

River Friendly Living Grant for Homeowners

Request for Proposals

The work of Friends of the Verde River (Friends) 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. Priority will be given to projects that support or create sustainable water supply.

*Friends of the Verde River invites proposals for homeowner 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. 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:

- Rain harvesting, greywater reuse, irrigation efficiency, or in home efficiency projects
- Lawn Removal
- Invasive species treatment, planting native vegetation that supports wildlife, including pollinators
- Inspection/repairs of a septic system to improve regional water quality

The Grant Review Process:

A selection committee comprising of participating business representatives, key partners, and Friends of the Verde River will meet to select and prioritize worthy projects. In this grant cycle, we will award up to \$40,000 total. Project schedule should not exceed one year. **Funding Cycle:**

- Proposals due October 31, 2024, 5:00 pm – Email completed applications to grants@verderiver.org
 - Grant awardees notified December 2024
 - Awards distributed as reimbursement for project expenses
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Application Template

Application Procedures

Please submit your application containing all the items specified below no later than 5:00 pm on October 31, 2024. 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.