

O.W.L. COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Opportunities for Water Leadership



The **O.W.L. Community Grant Program** began in 2017. We invite schools and non-profit organizations in our member cities of Alhambra, Azusa, Monterey Park and Sierra Madre to create educational “water-wise,” projects. We’ll help with funding if you identify partners, organize activities, manage the project’s completion and share its results locally. While grants ranged from \$200-2,000 since the program’s inception in 2017, as of April 2022, there are no longer limits on the amount applicants may seek. Details about the program, including an online application form, are available on the District’s website.

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Projects	Youth Conservation	Business Conservation	Community Conservation
Alhambra			
Baldwin Elementary School - conducted “Earth Week” educational field trip, assembly and posters; maintain and enhance the School’s native garden; informed students about water treatment procedures and facilities; demonstrated how rain barrels help capture and reuse stormwater.	💧		
Alhambra High School - provided information about the value of water to our health and economies; informed students about water shortages and water quality challenges in foreign countries and in the San Gabriel Valley.	💧		
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce - created awareness of attractive waterwise/drought tolerant landscaping; educated residents, commercial businesses and apartment owners about saving water and money at commercial locations; co-funded awards, lawn signs and recognition event for Alhambra Beautiful.		💧	💧
City of Alhambra - helped fund the ECO Fair Water Conservation Workshop in 2018 and 2019 which promoted water awareness and conservation. also supported creation of “hydration stations” for drinking water at Police Dept. headquarters, Fire Dept. headquarters and the City Yard.	💧	💧	💧
YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley - promoted a summer STEM Project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Also, supported a water-wise re-landscaping project at the property.	💧	💧	💧
Azusa			
Foothill Elementary - on a campus featuring broken or non-functional water fountains, provided students with safe, filtered and fresh drinking water by installing a refilling station, and educated students about recycling water and reusable containers.	💧		
Monterey Park			
Planet Save - helped build a drone that can collect accurate data and assist in determining water-wise irrigation plans and optimizing water resource management; developed plant health maps and terrain maps to deal with soil health and erosion challenges.			💧
Sierra Madre			
Sierra Madre Community Foundation - supported volunteer effort to install new irrigation equipment and water-wise vegetation on the grounds of the Sierra Madre Post Office.			💧
Sierra Madre Elementary School PTA - maintained and enhanced the existing native garden, provide and help install rain barrels to capture stormwater, and supported the School’s annual Native Garden/ Earth Day Festival.	💧		
Sierra Madre Library - developed a water education literacy program which highlights books and other resources focused on water supply, water quality and water conservation.	💧		💧
Sierra Madre Community Nursery School - helping the school achieve its mission of nurturing human growth and development, grant funds were used to increase the efficiency of the heavily vegetated property’s watering and irrigation equipment, as well as increase student and parent awareness of basic water concepts such as water conservation.	💧		💧
Landscape Integrity Films - developed, distributed and posted video tutorials/educational films and create a speaker series about native plant vegetation, water-wise landscaping, water conservation and stormwater capture.			💧
Sierra Madre Post Office - water-wise landscaping and irrigation project supported by community volunteers		💧	💧