Rice Creek Watershed District
Stormwater Management Grant Program
2027 Application Form

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization (to be named as Grantee): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Tax Status: _____ Tax ID#: _____

(e.g., local government, non-profit 501(c)(3), private business, etc.)

II. PROJECT CONTACTS

Project Officer: _____ Financial Officer: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

III. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Location(s) of Project: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project Completion Date: _____

Project Type (check only those that directly apply):

☐ Water Quality Treatment Project ☐ Stormwater Reuse Irrigation Project

☐ Peak Runoff Rate Control Project ☐ Runoff Volume Control / Flood Storage Project

☐ Other: _____

Is a RCWD Rule C permit required for this project? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

IV. GRANT REQUEST

RCWD Grant Funding Requested: $ _____

Applicant Match Funding Committed: $ _____

Total Estimated Project Cost: $ _____ _____

Would you be willing to accept grant funding in an amount less than requested? ☐ YES ☐ NO

V. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained within this application is true and accurate.

_____ _____

Signature of Project Officer Date

VI. Executive Summary / Abstract

Include a brief Executive Summary (100 words or less) that summarizes the main goals and activities of the project and the expected environmental outcomes that will be achieved. Identification of the total amount of funds being requested along with the required match. The summaries will be used in the grant review process and on the RCWD website for projects that are funded.

VII. Description (10 points)

The RCWD has established guidelines for prioritizing projects based on location. Water quality improvement projects should be located to benefit a RCWD lake classified as either "Protection" or "Restoration" (see Table 2-4 in the RCWD 2020 Watershed Management Plan), and/or a waterbody with an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study or other recognized diagnostic water quality study. Flood storage and runoff rate control projects should focus on reducing peak flood elevations in known regional flood hazard areas and/or documented local problem areas. Describe the specific watershed management, water quality or quantity need(s) that the project will address and its impact on the target water resource within the District.

Name the target waterbody benefiting from this project: _____

List and describe the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be incorporated into this project

If applicable, describe how the project impacts or protects RCWD groundwater resources, minimizes impervious surfaces, and/or maximizes infiltration.

Provide drawings, maps and/or schematics which graphically illustrate the location and conceptual design of the project. **(Attach separate sheets.)**

Describe how long-term operation and maintenance of the project will be accomplished and identify the individual(s) responsible for maintenance activities if different than the project officer listed in section 2.

VIII. Prioritization (20 points)

How does the project support existing regional planning efforts such as the RCWD Watershed Management Plan, municipal surface water management plans, TMDLs, or other recognized diagnostic studies? Is the project included on the Member Community Project List (Appendix G) within the RCWD Watershed Management Plan? Please provide citations where possible.

IX. Targeting (15 points)

Describe the critical pollution or flooding sources and risks addressed by this project. Explain why the proposed project is the most cost-effective and feasible means to attain the expected resource benefits. Has a formal analysis been conducted to substantiate this position?

X. Measurable Outcomes (20 points)

Provide a detailed estimate and description of the anticipated pollutant reduction, stormwater rate/volume reduction, groundwater withdrawal reduction, and/or other environmental or natural resource benefits associated with the project. Describe the methods and cite the sources (i.e. P8 model, HydroCAD, XP-SWMM, MIDS, MN Stormwater Manual, etc.) used to calculate or estimate the pollutant reductions and/or hydrologic outcomes. **(Mandatory for RCWD to consider your proposal!)**

XI. Cost-Effectiveness (15 points)

Provide a detailed budget that lists each item for which funding is being requested. You must also list the sources of required local matching contributions. Please provide a summary that demonstrates why this is the most cost-effective approach to solving the problem. Or, have other alternatives been explored, and if so, why were they determined to not be the best alternative? What is the anticipated lifespan of the practice? **(Attach separate sheets if needed.)**

XII. Project Readiness (10 points)

Please describe the anticipated timeline for implementing this project. What steps have been taken to ensure that the project can be implemented according to this timeline? Are any permits needed? (If permits are required please cite from what agency and where the project is in that process).

XIII. Engagement Opportunities (10 points)

Demonstrate any potential for public engagement, education and demonstration and describe what methods will be used to ensure that the purpose and success of the project are made known to the public. Applicants must incorporate a public engagement component into the project.