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## Indiana American Water Accepting Applications for 2017 Environmental Grant Program

### *Grants Available to Community Projects in Company Service Areas*

**GREENWOOD, IND. January 17, 2017** - Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), announced today that it is accepting applications for its 2017 Environmental Grant Program.

Established in 2005, the company's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships.

Several grants for a combined total of approximately \$10,000 will be awarded in 2017.

The program is designed to support diverse types of activities, such as watershed cleanups, reforestation efforts, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects, wellhead protection initiatives, hazardous waste collection efforts, and surface or groundwater protection education.

"Ensuring we have clean water now and in the future is an important issue we can all do something about," said Indiana American Water President Debroah Dewey. "This program encourages municipalities, schools, environmental organizations and civic groups to apply for a grant that will benefit their watersheds and the communities we serve all across the state."

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community
- Be completed between May 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017
- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program
- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations
- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the American Water grant monies are utilized), and
- Be located within one of Indiana American Water's service areas across the state.

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Information and application requirements can be found online on the Environmental Grant section of the company website at <https://amwater.com/inaw/about-us/environmental-grant-program>.

Applications must be postmarked by March 27, 2017 and mailed to Indiana American Water, 555 E. County Line Road, Greenwood, Ind. 46143, ATTN: Joe Loughmiller. Award recipients will be notified by April 19, 2017.

Projects will be judged based on criteria that include clarity of project goals and projected impact, strength of collaboration with other community and/or municipal organizations, and evidence that the project will provide sustainable environmental results after Indiana American Water's funding ends.

In 2016, a total of four projects throughout Indiana American Water's service areas received grants totaling more than \$10,000. The projects included creating a rain garden/nature scape project in Franklin, expansion of the Wildcat Experience school educational program in Howard County, installation of a bottle-filling station and development of a water-related education program in Muncie, and supporting a NICHES Land Trust water sampling program in both Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties in Indiana.

#### **About Indiana American Water**

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 1.2 million people. Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Marking its 130th anniversary this year, the company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found at [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

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