

Verde River Grant RFP

The work of Friends of the Verde River is rooted in the belief that our communities and our rivers need each other. We value integrity, collaboration, sustainability, and innovation. Friends is committed to the principles of truth, honesty, and respect, including respect for the diverse communities in the Verde River system and those who love this region.

Friends of the Verde River invites proposals for small grants (\$5,000 maximum) to build community resilience through sustainable water supply, clean water, healthy habitats, and community connection to the Verde River system.

Funding may be awarded to projects that address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Support or create sustainable water supply (improved infrastructure, increased efficiency)
- Support clean water initiatives (water quality testing, waste management, chemical management)
- Support healthy uplands and riparian forests
- Improve community support and connection to the Verde River and its tributaries. (education & recreation opportunities that improve awareness)

Eligible Applicants:

- In addition to nonprofits designated under section 501(c)(3), we will also entertain applications from nonprofits designated under sections 501(c)(4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), with the exception that no group organized for political purposes will be eligible.
- Governmental organizations (municipalities, counties, public land managers, conservation districts, public agencies).
- Businesses based in the Verde Valley, or Sedona that have completed or are pursuing River Friendly Living Certification.

This RFP is for one-time, short-term (one year, maximum) projects. Grant requests are limited to a maximum of \$5,000. If you have received a Verde River grant through Friends of the Verde River (or One for the Verde) in the past, you are eligible to apply again once Friends of the Verde River has received your report on your most recent grant. (See the reporting schedule for more details.)

The Grant Review Process:

A selection committee comprising local business representatives and Friends of the Verde River representatives will meet to select and prioritize worthy projects. In this grant cycle, we will award up to \$10,000 total. Project schedule should not exceed two years. Priority is given to projects that can be completed in one calendar year from the date of award distribution.

Funding Cycle:

- Proposals due November 1, 2022, 5:00 pm – Email completed applications to grants@verderiver.org
- Grant awardees notified mid-November 2022
- Awards distributed January 2022

Application Procedures

Please submit your application containing all of the items specified below no later than 5:00 pm on November 1, 2022. We will contact you if we have questions or require additional information.

Application Template:

Name of Organization:

Federal EIN:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Name of Proposal:

Authorized Signatory (name, title, email, phone):

Primary Project Manager (name, title, email, phone):

Description of Proposed Project (no more than 2,500 words) including:

- Project benefit to the Verde watershed (Please reference the focus areas on page 1)
- Project benefit to local economy
- Project schedule with key milestones
- Methods for completion
- Measure(s) of successful completion
- Project Budget, including (use provided budget template or similar form)
- Total Project income and expenses, including income from all sources
- Project income and expenses to paid with this grant

- Project income and expenses from other sources, expected and secured
- Detail direct and indirect expenses in the budget
- Letters of Support (Maximum of two) Businesses that are not participating in the River Friendly Living program must include a letter of support from the Non- Profit or Governmental Organization they are partnering with.