

Homeowner River Friendly Living Grant (Excluding Camp Verde, AZ)

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 small grants to fund water conservation projects in the Verde River Watershed. Projects located in Yavapai County (excluding Camp Verde, AZ) are eligible for up to \$5,000 maximum. Projects outside of Yavapai County are eligible for up to \$1,000 maximum.

Funding may be awarded to projects that address the following focus area:

- Support or create sustainable water supply (improved infrastructure, increased indoor efficiency, irrigation efficiency, wastewater reuse, rain harvesting)
- Lawn Removal

Eligible Applicants:

- Homeowners located in the Verde River Watershed that have completed or are pursuing the River Friendly Home certification. The Homeowner Checklist and associated certification fees may be returned with this proposal for eligibility. The checklist is included with this document. A minimum fee of \$50 must be submitted for program participation.

This RFP is for one-time, short-term (one year, maximum) projects. Grant requests are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 for projects located in Yavapai County (excluding Camp Verde, AZ). If you have received a Verde River grant through Friends of the Verde River in the past, you are eligible to apply again once Friends of the Verde River has received documentation of project completion.

The Grant Review Process:

A selection committee comprising local business representatives and Friends of the Verde River representatives will meet to select and prioritize worthy projects. Project schedule should not exceed one year.

Funding Cycle:

- Proposals due October 31, 2025, 5:00 pm – Email completed applications to grants@verderiver.org
- Grant awardees notified in November 2025
- Awards distributed December 2025

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

- Spring: March 31, 2026

Application Procedures

Please submit your application containing all of the items specified below no later than 5:00 pm on October 31, 2025. We will contact you if we have questions or require additional information.

Application Template:

- 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 (\$5,000 maximum)
- Estimated water savings generated by your project

- 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.
- If awarded partial funding, will you be able to complete your project? Explain: