

## **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 \$5,000 is available during each fiscal 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 on a continuous basis. Applications received during the last 12 months will be evaluated during December of each year and the award decision will be made during January. Applicants who are not selected for the incentive payment are welcome to reapply after 12 months as long as the project continues to meet eligibility requirements. The Public Outreach Committee retains the right to review applications as they are received and to recommend a second applicant to receive an incentive payment if appropriate. During FY22 only, applications received by February 15, 2022 will be reviewed and an award decision will be made during March 2022.

### Program Guidelines

1. To be eligible to participate in the Program, the rainwater catchment system must be located in Kerr County, Texas.
2. A planned rainwater catchment system, a recently constructed system, or additions/enhancements to an existing system to increase its capacity are eligible for participation in the Program. Existing systems constructed within 12 months of the application submission date are 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<sup>th</sup> of each year in order to be considered for an incentive payment during the following year. For FY22 only, applications received prior to February 15, 2022 will be considered for an incentive payment during FY22.
4. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the UGRA Public Outreach Committee and a recommendation for funding will be made to the UGRA Board in January. All applicants will be notified of the Board's decision after the January board meeting. For FY22 only, this recommendation and notification will be in March 2022. UGRA's Board of Directors will identify which applications are approved, if any, and the amount of incentive funds allocated to any approved application based on the availability of budgeted funds for the Program and the merits of each application.
5. 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. Priority will also be given to systems that

maximize reduction in stormwater runoff (e.g. systems that intercept rainfall that would have otherwise been directed onto impervious surfaces).

6. 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 incentive funds.
  - b. The rainwater catchment system must be completed before September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year during which the award decision was made in order to receive incentive funds 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
7. If the applicant does not meet all requirements of the contract, including completion of construction within the specified period, the incentive funds will not be paid to the applicant.
8. UGRA will remit the incentive payment to the applicant(s) in the amount(s) approved by the Board of Directors and set forth in the contract, not to exceed \$5,000, upon satisfaction of all conditions set forth in contract.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 incentive payments from UGRA.