

Member Agency WES Grant Program

Supplemental Funds for Adopting JWCD's Water Efficiency Standards

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 (UPDATED FEBRUARY 2025)

Purpose

Member cities and districts may apply for additional supplemental funding and assistance for up to five years following formal adoption of JWCD's Water Efficiency Standards (WES) within its water service area. The program is intended to provide additional resources that may be needed to temporarily offset costs or assist in implementation efforts.

Eligibility

- Funding for this program is independent of JWCD's Member Agency Grant Program for conservation programs, and prior participation is not required.
- The Member Agency must have a perpetual water purchase contract with JWCD, serving over 500 retail connections.
- The Member Agency must substantially adopt the WES by ordinance or policy through its governing body.
- Cities having land-use jurisdiction within Member districts may also apply for grant funds after they have substantially adopted the WES by ordinance or policy through their governing body.
- Applications received after December 31, 2025, will be considered for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Funding and Assistance Opportunities

Grant funding may be requested for the following purposes as a result of adopting, implementing, or fulfilling the WES, as follows:

- Additional staffing (newly hired or reassigned employees): For newly established responsibilities that may include landscape plan reviews, code enforcement, inspections, customer service, administrative support, or other tasks needed to successfully conform to the WES. Staffing must be involved in formal procedures that support the WES.
- Consulting or professional services: For newly established needs that may include staff training, legal advice, rate analysis, ordinance support, fee studies, landscape plan reviews, code enforcement, inspections, or other services needed to successfully conform to the WES.
- Supporting software or equipment: Adjustments to existing software or equipment, or newly needed software or equipment, that may include utility billing, work management, asset management, planning, licensing, permitting, or other resources needed to successfully conform to the WES.

Additional JWCD staff assistance is available for the following purposes as a result of adopting, implementing, or fulfilling the WES, as follows:

- Training: Member Agency staff and/or consultant training on inspection best practices, landscape plan reviews, ordinance recommendations, and general water-efficient landscape design, installation, and maintenance.
- Plan reviews: JWVCD staff may be used as an additional resource for reviewing and approving landscape plans submitted to the Member Agency to assess conformance to the WES.
- Inspection services: It is recommended that Member Agencies provide any inspection services needed to conform to the WES; however, JWVCD staff is available to perform occasional inspection services for training purposes or as Member Agency capacity is exceeded.

Funding Limitations

JWVCD's grant funding may include \$50,000 for Member Agencies with a perpetual water purchase contract, serving over 500 retail connections, plus a supplement of \$2 per acre-foot of water purchase contract volume, in acre-feet per year (AFY). For example, a Member Agency with a perpetual water purchase contract volume of 2,000 AFY could receive \$50,000 plus \$4,000 for a total of up to \$54,000. Eligible Member Agencies may participate up to one time each fiscal year, subject to approval from JWVCD's Board of Trustees. Grant funding may only be used for the purposes of adopting, implementing, or fulfilling the Water Efficiency Standards and not intended for existing staffing, services, or equipment.

Application Instructions (see Appendix A for a sample application)

1. Identify the primary contact from your Agency to coordinate with JWVCD. Submit name, title, and email with the application.
2. Prepare a list of proposed requests and include the following information for each:
 - a. Short description of what it is needed and how it will assist in adopting, implementing, or fulfilling the WES
 - b. Important dates or timeline
 - i. Begin date
 - ii. Milestones
 - iii. End date (if need is on-going, the finish date is June 30, 2026)
 - c. Estimated total cost (if applicable)
3. Send your contact information and list of requests to the Conservation Division Manager.
You can email it to: grants@jvwcd.org or courtneyb@jvwcd.org
Or you can mail it to:
Courtney Brown, Conservation Division Manager
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
8215 South 1300 West
West Jordan, UT 84088
4. You may be contacted by JWVCD with some follow-up questions as the staff prepares to bring your grant application to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
5. JWVCD will prepare an agreement and scope-of-work based on your application with any adjustments needed to more closely meet the grant program objectives. It is best to have the agreement signed by your Agency before it is presented to the Board of Trustees.

Appendix A - Sample Application

Agency Name: *My Water Agency*

Primary Contact: *Wanda Savers, Office Assistant, wanda@agency.gov, 801-555-5555*

Funding Request 1:

- *We'll need to train a staff member in our planning department to review and approve landscaping plans.*
- *Schedule for implementation*
 - *January 5, 2026 – Plan review training*
 - *February 2026 – Begin plan reviews and approvals*
 - *June 30, 2026 – End of grant period*
- *Estimated costs*
 - *\$5,000 for training by XYZ Consulting*
 - *\$25,000 for additional plan review responsibilities (30 hours per week February through June)*

Funding Request 2:

- *Our work management software needs to be updated to track residential landscape inspections*
- *Schedule for implementation*
 - *November 5, 2025 – Procure professional services*
 - *December 1, 2025 – Implement software changes*
- *Estimated costs*
 - *\$13,000*

Staff Assistance Request 1:

- *Our maintenance staff will need to be trained on best practices for maintaining water-efficient landscapes.*
- *Estimated scheduling need*
 - *February 2026 – The training will need to be done before spring*

Staff Assistance Request 2:

- *Our consultant needs to update our landscape ordinances and will be requesting support from JVVCD staff for review and feedback*
- *Estimated scheduling need*
 - *April to May 2026 – Develop new ordinance*
 - *June 10, 2026 – Seek formal adoption of new ordinance*