Project Clean Water is awarding 3 microgrants of $500 each to student-led teams that use science and/or engineering to address water quality in their local watershed. Student groups will design stormwater-themed projects that address their location and demographic-specific needs. These projects can include stormwater polluted runoff reduction, proper trash and pet waste disposal, or the capture and reuse of stormwater.
Open to all high-school students in a school-led group in San Diego County preferably in an Environmental Club, STEM Program or Conservancy Group.

The Microgrant Program gives students the tools and resources they need to design stormwater-themed projects that address their location and demographic-specific needs.

One-time microgrants of $500 are available to students to provide the funds needed to develop a stormwater related project. Acceptable fund use is outlined below. Funds are available upon receiving the grant. Three (3) microgrants will be awarded each calendar year. The program will run from March 2022 to December 2024.

Students will also have access to mentors in a coworking digital space located on the Project Clean Water website.

**DEADLINE FOR GRANTS:** OCTOBER 30, 2022 (2023 & 2024)  
**PROJECT DUE DATES:** MARCH 30, 2023 (2024 AND 2025)
APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

2022 MICROGRANT SCHEDULE
March 22nd, 2022
Announcement of Microgrants
Application process begins

October 30th, 2022
Applications due

November 15th, 2022
Applicants will be notified

February 1st, 2023
Projects completed and all materials submitted

HOW TO APPLY
1) Submit the following information
either in a short video or text
• Introduction to team members
• Explain your idea. What is the opportunity,
what problem does it solve, what unmet
need does it address?
• Why do you want to pursue this idea?
• Explain in detail how you plan to use the funds.
• Provide a budget for the project.
• Explain the status of your idea today and where
it will be in 90 days if awarded a microgrant.

2) Email the following information to
PCW@migcom.com:
• Subject line: Application for PCW Microgrant
• Link to video presentation or attach a pdf
• 2-3 paragraphs about your idea: Project
information, title, how it fits in one of the three
categories (runoff, source reduction/capture
water), when the project will occur and finish,
and how the success will be measured.
• Budget
• Timeline
• Contact Information
  • Name(s) of every team member
  • Main contact name and email address
  • Teacher or mentor name and contact info
  • Name of school

Applicants will be notified within 30 days of
submitting their application.

EVALUATION & SELECTION COMMITTEE
All applications will be reviewed by the Project
Clean Water Microgrant Selection Committee
(PCWM). The PCWM Selection Committee
will determine the final selection. MIG will
serve as the fiscal agent for the microgrant.
Selection Committee members participate in a
consensus-based discussion, in which all criteria
are considered equally, to choose which three
projects will receive microgrants. The PCWM
Selection Committee members are not eligible to
submit microgrant applications.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the
following criteria:

1. Does the project fit in one of the three
categories: runoff, source reduction/pollution
prevention, or capture water?
2. Have you determined how the success will be
measured?
3. Have the project steps been outlined to ensure
that it is safe to conduct and gather input?
4. Does the project demonstrate a unique idea/
approach to addressing one of the project
themes?
5. Strong projects will demonstrate knowledge
and understanding of stormwater
fundamentals.
6. Is the budget realistic to complete the project?
7. Justice, Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity: To
what extent does the application address
justice, equity, inclusion, and diversity? This
can be achieved through a project which is
designed to achieve more just and equitable
outcomes for all community members and
include a diverse range of participants or
stakeholders. Or it can be achieved by
thoughtfully explaining the challenges of
integrating justice, inclusion, equity, or diversity
into the project.

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ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS
Microgrants will be awarded to place-based stormwater-themed projects. These projects can include stormwater runoff reduction, proper trash and pet waste disposal, and the capture and reuse of stormwater. The watershed location threshold is meant to ensure that we award grants evenly to the County’s various watersheds. For a full list of watersheds and to determine what watershed your school falls in [click here](#).

Eligible watersheds include:
• Tijuana
• Otay
• Sweetwater
• Pueblo
• San Diego River
• Los Penasquitos
• San Dieguito
• Carlsbad
• San Luis Rey
• Santa Margarita
• South Orange County

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION
Requirements
• Information and signature of parent/guardian for students under 18 years of age
• Sponsoring School/Organization: The name of your teacher or group leader and contact information

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
REQUIREMENTS/USAGE
Acceptance Requirements
• Applicants must apply as a group of at least three people.
• If your application is accepted, you will meet virtually with the selection committee to discuss the idea and detail how you plan to use the microgrant.
• All funds to be used within 90 days of receiving the microgrant. Receipts must be provided to show how the money was spent.
• Recipients required to check-in with their assigned mentor twice during the 90-day period.
• After the grant period, recipients will present their progress and learnings to the PCWM Selection Committee, discussing the next steps for their idea.
• The winning applicant team must agree to use the PCW Youth Portal to work on the project.
• The winning applicant team agree to allow the project to be archived on the PCW website to be used as an informational resource for other students.
• The winning applicant team must agree to sign a talent waiver and allow PCW the opportunity to share the project on social media and media outlets.

Acceptable Microgrant Uses
• Purchasing of materials for a minimum viable product
• Prototyping, experiments, and concept testing
• Market research tools and software
• Software to prove out your idea
• Licensing and legal fees
• Development and UX/UI design costs (based on the business requirement)

Unacceptable Microgrant Uses
• Rent for co-working or office space
• Equipment or software that is not core to the development of the idea
• Travel expenses
• Team member salaries
• Food expenses

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