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Applications sought for water grants

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A total of \$300,000 is available as the Okanagan Basin Water Board seeks applications for its 2011 water conservation and quality improvement grant program.

Eligible recipients include non-profit community groups, local governments (regional districts or municipalities), and irrigation or improvement districts. Successful applicants can receive up to \$30,000 for their project.

“We live in a dry climate and have less freshwater available per person,” said Anna Warwick Sears, executive director.

“Yet, homeowners use more than twice the Canadian average – this affects quantity. This program funds projects that tackle these important issues.”

Over the years, several of these grants have resulted in ongoing partnerships.

“We’ve seen networks of expertise built,” said Warwick Sears.

“And, we’ve seen practical approaches to water conservation and water quality improvement created that can be applied valley-wide.”

The deadline for applications is Feb. 21. All grant applicants must submit a council or board resolution from local government, endorsing their application.

The application and further information can be found at www.obwb.ca.

“Like past years, we’re looking for applications that think outside the box and clearly demonstrate benefits for the entire Okanagan region,” said Warwick Sears.