



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES
RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER GRANTS 2022
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) - GENERAL**

Q Who is eligible for a Residential Stormwater Grant?

A City of Bloomington residents with owner-occupied, single-family homes that pay the City of Bloomington's stormwater fee.

Q What is the timeline for Residential Stormwater Grants 2022?

A The timeline for Residential Stormwater Grants 2022 is as follows:

- Press Release November 2021
- Public Information Meetings December 2 and 14, 2021
- Application Deadline February 1, 2022
- Review Committees Meet March – April 2022
- Grants Awarded May 2022

Q When is the best time to start working on your Residential Stormwater Grant plan?

A After contacting us and setting up an initial site visit. To set one up, please email us at stormwater@bloomington.in.gov.

Q How much is funded each year?

A 2019 - \$35,000
2020 - \$70,000
2021 - \$70,000
2022 - \$100,000

Q What is the typical range of a Residential Stormwater Grant?

A \$2,000 - \$14,000 (depending on project and number of properties involved)

Q What types of projects are eligible for a Residential Stormwater Grant?

A A successful plan should help with drainage, support public and private infrastructure, reduce erosion, and emphasize green infrastructure. Examples include: rain gardens, bioswales, culverts, dry creek beds, stormwater pond maintenance, and more.

Q What type of plants should I use?

A While not all projects will require vegetation, preference will be given to projects that incorporate native plants. Native plants improve the functionality of green infrastructure by mimicking stormwater services in natural settings. Conversely, projects including the use of invasive plants will not be accepted.

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Q Is it best to work with neighbors?

A Yes! Working with your contiguous neighbors is encouraged. Only one person can be the main contact for correspondence but list the names and addresses of all others involved on the application.

Q How many quotes should I get from contractors?

A We suggest you get at least three quotes and choose/submit only one.

Q What about related, restrictive regulations?

A Be mindful of regulations in relation to property lines, permits, easements, right-of-ways, alleys, conservancies, and so on as you and your contractor are responsible for taking them into account (you may need a professional survey done; if so, the grant, if awarded, will cover the costs).

Q How should I furnish a sketch?

A A sketch will be required and include the following items:

- Geographical direction (North at the top)
- Scale (as close as possible)
- Legend (map symbols key)
- Direction of stormwater flow (arrows)
- Placement of features and materials (with labels)
- Parcels, easements, right-of-ways, alleys, conservation areas, and any other restrictions

Q How will the project be selected?

A Projects will be selected through three review committees:

- Internal Committee (CBU staff)
- External Committee (variety of experts in the field of stormwater, planning, and/or landscaping)
- Utilities Service Board (the citizen-run board that oversees all CBU activities and budget)

Q How will the project be funded?

A Fully or partially.

Q Is tax covered?

A No. CBU is tax-exempt. Therefore, tax should not appear on the invoice.

Q What is the grant agreement?

A The Grant Agreement is a legal document which you will sign if awarded a grant. An example can be found on the Residential Stormwater Grants webpage.

Q How long does the grantee have time to finish the project?

A One year (the project can be inspected by CBU up to five years after that).

Q Is more education available?

A Yes! Please visit the website and read through the information on bloomington.in.gov/utilities/stormwater/grants. Pay particular attention to the resources section.

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