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DOEE Announces Winners of Inaugural “RiverSmart Innovation” Grant Competition

A total of \$156,500 will fund nine community-based stormwater projects

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – May 31, 2016 — Earlier this year, the Department of Energy and Environment launched the [RiverSmart Innovation Grant](#) program to provide start-up funding for community-oriented projects that improve stormwater management in the District. Applicants were challenged to propose innovative initiatives from green infrastructure to awareness-raising projects like art installations.

“The RiverSmart Innovation Grant program showcases the creativity and inventive thinking we need to help address stormwater management issues in the District,” said DOEE Director Tommy Wells. “I’m excited about these nine projects and the positive impacts they will have on our communities and our waterways.”

The 2016 RiverSmart Innovation grantees and projects are:

Grantee	Project Name	Grant Amount
DC Wheel Productions, Inc./DBA: Dance Place	8th Street Arts Park Native Gardens	\$20,000
Landscape Architecture Foundation	RiverSmart Homes Rain Garden Evaluation	\$19,990
Forest Hills Neighborhood Alliance	Broad Branch & Linnean Stream Restoration and Education Project	\$19,650
George Washington University	GroW Garden Rainwater Catchment System	\$5,900
Endangered Species Coalition	Rock Creek Songbirds	\$18,500
Anacostia Watershed Society	Saving our Native Grasslands (SONG)	\$13,000
Bona Terra LLC	Sousa Middle School Rain Garden and Sculpture	\$20,000
Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region	Watershed Watchers	\$20,000
University of the District of Columbia	East Capitol Urban Farm GZEP Education and Green Roof Project	\$19,460
TOTAL		\$156,500

The RiverSmart Innovation Grant program requires applicants to be physically located in the District. Nonprofits, faith-based organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, and small businesses are eligible to apply for up to \$20,000.

For more information about the RiverSmart Innovation Grant and the first cohort of grantees, visit <http://doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-innovation-grant-program>