

2026 Tri-Association Conference

September 1 - 4 * Ocean City, Maryland



Tri-Association Philanthropic Recipient RFP Application

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026 5:00 pm

Application Submission and Questions to: Erica Whorley
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The Chesapeake Section, American Water Works Association, Inc. (CSAWWA), Chesapeake Water Environment Association (CWEA) and the Water & Waste Operators Association of Maryland, Delaware & the District of Columbia (WWOA) will hold their annual conference and exhibition from September 1 - September 4, 2026 at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland. At the conference's multiple events will contribute to a fund that will be split to support Water for People, and the recipient of this RFP's philanthropic endeavors. The multiple events include a Silent Auction from Monday through Thursday, golf tournament on Tuesday and Fun Run/Walk on Wednesday.

The organization selected from this RFP must be a non-profit, verified 501(c)3 in one of the three areas (Maryland, Delaware and Washington, DC) covered by the member organizations. The selected non-profit must support water, wastewater and/or stormwater projects. Student organizations are encouraged to apply. To be considered, please apply as described below. Applications should be sent to [Erica Whorley](#). Applications must be received by March 31, 2026. Recipients will be selected by June 30, 2026. Proceeds will be issued via check by January 2027.

To be considered, please submit a no-more than two-page written application that includes:

- The applying organization's official name, mailing address, and 501-3c or other charitable organization status
- Charitable organization's benefit to the community in terms of water, wastewater and/or stormwater at local, regional, state, national and/or international levels
- Charitable organization's past achievements and how they benefited/improved water, wastewater and/or stormwater in the community

- Narrative of how the funds will be used, including description of the organization's current and future work (local and international, current stages of projects, etc.) Emphasis should be placed on how the funds will be used within the 365 calendar days after receipt and the organization's water, wastewater and/or stormwater work.
- The charitable organization's availability to assist with:
 - The silent auction including assistance to solicit donations, contribute items and participate in any auction set-up.
 - The golf tournament including assistance leading up to and the day of the tournament
 - The fun run/walk including assistance leading up to and the day of the event.
 - Providing a one page write up on organization's water, wastewater, and/or stormwater work and how the funds will be used
- Contact information for the organization's representative including name, email, and phone number.