

# Rain Barrel Workshop Grant



When it rains, runoff from roofs, streets and parking lots pollutes lakes and rivers in our cities. Rain barrels are one tool for preventing stormwater pollution by intercepting runoff and putting it to good use to water gardens and lawns.

## Project Objective

CRWD supports rain barrel education and construction workshops as a way of preventing stormwater pollution by offering grants of \$1,200 to neighborhood organizations, St. Paul district planning councils, faith communities or other nonprofit groups that host rain barrel workshops for a minimum of 35 participants. Organizations may use funds to subsidize the cost of readymade rain barrels to sell or distribute to citizens, or host a rain barrel construction workshop in collaboration with a local vendor. All projects must include an educational component, with someone explaining to citizens the *why* as well as the *how* of rain barrels.

## Application Process

At least a month before the date of your workshop, fill out and submit an application form that includes:

- Background information about your organization
- Method you will use to distribute the barrels (e.g. a sale, a rain barrel workshop, a lottery)
- Project stakeholders and their role, including the rain barrel vendor (if applicable)
- Project timeline
- Evaluation method
- Signed agreement

The application is available on our website at [http://www.capitolregionwd.org/sp\\_grants.html](http://www.capitolregionwd.org/sp_grants.html)

## Reimbursement

After your event, you must submit a list of participants with addresses, a brief written summary of the event and digital photos of the event in progress. CRWD will reimburse the organization \$1,200 after materials have been reviewed. Questions? Contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth@capitolregionwd.org](mailto:elizabeth@capitolregionwd.org).

Hamline Midway Coalition funded rain barrel construction for their residents.

