American Water donates $500,000 to American Water Charitable Foundation to support COVID-19 relief efforts

CAMDEN, N.J., Apr. 6, 2020 – American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, announced today that it made a contribution of $500,000 to the American Water Charitable Foundation (AWCF), to support coronavirus relief efforts.

AWCF, the charitable arm of American Water, will disburse the funds directly to several critical COVID-19 specific initiatives, including the American Water Employee Crisis Fund and a new community-focused COVID-19 Response Fund. The AWCF Board of Trustees will oversee grant selection and allocation of funds.

“Providing this donation to our charitable foundation ensures that every grant dollar will be awarded directly to an organization making a valuable impact in a community served by American Water and managing through the COVID-19 crisis” said Walter Lynch, chief executive officer, American Water. “We know our customers, our communities and our employees have all been personally impacted. By also contributing to our Employee Crisis Fund, we help the very people who are so critical in providing an essential service to our customers. We also are able to help our customers through the COVID-19 Response Fund by supporting programs that will make the communities where they live stronger.”

Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has invested more than $5.5 million in programs and organizations that are important to American Water employees and the communities it serves. The American Water Employee Crisis Fund was established in 2018 to provide emergency financial assistance to employees experiencing financial hardship.

“There has never been a more critical time in our country to support one another or lend a charitable hand to our communities and our employees in need. We are honored to do our part,” said Carrie Williams, president, American Water Charitable Foundation.
American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation also recently announced a $100,000 donation to Feeding America to help food banks across the country support individuals and families impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**About American Water**

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to 15 million people in 46 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit [amwater.com](http://amwater.com) and follow American Water on [Twitter](http://Twitter), [Facebook](http://Facebook) and [LinkedIn](http://LinkedIn).

**About the American Water Charitable Foundation**

The American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company’s ongoing commitment to being a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. The Foundation helps support American Water employee-identified nonprofit endeavors.

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