Water is Life Fund Application
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SUMMARY

The Water is Life Fund is a grant program focused on high-impact solutions to the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) access crisis in the United States, US territories, and sovereign tribal nations within US borders. We are interested in initiatives that are unique, community-led, and long-lasting.

To be eligible for Water is Life funds—

● Your project must be based in the US, US territories, or on sovereign tribal nations within US borders. We're currently prioritizing projects based on the Navajo Nation, but we may consider other applicants depending on demand.
● Your project must expand WASH access at the community level.
● Your project is designed for human WASH use. We do not fund livestock or agricultural water projects.
● If you’re applying on behalf of an organization, your organization must have an annual operating budget of less than $3 million.

Please apply either online at www.navajowaterproject.org/water-is-life-fund, or by mail at Water is Life Fund, PO Box 26779, Los Angeles, CA 90026. All applications are due by September 30, 2021 at 11:59 PM PDT.

Time to complete application: ≤ 1 hour.

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* = Required question
(\textit{Smaller italics}) = (suggested - max word count)
\textit{Italics} = additional question information

● = single selection answer
☑ = multiple selection answer
APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Primary contact’s name:* ______________________________________

2. Primary contact’s email address:* ______________________________

3. Primary contact’s phone number:* ______________________________

4. Primary contact mailing address:* ______________________________

YOUR ORGANIZATION

1. Are you applying on behalf of an organization?*

   YES → Please answer the questions below:

   Organization name:* ________________________________________

   Type of organization (single choice):*
   □ 501(c) Nonprofit
   □ LLC
   □ Other (please describe): ______________

   Organization mailing address:* ______________________________________

   Organization phone number:* ______________________________

   Organization email address:* ______________________________

   Organization website (can be a Facebook page if you don’t have a website):
   ______________________________________

   Organization mission statement (max 100 characters):*
Your organization’s background *(max 1500 characters)*:

Organization annual operating budget:* ____________________________

NO → Move on to the next section.

THE NEED

1. Please describe the need your project will address. *What is the nature of the need? How long has there been this need? How has this need negatively affected people? (max 1500 characters)*
2. What does the community who will be helped look like? *What are the demographics of the community? How many people will be affected? Where is the community located?* (max 800 characters) *

3. What are the strengths/resources of the community? How has the community addressed this need or similar ones in the past? * (max 1500 characters) *
YOUR PROJECT

1. Name of your project. *(max 80 characters)*

2. Describe your project. *What does it do? How does it do it? How long will it take? (max 1500 characters)*

3. Please describe how your project will improve WASH access. How does your project use strengths/resources already available in the community? *(max 1500 characters).*

4. Please include a simple budget and timeline of when/how you will spend Water Is Life funds. *(for example, auto maintenance, wages, parts).*

5. If applicable, please include photos of your project or of the need your project will address.
SUSTAINABILITY

1. How will you ensure your impact will last a long time? (max 1000 characters) *

2. How will you know that you’ve made a lasting impact? How will you measure that impact? (max 1000 characters) *

3. How did you hear about the Water is Life Fund?
   - Navajo Times ad
   - Radio ad
   - Facebook ad
   - Social media post
   - A friend/family member/neighbor
   - Chapter
   - An article or interview about the Water Is Life Fund
   - Navajo Water Project website
   - Other: _____________________