**Application for Schoolyard Education Program Grant**

**Water Harvesting and Wildlife Habitat Projects**

*Please answer the questions below with 1-2 short paragraphs each. Applications will be accepted by email (to Joaquin Murrieta-Saldivar at* *jmurrieta@watershedmg.org* *) or mail (send hard copies to Watershed Management Group, 1137 N Dodge Blvd Tucson, AZ 85716).* ***Applications must be******postmarked by or e-mailed by Monday, September 26, 2016.***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

School Name and District (if applicable):

Address:

Contact Name and Title:

Phone Number: Email:

Have you applied for a WMG Schoolyard Program grant before? \_\_\_yes\* \_\_\_ no

\* If yes which year, name and status of project

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1. Tell us about your school and your school community. Where is it located (part of town, any unique location-based characteristics)? How many students attend? Provide a general description of the student population.
2. Does your school currently have a conservation and/or water education program? If yes, what kind of activities and/or education do you offer? If no, what kind of activities and/or education would you like to see?

1. What grade level(s) would participate in the Schoolyard Program? Why do you feel this grade level(s) would be most appropriate? (e.g. existing curriculum, teacher interest, etc.)
2. In order to be successful, Schoolyard projects require a team of adults at the school who can take responsibility for working with WMG staff on the planning, implementation, and maintenance of the site. At minimum, this team should include: the principal, one teacher, and a member of the facilities and/or grounds-keeping crew. Parent volunteers can also be part of the project team. Please list the members of the Schoolyard project team and their titles/roles below.
3. Does at least one teacher have time to devote to the implementation of this program? (In general, teachers working with the Schoolyard Program commit 30-50 total hours over the course of the project. The number of hours per week is variable depending on project phases.)
4. WMG would like to hold 2-4 in-class activities with students. More class activities can be done as desired and is possible with the budget. Is it feasible to fit these into your class schedule? Explain how you will schedule time for these activities.
5. In order for this project to be successful, there must be a space on campus where it is possible to create a rain garden. Please describe any possible space(s) you have in mind, including its current use, student/teacher traffic, site characteristics, public accessibility, etc. What water harvesting and garden features do you have in mind for this space? Include a picture of site if possible.
6. We ask each partnering school to provide at least 10 adult volunteers for the hands-on workshops (~4-5 hrs each) to implement the water harvesting features. Does your school have the capacity to actively engage parents and the surrounding community to participate in these workshops? (Workshops require a moderate level of physical activity.)
7. Is your school able to commit to maintaining the project for at least the next 10 years? If so, how will you ensure that the program will be maintained?
8. The grant program requires that schools provide one-to-one matching funding for the project (for example, if estimated project costs are $2000, the school will provide $1000 in cash and $1000 worth in donated materials or services). How will your school provide this match?
9. WMG may waive the cash match requirement with demonstrated financial need from schools that serve low-income or disadvantaged students. If you feel you may be qualified for this additional funding, please explain why. What percentage of students are under school lunches?
10. Please explain why you feel your school should be selected to receive these grant funds.

This application has the support of the above mentioned school.

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Applicant Signature Date

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Principal’s Signature Date