Stormwater Grants
Enhance Your Property, Reduce Your Monthly Bill

Stormwater Grants 101:

**Funding can cover up to 100% of property owner expenses** for the design and construction of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI), also known as green stormwater tools.

**Lower your PWD stormwater bill.**
All commercial, industrial, institutional, and large multifamily property owners pay stormwater bills based on parcel size. Installing green stormwater tools can qualify you for lower bills.

**It’s a win-win situation.** Green stormwater tools reduce pollution entering the city’s rivers and creeks. This helps PWD meet regulatory obligations, and enhances regional water quality.

Eligible Properties
A property is eligible for a Stormwater Grant if it is:

- Non-residential
- In the City of Philadelphia
- Planning to implement a stormwater retrofit

**Non-residential properties include:** commercial properties like offices and shopping centers; institutional properties like schools, universities and hospitals; industrial properties; multifamily residential properties with more than 4 units; and places of worship, among others.

**WHAT TO EXPECT AS YOU GET READY TO APPLY:**

1. **Assemble a team**
   Each property owner must decide whether to prepare their own application or hire a vendor.

2. **Design a green stormwater tool**
   Grant applications must include a diagram showing proposed site changes, known as a concept plan.

3. **Schedule a meeting with PWD**
   To strengthen each application, PWD provides feedback on the concept plan, schedule and approach.

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How Green Stormwater Tools work on your property

**Before:**
On your property now, the rainwater falls on impervious surfaces like parking lots and roofs, and flows to a regular stormdrain. This is directly connected to the city’s sewer system which can overflow during storms, resulting in pollution entering the city’s rivers and creeks.

**After:**
Green stormwater tools green your site and capture stormwater before it reaches a regular stormdrain. This reduces sewer overflows during storms and lowers the amount of pollution entering our waterways.

Which type of Green Stormwater Tool is right for you?
There are multiple types of green stormwater tools to choose from, and you can pick which best suits your location. A range of green stormwater tools can be funded with a Stormwater Grant.

- **Rain Garden:** A garden that collects runoff and allows it to infiltrate into the ground.
- **Subsurface Storage:** Underground basins that collect runoff underneath a paved surface.
- **Green Roofs:** A green roof is a roof that has been covered with vegetation to provide stormwater management.
- **Cisterns:** Cisterns are storage tanks, located either above or below ground, that hold stormwater for reuse.
- **Permeable Pavement:** A pavement system that allows water to infiltrate into the ground. Shown here as parking spaces.

Learn more about green stormwater tools on our website
> water.phila.gov/gsi/tools/

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

To get ready to apply, assemble your team!
Make sure you identify who will be managing the grant application process on your end.

Go to water.phila.gov/stormwater/incentives/grants/ and click on the Stormwater Grants Application Guide link in ‘How to Apply’. It will walk you through the process!

Contact the Stormwater Incentives Team at PWDStormwaterCredits@phila.gov or (215) 685-6070.

**COMING SOON:**
StormwaterConnect web tool
Everyone can save time assembling a team. Vendors can identify promising sites. Property owners can find qualified professionals.

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