**Trust Building Support Initiative Application**

*Overview*:

River Network and the WaterNow Alliance are working together to provide support for community organizations and water utilities seeking to build trusting relationships as part of their work together. We are seeking applications from interested water utilities and community groups who jointly want to receive technical, financial, capacity building and leadership development support to help bolster their partnership over an eight-month period. Support will be based on the best practices outlined in [*Building Blocks of Trust: Creating Authentic and Equitable Relationships Between Community Organizations and Water Utilities*](https://www.rivernetwork.org/resource/building-blocks-of-trust-creating-authentic-and-equitable-relationships-between-community-organizations-and-water-utilities/).

*Identifying Information*:

* Water utility name and website
* Water utility project lead - name & title
* Water utility project lead – email
* Water utility type – drinking water, sotrmwater, wastewater
* Community organization name and website
* Community organization project lead - name & title
* Community organization project lead – email
* Community location (City/County and state)
* Community size
* Community type – urban, suburban, rural

*Joint questions – interest and areas of focus:*

* How does participation in this Trust Building Support Initiative align with or advance your mission, goals or an existing project you are working on together and why is trust important to you and your community?
* How does your shared work address and/or incorporate issues of equity?
* Please tell us, in 100 words or less, which 1-3 of the trust building best practices you want to focus on as part of this initiative and how that will help advance your shared work and your leadership capacity. Best practices to choose from can be found here: <https://www.rivernetwork.org/resource/building-blocks-of-trust-creating-authentic-and-equitable-relationships-between-community-organizations-and-water-utilities/>.

*Individual questions – goals and commitment:*

Water utility and community organization each answers separately:

* What do you hope to gain from participation in this trust building support initiative and what do you envision as the outcomes?
* Do you consider yourself an emerging leader? If yes, in a sentence or two, describe how this experience would support development of your leadership capabilities (optional)
* What is the estimated number of hours per month that you have available to work on this trust building support initiative if selected (we estimate that this will take 1-2 hours/month in direct technical assistance and 2-4 hours/month in partnership building work with your team)?