



King County



RainWise Access Grant

The Problem/Barrier: Even relatively small (\$1,000 or less) out-of-pocket costs for RainWise projects pose a barrier to many would-be participants, particularly low-income and underserved communities.

The Solution: The RainWise Access Grant provides up to an additional \$1,000 for RainWise eligible homeowners and non-profit community organizations (including religious groups) to bridge the gap between rebate amount and actual project costs for income limited and underserved communities.

How it works:

1. Landowner applies to Stewardship Partners with a simple Landowner Agreement form (1pg)
2. Landowner submits the following documentation:
 - Ownership of property (property tax form or printout from county records website)
 - RainWise project contract signed by landowner and RainWise contractor
 - RainWise approved contractor drafted project plan including budget, signed by landowner
 - RainWise Project Pre-Construction Inspection Report (or Notice of RainWise Project) and RainWise Project Post-Construction Inspection Report
 - Documentation of income qualification (For homeowners: Meets HomeWise income guidelines or verified enrollment in a utility assistance program or food stamps. For non-profits: state or federal registration or non-profit letter of the non-profit organization status)
3. Access Grant will cover
 - Not more than \$1,000
 - Not more than 25% of the total RainWise project budget.
 - No more than the difference between the total project cost and the RainWise rebate amount

Examples:

1. A cistern project with a verified budget of \$3,800 that is eligible for a \$2,800 RainWise rebate, could receive a \$950 access grant (25% of total cost, \$50 out of pocket cost to landowner).
2. A project with verified budget of \$3,000 that is eligible for a \$2800 RainWise rebate could receive a \$200 rebate (the difference between total project cost and rebate amount).
3. A project with a verified budget of \$6,300 that is eligible for a \$5,000 rebate would be eligible for a \$1,000 access grant (access grant maximum for any project is \$1,000, \$300 out of pocket cost to landowner).

Questions? Contact Stewardship Partners: info@stewardshippartners.org; 206-292-9875

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Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini Grants

The Problem/Barrier: We understand that for homeowners, investing in green stormwater infrastructure can be time consuming and costly, creating a barrier for would-be participants. Our goal is to work across the system, giving people the connections, tools, resources, and knowledge needed to care for our land and water.

The Solution: Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini Grants provide up to \$1,500 for homeowners within the King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) service area that are not eligible for other incentive programs. If you are ready to invest in green infrastructure on your property, we are here to help by walking you through the process and providing a financial tool.

Approved green infrastructure types include:

- Rain gardens
- Depave projects
- Cisterns
- Green roofs
- Grattix

Application Materials can be found at: <http://www.12000raingardens.org/gsi-mini-grants/>

Steps to Apply:

1. Complete [GSI Mini Grant Application](#) including: Application and Agreement form, award calculation, project budget, site sketch and expense receipts
2. Complete Applicable GSI Mini Grant Project Worksheets (one per project, located in application form)
3. Provide documentation of ownership of property in question (property tax form or printout from county records website)
4. Provide proof of project installation (registration at soundimpacts.org (coming soon) or project sketch and picture)
5. Complete [GSI Mini Grant Checklist](#) to ensure all steps have been followed

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Mini Grant will cover:

- a. Not more than \$1,500
- b. Not every project will be funded equally, grant amounts correlate to the projects projected environmental and community benefits

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