

River Friendly Living Grant for Homeowners

The work of Friends of the Verde River is rooted in the belief that our communities and our rivers need each other. We value integrity, collaboration, sustainability, and innovation. Friends is committed to the principles of truth, honesty, and respect, including respect for the diverse communities in the Verde River system and those who love this region. Projects may be prioritized by location and/or socioeconomic factors.

Friends of the Verde River invites proposals for grants (**up to \$1,000 maximum**) to build community resilience through sustainable water supply, clean water, healthy habitats, and community connection to the Verde River system. These grants are for homeowners that are pursuing or have reached certification as a River Friendly Home. Applicants may submit a River Friendly Home Checklist, and associated fees with this grant application. Funding will be awarded after a purchase receipt has been received by Friends of the Verde River with photo documentation of the completed project. Upon request by the awardee, Friends of the Verde River may pay vendors directly to complete the project.

Funding may be awarded to projects that address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Create sustainable water supply at your home through the purchase and installation of a rain harvesting tank to reduce groundwater use
- Install a greywater irrigation system to reuse water from showers, washing machines, or other applicable
- Improve habitat at your home by removing invasive plants like giant reed, salt cedar, and tree of heaven, reducing the amount of lawn on the property, or planting native vegetation that supports wildlife, including pollinators
- Pay for inspection/repairs of a septic system to improve regional water quality

The Grant Review Process:

A selection committee comprising participating business representatives and Friends of the Verde River representatives will meet to select and prioritize worthy projects. In this grant cycle, we will award up to \$10,000 total. Project schedule should not exceed one year.

Funding Cycle:

- Proposals due October 15, 2023, 5:00 pm – Email completed applications to grants@verderiver.org
- Grant awardees notified December 2023
- Awards distributed as reimbursement for project expenses

See Next Page for Application Template

Application Template

Application Procedures

Please submit your application containing all of the items specified below no later than 5:00 pm on October 15, 2023. We will contact you if we have questions or require additional information.

Your application must include:

- Full Name and Contact Information
- Address of the project site & property pursuing River Friendly Home certification
- Written description of the project, and amount of funding requested (\$1,000 Maximum)
- Two Images of the project site
- Estimated cost of the project with supporting documentation (quote, cost sheet, etc)
- Will you be purchasing anything for this project that will not be covered by the grant?
Please list the applicable expenses.