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Bedford County libraries awarded water fountain grants from the Bedford Regional Water Authority

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) has announced that the Moneta, Forest, and Bedford Central libraries were selected to receive grants to install new water bottle filling stations.

The BRWA launched its Hydration Station Grant program last year to provide members of the community with access to safe and reliable tap water to refill personal bottles. Roughly 60 million plastic bottles are not recycled and end up in landfills every day in the United States, according to the [Container Recycling Institute](#). Hydration stations will help reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles that end up in landfills and bodies of water protecting waterways and public health.

"Thank you to all those who applied for a Hydration Station Grant. We are so impressed by your commitment to serve the community. Especially at a time when so many traditional water fountains are closed to prevent the spread of germs, I'm glad we can help make drinking water more accessible to our community" said Megan Pittman, BRWA Director of Administration.

The BRWA will award grants - up to \$2,000 maximum per applicant - for the purchase of an indoor or outdoor station, to entities within our service area. Applications are continuously accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and projects will be selected until all of the funding for the fiscal year has been exhausted

Learn More & Apply: visit <https://bit.ly/2TJ3MQS>. For questions, please email communications@brwa.com.



Pictured: Bedford Public Library System Foundation & the Friends of the Bedford Public Library System grant recipients.



Pictured: Hydration Station with signage – “Providing our community with safe and reliable water together”

About the Bedford Regional Water Authority:

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) provides water and wastewater services to the residents and businesses in Bedford County and the Town of Bedford; additionally, the BRWA partners with the Western Virginia Water Authority to serve customers surrounding Smith Mountain Lake in both Bedford and Franklin County. Visit www.brwa.com for further information.

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