School Water Bottle Filling Station 2027 Grant Program

Connecticut Water provides safe, reliable drinking water to schools within our service area and ensures students, faculty and staff have access to safe drinking water to provide the hydration needed for learning and activities throughout the day. We encourage the use of tap water to reduce plastic waste in our landfills and eliminate environmental costs of bottling/transporting packaged water.

Connecticut Water's School Water Bottle Filling Station Grant Program has been established to assist and encourage schools that are served by Connecticut Water to adopt a more sustainable approach and provide students and staff access to safe, reliable and convenient tap water to refill personal, refillable bottles.

Funding will be awarded for up to 10 water bottle filling stations in our service communities, or a total of $15,000 each calendar year. Only one water bottle filling station may be awarded per eligible school. Funding is provided by Connecticut Water's Charitable Giving program and is not recovered in customer rates. Interested organizations should download/complete the application via our website,**www.ctwater.com/waterbottlegrant** and submit with required documentation to: Giving@ctwater.com.

Eligibility

Applicant must be an accredited school located within Connecticut Water's service area, and have a service connection with Connecticut Water for domestic water supply.

Criteria for Participation

- The proposed location of the station must be in a visible area and easily accessible to students and staff.
- Applicant assumes responsibility for installation and maintenance as recommended by the manufacturer.
- The applicant agrees to coordinate a photo opportunity post-installation, with subsequent use including, but not limited to, social media.
- Installation of the station must occur within 180 days from the application approval date.
- Projects must not have started prior to application approval.

Application Requirements

- Completed Application Form
- Photo or sketch of proposed location of the unit
- Specify the Unit requested from the approved model list, and delivery address.
- Signed and completed Federal W-9 Tax Form
- Copies of any required permits for the installation

Application Deadline

Applications are due by **January 31, 2027**. Grant recipients will be notified in February 2027, and will have 180 days to install the fill station unit. Incomplete applications will not be considered; please be sure to provide a contact name for any follow-up questions we may have, and also the personnel to contact to arrange delivery.

Approved Models and Delivery

Connecticut Water's supplier offers new installation or retrofit units. Connecticut Water will order the unit and deliver the unit to the recipient facility, to be arranged on a per-case basis. Connecticut Water will pay the supplier directly.

SchoolWater Bottle Filling Station 2027 Grant Application Please submit by January 31, 2027

School Name:

School District:

Street Address: City: State: CT Zip Code:

Application Contact Name, Title:

Contact Phone Number: Contact Email Address:

Description of the unit's proposed location (attach map or drawing):

Requested Unit: **See 3 Options Below.** (If a Retrofit Kit is requested, provide the Brand/Model of your existing equipment, so that we can determine whether a retrofit kit exists for that equipment.)

Delivery Contact Name, Title, Phone, Email Address:

Other required documentation to attach:
Signed and completed Federal W-9 Tax Form: ☐
Copies of any required permits for the installation: ☐
Documentation for selected unit (if not choosing from one provided by CT Water): ☐
Photo, sketch or map of the proposed location of the unit: ☐

Water Bottle Filling Station Options

Units shown are for reference, and may not be the specific brand supplied.

Retrofit Kits for Existing Water Fountain/Coolers:

(Some older models may be obsolete, with no retrofit available. CWC will confirm availability, based on the existing Brand/ Model # information provided by the applicant.)



Elkay Water Refilling Retrofit Kits

Elkay Water Refilling Retrofit Kits Attach To Existing Wall Mounted Coolers For Filling Water Bottles In Schools, Fitness Clubs, Healthcare Facilities and more.

Elkay Water Refilling Retrofit Kits allow easy water bottle filling at standard Elkay coolers. Refilling units feature **sanitary, no-touch sensor activation with automatic 20-second shut-off timer.** Digital visual interface displays the quantity of bottles saved from landfills. Elkay Water Refilling Retrofit Kits attach to most 115V/60Hz EZ and LZ pushbar activated water coolers. **Available in models with or without filter.**

Surface Mount Units, Filtered/Non Filtered, Non- Refrigerated



Elkay EZH2O Surface Mount, Single Level,

Surface Mount Unit, Filtered/Refrigerated [Specify with or WITHOUT Bubbler]

