



Illinois American Water Announces 2022 Firefighter Grant Program

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BELLEVILLE — Illinois American Water is accepting applications for its 2022 Firefighter Grant Program. Through this program, the company provides financial assistance to fire and emergency organizations in its service areas. Eligible fire departments can apply online by visiting www.illinoisamwater.com - News & Community - Firefighter Grant Program.

According to Justin Ladner, president of Illinois American Water, the Firefighter Grant Program provides another opportunity to support public safety. He said, “Our team of professionals treat the water and test every fire hydrant annually to support local fire protection. The Firefighter Grant program is one more way we can strengthen our partnerships with local heroes and support the communities we serve.”

Since 2010, Illinois American Water has awarded over \$760,000 for over 770 grants to Illinois fire departments. Fire departments-districts are eligible for one grant per year. Uniformed professional and volunteer fire departments serving Illinois American Water’s service territory are eligible for a grant of up to \$1,000 to cover costs associated with the following:

- Personal protective gear
- Communications Equipment
- Firefighting tools
- Water Handling Equipment
- Training and related activities/materials used to support community fire protection
- Reimbursement for specific fire training classes, including training manuals and workbooks

Fire departments within Illinois American Water’s service area should submit an online application by no later than Sept. 12, 2022 with the following information:

- Description of the organization(s) seeking support
- Overview of specific project to be funded and grant amount requested
- Community problem/challenges that the project will address
- Timeframe for implementation of project

- Summary of other sources being approached for support of the project
- Project budget

Online applications can be found here. Please contact Katie Fidler, external affairs specialist, with questions regarding applications at katie.fidler@amwater.com.

About Illinois American Water Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and diversityataw.com. Follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Media Contact: Karen Cotton, Sr. Manager External Communications