

Objective

The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant recognizes outstanding contributions and programs of public health officials or departments that advance safer and healthier use of recreational water in pools, spas and waterparks. It is awarded by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) Recreational Water Quality Committee (RWQC) to recognize and encourage educational, safety, operational, and technical programs of an individual public health official or department that supports this purpose.

Selection Criteria

- Candidates for the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant will be a state or local public health official or a public health department. Individuals will be employed by a state or local public health department.
- Candidates will be citizens of the U.S. or Canada (or if organization, headquartered in U.S. or Canada).
- Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by a third party.
- Candidates will provide a plan for a significant project currently in development, or one beginning as early as June 2019, with the objective of making pools, spas or water parks safer and healthier.
- Principal factors in awarding the grant are 1) meeting the objective of the grant and 2) the number of people potentially affected.
- One grant, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in United States currency, will be awarded as seed funding.
- Nominations are accepted from PHTA members, a public health official or health department.

Judging

- The Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant recipient will be selected by at least two members of the PHTA Recreational Water Quality Committee (RWQC) and one PHTA staff member.
- The judging will be based on the information submitted in the application form.
- Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, May 17, 2019.
- Winners will be selected by Monday, May 31, 2019.

Instructions

- Complete the [Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant Nomination Form](#) for an Individual or a Department/Organization.
- Send the completed Nomination Form via email as a MS Word attachment or PDF to awards@PHTA.org. The preferred method of receipt is by email; however, you may also submit your form by fax to (703) 549-0493 or mail a completed form to: The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), Attn. Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant, 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Responsibilities of the Winner

- The winner, or a representative on behalf of the winner, is expected to receive the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant award during the Awards Ceremony at the NEHA 2019 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition, July 9–12, 2019, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.
- The winner, or representative of the winner, is expected to submit an abstract for the 2020 NEHA AEC, July 13-16, 2020, in New York when NEHA issues the Call for Abstracts.