

# GROUNDWATER



# CONSERVATION

## 2010 GRANT PROGRAM

1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215  
210.222.2204 or 800.292.1047

[www.edwardsaquifer.org](http://www.edwardsaquifer.org)

# Edwards Aquifer Authority GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Conserving groundwater is important to the effective management and sustainability of the region's primary water resource, the Edwards Aquifer. The Edwards Aquifer Authority (Authority) Groundwater Conservation Grant Program offers municipal and industrial Edwards Aquifer permit holders the opportunity to seek matching grant funding for the implementation of conservation practices and programs that maximize the efficient use of water throughout the region.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All municipal and industrial Edwards Aquifer groundwater permit holders may apply.

## WHAT PROJECTS MAY BE CONSIDERED?

Permanently installed conservation equipment and/or conservation measures implemented to reduce or maximize the efficient use of Edwards groundwater may be considered. Examples of eligible conservation programs include, but are not limited to: rainwater harvesting systems, leak detection and repair programs, low-flow toilet installation programs, and low-flow shower head installation programs.

## HOW CAN A QUALIFIED PERMIT HOLDER APPLY?

Application forms are available at the Authority's main office or online at [www.edwardsaquifer.org](http://www.edwardsaquifer.org). Completed applications must include the cost of the project and the amount of funding requested (not to exceed 50% of the total cost). All conservation projects should clearly demonstrate actual water savings.

Applications must be received by the following deadlines.

### First application process

- Application Due Date: April 30, 2010
- Application Review: May 2010
- Anticipated announcement of awards: July 14, 2010

### Second application process

- Application Due Date: August 31, 2010
- Application Review: September 2010
- Anticipated announcement of awards: November 10, 2010

## WHAT ARE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA?

Authority staff review, evaluate and then present acceptable applications to the Authority's board of directors for consideration. Grants are awarded based on clarity of description of conservation goals and objectives, practicality and life expectancy of water savings through the proposed project, cost of the project, amount of funding requested, and project monitoring procedures. In addition, applicants are required to demonstrate a viable financial plan to ensure funds matching up to 50 percent of the total project cost will be available to achieve its completion. Approved budget documents, bank statements, or (if applicable) a resolution approving funding must be submitted with each application as proof of funding availability.

All grant applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the application review process.

## HOW ARE FUNDS DISBURSED?

Grant recipients will be required to submit progress reports and a written final project report documenting completion of project tasks and the results attained. Funds will be released based on phases of completion and the Authority's review of the submitted progress reports and/or site visits. In addition, the Authority may require access to construction sites or facilities to review progress and to assess the completed project. Site visits will be coordinated ahead of time between the applicant and the Authority. No visit will be unannounced.

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the grant application process, please contact the **Conservation Grant Program** team at **(210) 222-2204** or **(800) 292-1047**.