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Funding and Recognition for Water Conservation Projects

Funding Source	Description
<i>Federal Sources</i>	
Urban Waters Small Grants https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants	Expanding the ability of communities to engage in activities that improve water quality in a way that also advances community priorities. EPA supports and empowers communities, especially in under-served areas, who are working on solutions to address multiple community needs and fostering successful collaborative partnerships.
EPA WIIN Grants https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-grants	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Grants addresses, supports and improves America's drinking water infrastructure. Included in the WIIN Act are three new drinking water grants that promote public health and the protection of the environment.
Land and Water Conservation Fund Federal Program https://www.doi.gov/lwcf#:~:text=The%20Land%20and%20Water%20Conservation,voluntary%20conservation%20on%20private%20land.	Supports the protection of federal public lands and waters – including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas – and voluntary conservation on private land. LWCF investments secure public access, improve recreational opportunities, and preserve ecosystem benefits for local communities.
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant	Awards competitive grants through our programs to protect and conserve our nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. The Foundation works with public and private partners in all 50 states and U.S. territories to solve the most challenging conservation problems.
<i>Non-federal Sources</i>	
Great Lakes Protection Fund	

http://glpf.org/get-funding/	<p>Great Lakes Protection Fund doesn't have any specific funding programs, nor any deadlines, but always open to discussing ideas and funding projects.</p>
<p>Great Lakes Restoration</p>	<p>All projects must support one of the GLRI focus areas: 1) Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern 2) Invasive Species 3) Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health 4) Habitat and Species 5) Foundations for Future Restoration Actions</p>
https://www.glri.us/funding	
<p>Park Foundation Grants</p>	<p>Supports efforts on a national scale or in New York State that promote: strong and enforced water policies; increased investment in publicly owned and operated water infrastructure; empowerment of communities and individuals to exercise their rights to protect drinking water resources; and reduced consumption of bottled water.</p>
https://parkfoundation.org/grants-awarded/	
<p>Woodard & Curran Foundation Grants</p>	<p>Impact Grants are awarded to non-profits with projects that apply or advance technology to address water (e.g. water, wastewater, stormwater) issues.</p>
https://www.woodardcurranfoundation.org/philosophy	
<p>ERM Foundation - Small Grants Program</p>	<p>Offers small grants to organizations that have projects focused on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), conservation and biodiversity, low carbon development; environmental education; and empowering women and girls.</p>
https://www.erm.com/erm-foundation/	

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants	Provides small grants to organizations which promote the vision of the foundation: advocating for environmental health and justice, encouraging stewardship of the environment, and furthering respect for sustainability of resources. Focus areas are in: Environmental Health and Justice, Land Conservation, Mountaintop Removal Mining, Sustainability of Resources, and Watershed Protection.
https://cornelldouglas.org/apply/	
Clif Bar Family Foundation Small Grants	Small grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. Priority is given to applicants that address the following: Protect Earth's beauty and bounty, Create a robust, healthy food system, Increase opportunities for outdoor activity, Reduce environmental health hazards, and Build stronger communities.
http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants	
HDR Foundation - Small Grant Cycle	The HDR Foundation provides grants to qualified organizations that align with HDR's areas of expertise: education, healthy communities and environmental stewardship. As an employee-funded and employee-driven foundation, preference is given to organizations located in communities in which HDR employees live and work, and those with strong employee involvement.
https://www.hdrinc.com/about-us/hdr-foundation	
Coca-Cola Foundation Community Support Grants	Provides funding to non-profits with projects focused on Water: access to clean water, water conservation and recycling; Women: economic empowerment and entrepreneurship; and Well-Being: education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives
https://www.coca-colacompany.com/shared-future/coca-cola-foundation	
Mosaic Company Foundation US Grant	Award to organizations with water conservation initiatives that focus on habitat conservation, sustainable agriculture or watershed restoration.
https://www.mosaicco.com/2014sustainabilityreport/community/	
Trout Unlimited Embrace-A-Stream Program	

https://www.tu.org/get-involved/volunteer-tacklebox/fundraising-resources/grants-corporate-fundraising/embrace-a-stream/#:~:text=Embrace%20A%20Stream%20(EAS)%20is,million%20in%20direct%20cash%20grants.	Supports programs that promote coldwater fisheries conservation, including on-the-ground restoration or conservation efforts, applied research or monitoring projects, and education/advocacy initiatives.
<p>Shell Foundation Grant</p> https://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html	Support to programs that restore critical eco systems, address water, air quality research, preserve wetlands and sponsor wetlands initiatives. As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship, we support projects that restore and protect critical ecosystems. In addition to restoration and preservation efforts, we fund research projects for threatened wildlife and/or habitats.
<p>Patagonia World Trout Initiative Grant</p> https://www.patagonia.com/how-we-fund/native-fish-recovery/	Patagonia works to fund groups and efforts working to restore and protect wild, self-sustainable trout, salmon and other fish species within their native range. This includes both indigenous freshwater and saltwater fish.
<p>North American Native Fishes Association John Bondus Grant</p> http://www.nanfa.org/bondhus.shtml	The grant is designed to support organizations that are working to conserve native fish populations, habitats, and knowledge. This grant is intended to support current projects or ongoing efforts.

<p>Water Awards</p>	
<p>Global Water Awards</p> https://globalwaterawards.com/ <p>Below is list of water awards given out during this annual conference.</p> <p><i>Water Company of the Year.</i> For the water company that made the most significant contribution to the development of the international water sector.</p>	<p>The Global Water Awards are presented every year at the Global Water Summit - a major worldwide business conference for the water industry. The awards recognize achievements in the international water industry within several categories, and reward those initiatives in the water, wastewater and desalination sectors that are</p>

<p><i>Desalination Company of the Year:</i> For the company which made the greatest overall contribution to the desalination industry.</p> <p><i>Water Technology Company of the Year:</i> For the company which made the most significant contribution to the field of water and digital technology.</p> <p><i>Breakthrough Technology Company of the Year:</i> For the early-stage technology company which made the most impressive commercial breakthrough into the global water technology market.</p> <p><i>Public Water Agency of the Year:</i> For the governmental agency or public body that made the biggest difference to water and wastewater service provision and utility management.</p> <p><i>Desalination Plant of the Year:</i> For the desalination plant that represents the most impressive technical or ecologically sustainable achievement in the industry.</p> <p><i>Water Project of the Year:</i> For the water project that shows the greatest innovation in terms of optimizing its physical or environmental footprint.</p> <p><i>Wastewater Project of the Year:</i> For the wastewater project that shows the greatest innovation in terms of optimizing its physical or environmental footprint.</p> <p><i>Industrial Project of the Year:</i> For the project that represents the most impressive technical or environmental achievement in the field of industrial water and wastewater.</p> <p><i>Smart Water Project of the Year:</i> For the project that most effectively harnessed digital solutions to achieve excellence in water or wastewater management in 2019.</p> <p><i>Water Deal of the Year:</i> For the project finance deal which made the biggest contribution to the advancement of private sector participation in the international water sector.</p> <p><i>Water Leaders Award:</i> For the most dramatic performance improvement in a water utility in the developing world.</p>	<p>moving the industry forward through improved operating performance, innovative technology adoption and sustainable financial models.</p>
<p>U.S. Water Prize <i>Through the U.S. Water Alliance</i> http://uswateralliance.org/one-water/us-water-prize-2020</p>	<p>The U.S. Water Prize celebrates outstanding achievement in the advancement of sustainable, integrated, and inclusive solutions to our nation's water challenges. It is the preeminent national recognition program for exemplary efforts to secure a One Water future for all.</p>

<p>NAWC Living Water Award <i>Through the National Association of Water Companies</i> https://nawc.org/news-events/awards/living-water-awards/</p>	<p>For NAWC water industry professionals to recognize peers who are “living water” through their commitment to quality, service and community. The NAWC Living Water Award is presented annually to one regulated water industry professional nationwide who goes above and beyond to provide excellent service to customers or the community, to change how water utilities manage their resources sustainably, or otherwise “move water forward.”</p>
<p>IWA Global Water Awards <i>Through the International Water Association</i> https://iwa-network.org/awards/</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>IWA Global Water Award:</i> Rewards an individual that has shown exceptional imagination, foresight or resilience to overcome obstacles and challenge industry norms to create new directions and open new possibilities for sustainable water management and practice. She or he must have worked inclusively and with professionals from across sectors and disciplines to create an innovative water solution/management practice that impacts/influences broader sustainable development.</p> <p><i>IWA Women in Water Award:</i> Recognizes those women working in the field of water who, through their demonstrated leadership, have had a significant positive impact on the development of the industry.</p> <p><i>IWA Young Leadership Award:</i> Awarded to an exceptional water professional age 35 or younger who has demonstrated significant achievements in his/her career. The awardee has demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and the ability to play a large and influential role in the water industry in the future.</p> <p><i>IWA Project Innovation Awards:</i> Recognizes and promotes excellence and innovation in water management, research and technology.</p> <p><i>IWA Professional Development Award:</i> Recognizes water sector companies that are making a significant contribution to the professional development of their employees, and through that support the attraction, development and retention of the next generation of water leaders.</p>	<p>The IWA Global Water Awards recognizes the special contributions and achievements of its members and water sector professionals, and the invaluable contribution they make to key innovations in water science and management.</p>

<p><i>IWA Membership Awards:</i> Acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of IWA's members who make significant contributions both to the IWA and to water sector.</p> <p><i>IWA Development Awards:</i> Recognizes excellence, leadership and innovation in the water sector, and aims to encourage the continued contribution to the sustainable management of water in low- and middle-income countries.</p> <p><i>IWA/ISME Bio Cluster Award:</i> To recognize and celebrate the importance and impact of interdisciplinary research at the interface of microbial ecology and water/wastewater treatment.</p>	
<p>Federal Energy and Water Management Awards <i>Through the Federal Energy Management Program within the U.S. Department of Energy</i></p> <p>https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/federal-energy-and-water-management-awards</p>	<p>Recognizes individuals and organizations for significant contributions to energy and water efficiency within the federal government. Honors outstanding achievements in: 1) Energy and water efficiency and conservation, 2) Distributed energy generation, and 3) Fleet and transportation management.</p>
<p>WEF Awards <i>Through the Water Environment Federation</i></p> <p>https://www.wef.org/membership/awards-recognition/wef-awards/</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>Collection Systems Award:</i> Presented to an individual for contributions to the advancement of the state-of-the-art wastewater collection.</p> <p><i>Innovative Technology Award:</i> Recognizes WEF Associate Members who have introduced new innovative products or services related to the construction, operation or maintenance of treatment facilities.</p> <p><i>Project Excellence Award:</i> Recognizes excellence and innovation in the execution of projects and programs in the water sector.</p> <p><i>Water Quality Improvement Award:</i> Awarded to the program that best demonstrates significant, lasting, and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in prevention of water quality degradation in a region, basin, or water body.</p> <p><i>WEF Education Awards:</i> Recognizes WEF members for significant accomplishments in promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues through the development and execution of academic research, curricula and public education programs.</p>	<p>Provides an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession, WEF, and its Member Associations.</p>

<p><i>National Municipal Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Awards:</i> These awards celebrate administrators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) that perform beyond regulatory requirements, in innovative ways that are effective and cost-efficient.</p> <p><i>Water Heroes Award:</i> Recognizes individuals or municipalities who performed duties above and beyond the usual call of duty during an emergency to continue to protect the public and the environment.</p> <p><i>Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award:</i> Recognizes the contributions of young water environment professionals for significant contributions to WEF and to the wastewater collection and treatment industry.</p> <p><i>W. Wesley Eckenfelder Industrial Water Quality Lifetime Achievement Award:</i> Recognizes and honors an individual who has made substantial and measurable engineering, scientific, and/or operations contributions to the management or treatment of industrial wastes related to the improvement of water quality.</p> <p><i>Ralph Fuhrman Medal for Outstanding Water Quality Academic-Practice Collaboration:</i> Rewards extraordinary collaborative work by two or more people - must have made a positive impact on advancing the water quality profession by increasing the knowledge base, demonstrating the application of innovative scientific concepts or innovative project implementation methods as part of water quality enhancement projects, and enhancing the relationship between academia and clean water practitioners.</p> <p><i>Camp Applied Research Award:</i> Recognizes a WEF member who demonstrates a unique application of basic research or fundamental principles through the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system.</p>	
<p>SWCS Awards <i>Through the Soil and Water Conservation Society</i> https://parkfoundation.org/grants-awarded/</p> <p>Below is list of soil/water awards given out.</p> <p><i>Hugh Hammond Bennett Award:</i> Recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.</p> <p><i>Fellow Award:</i> In recognition of SWCS members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.</p>	<p>Awards are presented annually to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in advocating and advancing the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.</p>

<p><i>Conservation Innovation Award:</i> In recognition of an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business, firm, corporation, or organization that promotes natural resource conservation.</p> <p><i>Harold and Kay Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award:</i> In recognition of individuals who work on the ground to provide direct and personal delivery or conservation planning and technical assistance.</p> <p><i>Conservation Professional of the Year Award:</i> In recognition of outstanding accomplishments in practicing and advancing the science and art of natural resource conservation.</p> <p><i>Conservation Research Award:</i> In recognition of Society members or teams of members whose research has led to exceptional improvements in soil conservation, water conservation, and/or related natural resources research.</p> <p><i>WiN Conservationist of the Year Award:</i> In recognition of an outstanding woman/farmer/producer/conservationist.</p> <p><i>WiN Award of Excellence Recipient:</i> In recognition of an individual woman who, over a period of time, has contributed substantially and creatively to our Natural Resources Conservation profession.</p>	
<p>AWRA Awards <i>Through the American Water Resources Association</i> https://www.awra.org/Members/About/Awards_and_Scholarships.aspx</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>A. Ivan Johnson Award for Young Professionals:</i> This award recognizes a young professional who has demonstrated outstanding achievements, talents, and leadership potential through their professional activities related to water resources.</p> <p><i>David R. Maidment Award for Exemplary Contributions to Water Resources Data:</i> Presented to an individual or institution achieving a status of eminence in some aspect of the provision of data describing the nation’s waters.</p> <p><i>Fellow Member Award:</i> Recognizes an AWRA member with an eminent record in some branch of water resources science and technology.</p> <p><i>Honorary Member Award:</i> Recognizes an individual who has obtained acknowledged eminence in a branch of water resources science and technology.</p>	<p>Each year, AWRA recognizes individuals, organizations, projects, state sections, and student chapters for outstanding leadership and service in the water resources profession.</p>

<p><i>Icko Iben Multidisciplinary Communications Award:</i> Recognizes persons who have made outstanding contributions in promoting communication among the various disciplines concerned with water resources issues.</p> <p><i>Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Award:</i> Recognizes outstanding IWRM teamwork on a complex water resources effort.</p> <p><i>Mary H. Marsh Medal for Exemplary Contributions To The Protection And Wise Use Of The Nation's Water Resources:</i> Recognizes an individual who has achieved a status of eminence in some aspect of public service related to water resources education and/or management.</p> <p><i>Sandor C. Csallany Institutional Award for Exemplary Contributions to Water Resources Management:</i> This award recognizes a water resources institution that has achieved a status of eminence in some aspect of managing the nation's waters.</p> <p><i>William C. Ackermann Medal for Excellence In Water Management:</i> Recognizes an individual who has achieved a status of eminence in the design and/or implementation of exemplary water management practices at the state, regional, or local government level.</p>	
<p>World Environmental & Water Resources Awards <i>EWRI Congress – A meeting put on through the American Society of Civil Engineers</i></p>	<p>Experts and long-serving members in the EWRI focus fields of water resources and the environment are recognized annually at the EWRI Congress.</p>
<p>https://www.asce.org/environmental-and-water-resources-engineering/environmental-and-water-resources-awards/</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>Arid Land Hydraulic Engineering Award:</i> Recognizes original contributions in hydraulics, hydrology including climatology, planning, irrigation and drainage, hydroelectric power development, navigation especially applicable to arid or semi-arid climates or contributions to the understanding and development of new technology in river basins.</p> <p><i>Hans Albert Einstein Award:</i> The award is made annually to a member of the Society who has made a significant contribution to the engineering profession in the areas of erosion control, sedimentation and/or waterway development either in teaching, research, planning, design, or management. Contributions can be made either in the form of papers or through notable performances which have served to advance engineering in these areas.</p>	

<p><i>EWRI Lifetime Achievement Award:</i> Presented to members who are judged to have advanced the profession, exhibited technical competence, and significantly contributed to public service, research, or practice in the environmental and water resources profession. The Awardees must have demonstrated a life-long and eminent contribution to the disciplines of environmental or water resources engineering or an ancillary discipline through research, education, or public service.</p> <p><i>Margaret S. Petersen Award:</i> Candidates for this award must be women who are members of ASCE or EWRI who have demonstrated exemplary service to the water resources and environmental science and engineering community.</p> <p><i>Pioneers in Groundwater Award:</i> Recognizes an individual with pioneering contributions in the teaching, research, and/or practice of groundwater science and engineering.</p> <p><i>Urban Water Resources Research Council Founders' Award:</i> Honors individuals for notable contributions that have served to advance engineering and science in the field of urban water resources research</p> <p><i>Planning & Management Council Service to the Profession Award:</i> The award is given annually to a person or persons who have provided outstanding service to the profession in water resources through the institute, councils, local sections, or other organizational units of the Society.</p>	
<p>RMS Awards <i>Through the River Management Society</i></p> <p>https://www.river-management.org/awards</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>River Manager of the Year:</i> This award recognizes contributions that are field-oriented and location-specific, with a focus on recent accomplishments (up to the past 3 years).</p> <p><i>Outstanding Contribution to River Management:</i> Recognizes a longer history of contributions to the greater field of river management (as opposed to more recent or project/location-specific accomplishments).</p> <p><i>Frank Church Wild and Scenic Rivers Award:</i> This award recognizes contributions focused on the management, enhancement, or protection of designated Wild and Scenic Rivers.</p>	<p>Recognizes outstanding individuals and achievement who have made significant contributions to the art and science of river management.</p>
<p>Wetland Conservation Achievement Award <i>Through Ducks Unlimited</i></p>	<p>Recognizes outstanding wetland conservation projects through 6</p>

<p>https://www.ducks.org/press-room/news-releases/wetland-conservation-achievement-award-winners</p>	<p>categories: 1) communications, 2) research/technical, 3) state/provincial employee, 4) federal agency employee, 5) senior federal official, 6) local/private.</p>
<p>National Wetlands Award <i>Through the Environmental Law Institute</i></p>	<p>Presented annually to individuals who have excelled in wetlands protection, restoration, and education. Through coordinated media outreach, educational events, and an awards ceremony on Capitol Hill, awardees receive national recognition and attention for their outstanding efforts.</p>
<p>https://www.ducks.org/press-room/news-releases/wetland-conservation-achievement-award-winners</p> <p>Below is list of wetland awards given out.</p> <p><i>Youth Leadership Award:</i> Given to a wetlands champion, under the age of 21, whose work demonstrates a strong dedication to protecting wetlands. The nominee must be age 21 or under at the time of nomination.</p> <p><i>Scientific Research Award:</i> Presented to an academic, consultant, or individual engaged in forward-thinking scientific research on wetland ecosystems.</p> <p><i>Promoting Awareness Award:</i> Presented to an educator, volunteer, NGO staffer, or other individual whose direct activities inspire others to engage in wetlands protection and provide them with the tools to do so, through knowledge sharing, outreach, or advocacy.</p> <p><i>Local Stewardship Award:</i> Presented to a landowner, community member, local NGO staffer, or local government official, or other individual who voluntarily helps restore, protect, or minimize impacts to their local wetlands through actions taken either on their own property or land owned by others.</p> <p><i>Wetlands Program Development Award:</i> Given to a state, local, or tribal authority who has developed and administered an outstanding wetland program.</p> <p><i>Business Leadership:</i> Given to an individual who, through the course of their work in the private sector, has made substantial contributions to wetland sustainability as part of a corporate responsibility initiative or through their business.</p>	
<p>Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards <i>Awarded every 3 years at the Conference of the Contracting Parties</i></p>	
<p>https://www.ramsar.org/activity/the-ramsar-awards</p> <p>Below is list of wetland awards given out during this meeting.</p> <p><i>Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Wise Use:</i> Rewarding a contribution to the long-term sustainable use of wetlands</p>	<p>Recognizes the contributions of individuals, organizations, and governments around the world towards promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands.</p>

<p><i>Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Innovation: Rewarding innovative techniques that contributes to the wise use of wetlands.</i></p> <p><i>Ramsar Convention Award for Young Wetland Champions: Rewarding a young person or a group of young people between the ages of 18 and 30 who have contributed to the wise use of wetlands.</i></p>	
<p>Urban Waters Learning Network Awards <i>Through the Urban Waters Learning Network</i></p> <p>https://www.rivernetwork.org/2020-urban-waters-learning-network-awards/</p>	<p>A partnership of the national nonprofits River Network and Groundwork USA - celebrates significant achievements of individuals who have improved urban waterways and revitalized the neighborhoods around them. These members exemplify the UWLN's goal of providing peer-to-peer support, solving challenges through collaboration, and sharing knowledge.</p>
<p>AIH Awards <i>Through the American Institute of Hydrology</i></p> <p>https://www.aihydrology.org/awards</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p>Charles V. Theis Award: Recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions in groundwater hydrology.</p> <p>Ray K. Linsley Award: Recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions in surface water hydrology.</p> <p>AIH Wetzel Award: Recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of water quality.</p>	<p>Awards members for outstanding accomplishments in the fields of ground water, surface water, water quality, and institute development.</p>
<p>Awards for Excellence <i>Through the WateReuse Association</i></p> <p>https://watereuse.org/news-events/awards/</p>	<p>Recognizes individuals and projects that have made significant contributions in support of greater adoption of water reuse. Recipients are successfully advancing the development of alternative water supplies or developing a novel approach to meet water needs through the use of water reuse systems and/or approaches.</p>
<p>Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program <i>Also through the WateReuse Association</i></p>	<p>Honors water resource recovery facilities for community engagement, watershed stewardship, and recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients and to celebrate the achievements of forward-thinking, innovative water utilities that are</p>

	providing resilient value-added service to communities.
<p>NACWA Awards <i>Through the National Association of Clean Water Agencies</i></p> <p>https://www.nacwa.org/about-us/awards</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>Clean Water Advocacy Recognition Program:</i> Highlights outstanding advocacy work undertaken by federal elected officials and NACWA Member Agencies to further municipal clean water priorities.</p> <p><i>Excellence in Management Program:</i> Acknowledges the significant achievements of NACWA member agencies in the utility management arena. This program honors member agencies that are implementing management practices that address the range of challenges identified in the Ten Attributes of Effectively Managed Water Sector Utilities,</p> <p><i>National Environmental Achievement Award Program:</i> Recognizes individuals and NACWA member agencies that have outstanding contributions to environmental protection and the clean water community. Categories include public service, utilities, research and technology, education, distinguished services, operations, environmental, workforce, watershed collaboration, and membership.</p> <p><i>Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program:</i> Honors water resource recovery facilities for community engagement, watershed stewardship, and recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients.</p>	
<p>WaterSense Awards <i>Through the U.S. EPA WaterSense program</i></p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-award-winners</p> <p>Below is list of water awards given out.</p> <p><i>Excellence Awards:</i> Given to those partners who exhibited success in a specific WaterSense program area.</p> <p><i>Partner of the Year Awards:</i> Given to partners who exhibited outstanding work and support in spreading the word about the WaterSense program.</p> <p><i>Sustained Excellence Awards:</i> Highest level of recognition and are given to those partners who demonstrate consistent Partner of the Year efforts.</p>	Partners are recognized for contributing to the success of the program by enhancing the market for water-efficient products, practices, and services and educating the public about the need to use water more efficiently.