebate.
4. If an applicant's payment request is approved and subject to the availability of budgeted funds, UGRA will remit a rebate payment to the applicant in an amount not to exceed 50% of the purchase price of the rainwater catchment system or \$200, whichever is less.
5. UGRA further reserves the right to reduce the rebate amount if the amount requested by one or more applicants exceeds the total amount of funds budgeted by UGRA for such projects for the fiscal year.
6. If an applicant receives funding for the Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program and also applies for funding through the Large Rainwater System Incentive Program for the same project costs, the total incentive payment will be reduced by the amount of the rebate received.
7. At such time as the funds budgeted by UGRA for the Program have been expended, no additional applications for rebate under the Program will be approved. Whether an application that is denied due to the unavailability of funds will be eligible for payment of a rebate in a future fiscal year will be determined according to the current Program Guidelines approved by the UGRA Board.
8. UGRA reserves the right to reject any application for rebate based on fraud, irregularities, availability of funds, or otherwise as determined in UGRA's sole discretion.

### **Renewal, Modification, or Termination of Program**

The Board of Directors of UGRA may determine in its sole and absolute discretion whether to renew, modify, or terminate this Program at any time, and nothing herein shall be construed to grant any person any vested right to reimbursement or payment from UGRA.