

## **Objective**

The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant recognizes outstanding contributions and programs of public health officials or departments that advance safer and healthier use of recreational water in pools, spas and waterparks. It is awarded by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) Recreational Water Quality Committee (RWQC) to recognize and encourage educational, safety, operational, and technical programs of an individual public health official or department that supports this purpose.

## **Selection Criteria**

- Candidates for the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant will be a state or local public health official or a public health department. Individuals will be employed by a state or local public health department.
- Candidates will be citizens of the U.S. or Canada (or if organization, headquartered in U.S. or Canada).
- Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a third party.
- Candidates will provide a plan for a significant project currently in development, or one beginning as early as June 2020, with the objective of making pools, spas or water parks safer and healthier.
- Principal factors in awarding the grant are 1) meeting the objective of the grant and 2) the number of people potentially affected.
- One grant, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in United States currency, will be awarded as seed funding.
- Nominations are accepted from PHTA members, a public health official or health department.

## **Judging**

- The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant recipient will be selected by at least two members of the PHTA Recreational Water Quality Committee (RWQC) and one PHTA staff member.
- The judging will be based on the information submitted in the application form.
- Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, May 8, 2020.
- Winners will be selected by Friday, May 22, 2020.

## **Instructions**

- Complete the [Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant Nomination Form](#) for an Individual or a Department/Organization.
- Send the completed Nomination Form via email as a MS Word attachment or PDF to [awards@PHTA.org](mailto:awards@PHTA.org). The preferred method of receipt is by email; however, you may also submit your form by fax to (703) 549-0493 or mail a completed form to: The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), Attn. Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant, 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314.

## **Responsibilities of the Winner**

- The winner, or a representative on behalf of the winner, is expected to receive the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant award during the Awards Ceremony at the National Environment Health Association (NEHA) 2020 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition, July 13–16, 2020, at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel in New York, New York.in Nashville, Tennessee.
- The winner, or representative of the winner, is expected to submit an abstract for the 2021 NEHA AEC, when NEHA issues the Call for Abstracts. The 2021 NEHA will be held from July 12-15, 2021 at Spokane Convention Center and The Davenport Grand, Autograph Collection in Spokane, Washington.