



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOOD & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

2027 Innovative Water Projects Award

Application

Innovative projects range from in-the-ground, physical structures to comprehensive plans (e.g., a regional master plan addressing water quality or quantity issues).

Eligibility: Projects started after Jan 1, 2024 and completed by March 26, 2027.

Deadline: March 26, 2027, 11:59 PM EST

Submit to: awards@nafsm.org

Partnered projects: List all entities and contact information. Only one award will be provided to the designated lead.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

AGENCY / COMPANY	PROJECT NAME		
CONTACT NAME(S)	PHONE		
EMAIL(S)	ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	

PUBLIC AGENCIES — Service Population: More than 250,000 Less than 250,000

PRIVATE FIRMS — Number of Employees: More than 30 Less than 30

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submit one PDF to awards@nafsm.org containing each of the following:

1. Completed application form (list all partnered entities with contact information and a designated lead)
2. Written explanation of why the submission should be considered (3,000-word limit)
3. Supporting graphics (up to 10 items: photos, diagrams, plans, charts, tables, web links, etc.)
4. Submittal as one PDF, max 5 MB. File name: *AgencyName_ProjectName_innovation*

WRITTEN EXPLANATION — REQUIRED SECTIONS

Project Description (500 words; include plan or diagram)

- Project purpose — water quality, drainage, urban flooding, flood risk management, or other
- Project requirements and how the project went above and beyond them

Project Benefits — Multi-Purpose Benefits (500 words)

- Benefits (environmental justice, economic, water conservation, recreation, health and wellbeing, habitat creation, green infrastructure, community enhancement)
- Issues addressed

Economic Impact (400 words)

- Total project cost
- Economic constraints that shaped the project
- Funding sources
- Expected economic benefits
- How the project meets community needs and goals

Outreach Efforts (400 words)

- How the project was promoted to the community, resource professionals, decision-makers, and developers
- Creative education methods used (short- and long-term)
- How outreach was evaluated and which audiences were reached
- Include copies of promotional pieces, if applicable

Results (500 words)

- How the project was received by the community
- How the project demonstrates efficient use of resources
- Expected immediate and long-term benefits
- Regulatory agency integration or coordination required

Continued Functionality (400 words)

- If applicable: monitoring, maintenance, costs, and reporting
- If applicable: periodic review, reevaluation, updating requirements, and costs

Conclusion (300 words)

- Constraints or challenges overcome
- Positive impact on quality of life
- Project objectives achieved
- How results (positive and negative) are shared with the public and other entities

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Questions? Contact Jennifer Cole at jennifer@nafsm.org • www.nafsm.org