Love Every Drop Grant 2015

Further information

South East Water’s *Love every drop grant* is taking a different tack in 2015. We’re moving away from just gardens and asking schools and other education institutions to show us how you can inspire your community to *Love every drop*.

The grant is intended to help schools and educational institutions complete a *Love every drop* project. The project needs to address how your school or centre can improve its water use in one of three topics, and demonstrate the positive impact the project is having in your local community.

Planning your project and application

- Talk to staff/students about what kind of approach you’d like to take toward how your school community uses water. For example, can your school reduce how much water it uses? Does your community make healthy choices when it comes to hydration? How can your community ensure that water can be cleaned and safely returned to the environment?
- Think about who will design and run the project; will it be the whole school, one year level, one class or a group of students like a sustainability club?
- Have a look at the ‘need some inspiration’ section below for more ideas on what you can focus your project on.
- Think about how you will spread the word on your topic and what level of behaviour change in your community that you’d like to achieve.
- Check the assessment criteria to make sure you are on the right track.
- Start early – you need to run the first part of your project around increasing awareness or creating behaviour change before you submit your application for the grant.
- Have a look at the S.M.A.R.T. grant proposal writing guidelines below.
- Contact our education team if you need more information.

Remember you need to address one of the following topics to be eligible for the grant:

- Why is it important to drink water to stay healthy?
- What can our school do to be more water wise?
- What’s ok to put down the drain?
How are applications assessed?

A judging panel of South East Water employees will assess each application and determine a short list of applicants. A brief phone interview will be arranged with short listed applicants to gather further information and South East Water will then determine who the winners are.

The grant is intended to go towards the further implementation or completion of the project.

Submissions will be assessed against the following criteria:

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<td>1. Demonstrate leadership in a water education project</td>
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<td>2. Level of student and community member participation</td>
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<td>3. Clear project plan of what has been achieved and the next stages of the project</td>
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<td>4. Impact and reach of the project to date</td>
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How to apply

Make sure you run your Love every drop project or campaign first.

Applications can be submitted from Monday 4 May to Wednesday 24 June 2015.

Just answer six questions in the entry form. You can find the entry form either online or download the form to complete. You can post or email supporting documentation such as photos, video or posters.

Who can apply?

We encourage applications from schools and other educational institutions such as preschools, TAFEs, colleges and universities within our service region.

If you are unsure if you are in the South East Water service region please use the following link to find your water provider.

Individuals, businesses and community groups are not eligible for the Love every drop grant in 2015.
Need some inspiration for your project?

If you are stuck for a *Love every drop* project idea check out some of the following topics which can be adapted for any year level.

1. **Develop a hydration program:**
   - Why do we need to drink water (health, tap versus bottled water, tap versus soft drink/juice)
   - How much water should you drink? What are the health benefits?
   - Compare the cost of tap water to bottled water
   - How much sugar are in soft drinks and fruit juices
   - Generate an awareness campaign to change behaviour in your community

2. **Investigate your water footprint:**
   - Conduct a water audit to see where you use the most water
   - Investigate ways that water could be saved
   - Are there possibilities to replace mains water with rainwater, stormwater or recycled water?
   - Generate an awareness campaign to change behaviour in your community

3. **Develop a program for healthy drains:**
   - Investigate what goes down your drains. What’s been the impact?
   - Identify disposal alternatives rather than the drains
   - Generate an awareness campaign to change behaviour in your community
Is my grant proposal S.M.A.R.T?

Remember to keep the following points in mind when writing your proposal:

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<td>Make your project achievable and tell us who needs to be involved.</td>
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<td>R – Realistic</td>
<td>Is it possible to complete the project?</td>
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<td>T – Timely</td>
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For more information

For further information about the *Love every drop grant* please contact our education team on 9552 3231 or email [education@sew.com.au](mailto:education@sew.com.au)