



Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant

Advancing the public's health and safe use of recreational water

What is the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant?

The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant is a \$5,000 award that honors a public health official or department who has made outstanding contributions to advance the public's health and safe use of recreational water in pools, spas, and waterparks through educational, safety, operational, and technical programs.

Why was this grant established?

In 2009, a grant was established in memory of Dr. Robert Neil Lowry, a long-time member of The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP), now the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), who influenced the pool and spa industry for over 25 years as a healthy water consultant to government and private industry. To learn more about Dr. Lowry and his work, click [here](#).



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How can I apply or nominate an organization?

Complete the nomination form [here](#).

What's the deadline to apply?

Completed nomination forms must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, August 1, 2025**.

Who selects the winner?

Representatives of the PHTA Recreational Water & Air Quality Committee (RWAQC) and a PHTA staff member will select an outstanding public health official or department by August 29, 2025. The PHTA RWAQC develops and maintains authoritative information for the aquatic community regarding chemical products, processes, and devices that affect water quality maintenance of swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs. The committee uses scientific data, research, and sound engineering practices in its development of all PHTA information, PHTA publications, and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited PHTA standards.

When will the grant be presented?

The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant winner will be honored at the International Pool | Spa | Patio Expo in Las Vegas, NV, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.



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What happens if I or my organization is selected for the grant?

A check in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000 USD) will be mailed to the winner. There is no additional paperwork to complete. The winner, or a representative on behalf of the winner, is expected to receive the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant award at the International Pool | Spa | Patio Expo in Las Vegas, NV, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Who has won in the past?

Central Valley Health District, ND; Craven County Environmental Health, NC; Fishers Health Department, IN; City of North Richland Hills, TX; Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, CO; Arizona Department of Health Services, AZ; Quechan Parks and Recreation, AZ; Riverside County Department of Health, CA; Columbus Public Health, OH; Middlesex-London Health Unit of London, Ontario (Canada); Brevard County Department of Health Environmental Health Services Department, FL; Sacramento County Environmental Management Department, CA; Alexandria Health Department, VA; City of Houston, TX; and the City of Plano, TX.

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Please contact awards@phta.org or call **703.838.0083 x 155**.