

### Mini-Grant Participants Survey Results

Did you/your organization receive an award from the mini-grants program?	How would you rate the application process?	What areas would you like to see improved in the program?	How likely are you to recommend program	How did you hear about the mini-grants program?	How would you rate the mini-grants program overall?		Would you like to see the mini-grants program continue?	Comments
YES	Easy	More clarity on what could qualify as a mini grant.	10	Already a current grantee	Good		Yes	They are great and very useful.
YES	Neutral	I think that providing a format to follow for the project scope and budget would be very helpful. Also, two of our grants were not considered within the 6 week time frame which ended up causing some issues in terms of confirming our service commitment to the client we hoped to served. If those grants had been considered in time, the issues would not have occurred. Also, one person should be able to submit more than one grant using the same email address. This really complicated things for us and we had to have multiple people in the organization submit grants. We also had technical issues when we were asked to make changes to the applications as we couldn't go back to the grants to edit and had to edit by converting to Word Documents. We do appreciate, however, that staff did take the time to ask us to make changes to our applications to make them in line with grant expectations. That is much better than simply having the grant rejected.	7	At a meeting in which Water District staff was in attendance and announced the program.	It's a great program for sure, just needs some tweaks. The big issues as described before are: 1. Allowing one person to submit more than one application 2. Ability to allow applicant to revise application more easily 3. Communicate status of applications within the 6 week time frame consistently 4. Provide more specific format to follow for the scope of work/timeline/budget document to assure greater consistency with Water District guidelines and intent 5. Make it easier to receive the grant. We did have to increase our insurance premium by adding more insurance per the insurance requirements which can be tough for a small nonprofit. The invoice to receive the initial grant wasn't a big deal, but have not had to do this for other grants from public agencies.		Yes	It's wonderful for an organization like ours that have lots of projects that can be accomplished entirely or largely through \$5,000 grants. Please keep it!!!
YES	Easy	Of course - more funding for the programs :)	7	From a colleague	Excellent	It was a straightforward process and point person we interacted with was easy to work with. I may have more feedback when we are done with the project and completed the reporting etc. Thank you!	Yes	From what I understand, this has 10 years of funding so it would be great if it continues for that long. This funding helps us with our programs and as a small organization, all funding has a big impact on our sustainability. Thank you!
YES	Easy	None. Thank you for making the application process so simple.	10	Already a current grantee	Excellent	It was a simple, streamlined process to request money for a specific program need.	Yes	
YES	Very Easy		9	Already a current grantee	Excellent		Yes	

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YES	Easy	Clarification of the grant execution steps/process in the award letter.	6	Already a current grantee	Good		Yes	
YES	Somewhat difficult	clearer goals and more feedback regarding criteria	0	District website	Poor	preferential treatment of some applicants by staff. hand holding for some, roadblocks for others	No	
YES	N/A	For small organizations like our, with limited resources it'll be helpful, if possible, to receive partial funding sooner to start the work. Also our projects are popular with our low income and under-represented communities and funding is very key to purchased the hands-on materials.	10	News release	Excellent	For small organizations like Smart Yards Education this is a great program. We were able to carried out and make a difference, thanks to your support, our watershed, greywater and storm rain relationship educational and hands-on workshops. A the same connect and raised awareness about the Districts programs. Thank for the opportunity and the support.	Yes	Absolutely! And we would love to continue working together. One of our goals is to teach many more hands-on storm rain catchment systems workshops. We hope to get a matching grant for this soon, as we have a list of of folks and organizations interested in this. More than ever we need to collaborate on effort like this.Thank you from the Smart Yards Education Board of Directors.