

UGRA Large Rainwater System Incentive Program Guidelines

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Program Overview

The program is open to all individuals and entities interested in initiating a large rainwater catchment system or expanding a current system in Kerr County. A total of \$2,500 is available each year (subject to board approval) to be granted to one or more recipients. A judging panel will review the applications against program criteria in order to determine which project(s) will be funded.

UGRA will accept applications from January 1st to November 30th each year and applicants will be notified of the results during January of the following year.

Program Guidelines

1. To be eligible to participate in the Program, the rainwater catchment system must be located in Kerr County, Texas.
2. Only rainwater catchment systems constructed after 01/01/2020 are eligible for participation in the Program. Existing systems constructed prior to 01/01/2020 are not eligible for participation. However, additions/enhancements to existing systems that increase the capacity of the system may be eligible for participation. Date of construction is determined by the date on the invoices submitted to document costs.
3. Complete applications must be received by UGRA by 5:00 PM on or before November 30, 2020. Applications will be accepted starting April 2, 2020 (start date will be January 1st during subsequent years).
4. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the UGRA Outreach & Education Committee and a recommendation for funding will be made to the UGRA Board in January 2021. All applicants will be notified of the Board's decision after the January board meeting. UGRA's Board of Directors will identify which applications are approved, if any, and the amount of assistance funds allocated to any approved application based on the availability of budgeted funds for the Program and the merits of each application. The highest priority will be given to applications submitted by nonprofit organizations, schools, camps, or governmental entities that promote water conservation to the public, that conduct water conservation education outreach programs, or that otherwise provide water conservation benefits to the general public.
5. After an application has been approved for funding by the Board, the applicant and UGRA will be required to enter into a binding contract setting forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which UGRA will provide to the applicant all or a portion of the costs of the rainwater catchment system. Among other terms, the agreement will include the following:

- a. The specifications of the rainwater catchment system required to be completed as a condition of receipt of assistance funds
 - b. The rainwater catchment system must be completed between 01/01/2020 and 09/15/2021 in order to receive funding assistance from UGRA
 - c. The applicant must pay for and install a sign at the location of the rainwater system crediting UGRA for their contribution of funding. The sign will also contain educational information about rainwater harvesting as a water conservation practice.
 - d. Proof of costs
 - e. Verification of completion
6. If the applicant does not meet all requirements of the contract, including completion of construction within the specified period, the assistance funds will not be paid to the applicant.
7. UGRA will remit the assistance payment to the applicant(s) in the amount(s) approved by the Board of Directors and set forth in the contract, not to exceed \$2,500, upon satisfaction of all conditions set forth in contract.
8. If the applicant(s) selected to receive the incentive payment already received funding from UGRA's Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program for the same project costs, the total incentive payment will be reduced by the amount of the rebate received.
9. UGRA's incentive payments for rainwater catchment system projects are funded with monies budgeted for the Program by the UGRA Board of Directors and no other monies will be utilized for payment.
10. UGRA reserves the right to reject any application based on fraud, irregularities, lack of budgeted funds, efficacy of the proposed catchment system, or otherwise as determined in UGRA's sole discretion.
11. 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 assistance payments from UGRA.