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Board offers grants

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board is looking for applicants as it rolls out this year's water conservation and quality improvement grant program.

Eligible recipients include local governments (regional districts or municipalities), non-profit community groups, and irrigation or improvement districts.

"We want projects that are tangible, on-the-ground works, that address conserving water or improving its quality," said Genevieve Dunbar, grants administrator. "Applicants should show how their project will help the valley adapt to climate change and fluctuations in annual water supply."

As part of the process, all grant applicants must submit a council or board resolution from local government, endorsing their application. Successful applicants can receive up to \$30,000 for their project, with a total of \$300,000 available.

"We are especially looking for applications that complement our latest projects, like drought response planning, education and outreach,

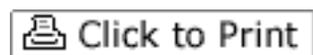
and the sustainable water strategy," said Dunbar.

"In the past, we've provided grants to some fantastic initiatives, like a water audit of small businesses, a xeriscape education and outreach program, and a project to map the shoreline of local lakes. Every year we look forward to seeing what new and innovative ideas come in to our office."

The application deadline is Feb. 19. More info is at www.obwb.ca.

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