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## WMG Co-op Subsidy Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Watershed Management Group’s (WMG) Co-op is a sweat-equity program to install green practices at an affordable cost. Green practices include: greywater systems, landscapes and cisterns that capture rainwater, vegetable gardens and fruit trees suitable for the desert, as well as chicken coops and compost systems. To assist low-income members, the Co-op sets prices on a sliding-scale and offers subsidies. The deadline to apply for a subsidy is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

WMG offers partial and full Co-op subsidies. The partial subsidy covers 50% of the costs required to organize and lead the project. The full subsidy pays for all organizational and leadership costs. Both subsidies will cover up to \$100 worth of materials. A partial subsidy ranges in value from \$270 to \$350. A full subsidy ranges in value from \$390 to \$550. Note that even for a full subsidy, materials costs may exceed the amount of the subsidy, depending on your site. The recipient will be required to pay costs in excess of the amount of the subsidy, which will be explained in a formal cost estimate before work will commence. WMG’s Co-op subsidies are funded by grants, business sponsorships, and private donations.

**To apply for a low-income subsidy, please answer the following questions:**

1. The scale below suggests standard household earning thresholds for grant recipients.

Family Size	Total Household Income	Family Size	Total Household Income
One	\$29,350	Five	\$45,250
Two	\$33,500	Six	\$48,600
Three	\$37,700	Seven	\$51,950
Four	\$41,900	Eight	\$55,300

Enter the total gross income of all household members:  
 Enter the number of people living in your household:  
 Are you applying for: partial subsidy / full subsidy  
 Please describe your economic need for this subsidy (limit 100 words).

2. What type of project would you like to host? (Earthworks / Greywater / Cistern / Other )

3. Briefly describe your goals for your home, both for this workshop and for the long-term. (Limit response to 100 words)

4. The subsidy for which you are applying may not cover all your project costs. Please fill out the table below to produce a rough cost estimate for your project choice, and confirm that you will be able to afford excess costs for the type of workshop you’ve chosen. You will be provided with a formal cost estimate which you must sign before work will commence.

### Rough Estimate of Workshop Costs

Item	Partial Subsidy	Full Subsidy
<b>Administrative Fee</b> reduced to \$50 for low-income households from standard 10% of overall project costs (\$50 minimum)	\$25	\$0
<b>Workshop leader's time</b> Reduced to \$20/hr for low-income households from \$25/hr for Co-op members, or \$45/hr for the general public. Estimated 12 hours for earthworks/greywater, and 20 for a culvert cistern.	\$120 [12hrs] \$200 [20hrs]	\$0
<b>Snacks and drinks for 6-10 volunteers</b>		
<b>Materials</b> (see estimate sheet below)		
<b>Subtotal</b>		
Minus subsidy amount for materials	(-\$100)	(-\$100)
<b>Rough estimated total cost for homeowner</b>		

### Rough Cost Estimates (*Materials Only*)

<b>Cisterns (not including gutters)</b>	
55 gallon homemade rain barrel	\$20-\$50
Loomis plastic tanks	
305 gallon	\$295
1,200 gallons	\$900
Steel culvert Cistern 4' x8', 650 gal	\$850
WMG can recommend gutter installers who perform quality work.	
<b>Earthworks</b>	
5 yards rock (for lining basins)	\$240 (includes delivery).
Mulch	free resources available, or \$25/yard
Native Plants	1 gal. - \$6; 5 gal. - \$15-\$20.
<b>Greywater</b>	
<i>Some earthworks typically required as well</i>	
Plumber	\$200-\$300, for indoor greywater sources only
Greywater parts	\$100 - \$200

### Will you be able to pay the rough estimated total cost? Yes / No

5. WMG's Co-op succeeds through the sweat equity invested in each Co-op project by its members. You will be required to earn 16 hours through participating in other Co-op projects to earn the right to have 6-10 volunteers participate on your property (Culvert cisterns require two workshops and thus 32 hours earned). If you cannot participate in project work due to physical ability, other participation opportunities will be made available.

### Do you agree to fulfill your volunteer requirements? Yes / No.

6. One goal of Watershed Management Group's Co-op is to encourage neighbors helping neighbors. Towards that goal, we ask subsidy recipients to invite their neighbors to participate in the subsidized Co-op project by performing the tasks list below, for which materials will be provided. Please also feel free to suggest other strategies you might engage in to accomplish this goal which are specific to your neighborhood.

- E-mail project announcements to your neighborhood association's listserv.
- Post announcements on any community bulletin boards you might have access to.
- Distribute fliers announcing your project to your immediate neighbors.

### Do you agree to engage in these tasks? Yes / No

**Submit completed applications by March 1<sup>st</sup> to:**

WMG Co-op Coordinator

[co-op@watershedmg.org](mailto:co-op@watershedmg.org)

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