



# RainWise Access Grant

**The Problem/Barrier:** Even relatively small (\$1,000 or less) out-of-pocket costs for RainWise projects pose a barrier to many would-be participants, particularly low-income and underserved communities.

**The Solution:** The RainWise Access Grant provides up to an additional \$1,000 for RainWise eligible homeowners and non-profit community organizations (including religious groups) to bridge the gap between rebate amount and actual project costs for income limited and underserved communities.

## How it works:

1. Landowner applies to Stewardship Partners with a simple Landowner Agreement form (1pg)
2. Landowner submits the following documentation:
  - Ownership of property (property tax form or printout from county records website)
  - RainWise project contract signed by landowner and RainWise contractor
  - RainWise approved contractor drafted project plan including budget, signed by landowner
  - RainWise Project Pre-Construction Inspection Report (or Notice of RainWise Project) and RainWise Project Post-Construction Inspection Report
  - Documentation of income qualification (For homeowners: Meets HomeWise income guidelines or verified enrollment in a utility assistance program or food stamps. For non-profits: state or federal registration or non-profit letter of the non-profit organization status)
3. Access Grant will cover
  - Not more than \$1,000
  - Not more than 25% of the total RainWise project budget.
  - No more than the difference between the total project cost and the RainWise rebate amount

## Examples:

1. A cistern project with a verified budget of \$3,800 that is eligible for a \$2,800 RainWise rebate, could receive a \$950 access grant (25% of total cost, \$50 out of pocket cost to landowner).
2. A project with verified budget of \$3,000 that is eligible for a \$2800 RainWise rebate could receive a \$200 rebate (the difference between total project cost and rebate amount).
3. A project with a verified budget of \$6,300 that is eligible for a \$5,000 rebate would be eligible for a \$1,000 access grant (access grant maximum for any project is \$1,000, \$300 out of pocket cost to landowner).

**Questions?** Contact Stewardship Partners: [info@stewardshippartners.org](mailto:info@stewardshippartners.org); 206-292-9875

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