



How to Apply

for the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant

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 & Air Quality Committee (RWAQC) 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 shall 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 shall provide a complete and thorough description of a plan or program currently in development or beginning as early as October 2023. The object of said plan or program can be, for example, to improve the safety and/or wellness of bathers through classes or pamphlets, or the safety of an aquatic facility by increasing educational signage. Supporting information, including existing materials, should be included where appropriate.
- 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 a public health department.

Judging

- The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant recipient will be selected by at least two members of the PHTA Recreational Water & Air Quality Committee (RWAQC) 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, September 8, 2023.
- Winners will be selected by Friday, September 29, 2023.



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Instructions

- Complete the [Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant Nomination Form](#) for an Individual or a Department/Organization.
- Be complete and thorough in your description and any planned materials to be created.
- Supplemental materials / sheets should be included where appropriate.
- Include as many specifics as possible.
- Send the completed Nomination Form via email as an MS Word attachment or PDF to awards@PHTA.org. The preferred method of receipt is by email – include “Lowry Grant” in the subject line. However, you may also submit your completed form via fax to (703) 549-0493 or via postal mail 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 at the International Pool | Spa | Patio Expo (PSP/Deck Expo) in November 2023.