

Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Water and Drinking Water Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utility Service

FY 2025 Circuit Rider Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues. Eligible applicants are public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes that have rural water systems and the legal authority to own and operate water facilities.

Program History

Program history is unavailable

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems

Tips

- Applicants must serve an areas with a population of 10,000 or fewer. Geographic eligibility can be verified online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov
- To initiate the application process, the applicants must contact their local Rural Development Office Listed online at rd.usda.gov or local National Rural Water Association (NRWA) office, listed online at nrwa.org

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utility Service

FY 2025 Circuit Rider Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues. Rural water system officials may request assistance from the National Rural Water Association State Association or the local Rural Utilities Service office. Rural Utilities Service staff may also request assistance on behalf of the system.

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has contracted with the National Rural Water Association to provide Circuit Riders who are experienced in managing issues that may arise in the day-to-day operations of rural water systems. Circuit Riders provide service in each U.S. State and Territory. A list of Circuit Riders is available online and can be found here.

Assistance may be requested for the following topic areas:

- Board training
- Management/finance
- Operation/maintenance
- Water treatment
- Regulatory compliance
- Facility security
- Loan application and reporting
- Disaster/emergency assistance

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes that have rural water systems and the legal authority to own and operate water facilities. Applicants must serve an area with a population of 10,000 or fewer. Geographic eligibility can be verified online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support technical assistance awards through this program. Technical assistance will be provided by circuit riders who are experienced in managing issues that may arise in the day-to-day operations of rural water systems.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Program Staff
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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	$450 million	274
2020	$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Application Due: Rolling

- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

Awardee Profile

Irving Tanning Community Center Inc.
Hartland, ME

AMOUNT: $238,000
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to make critical infrastructure repairs to the community center, including replacing the structure's 25-year-old roof and improving the heating system.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas must have no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Funds may also be used to pay reasonable and necessary fees, when part of a facility, such as:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisory
- Environmental impact analyses
- Archaeological surveys
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring right

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
  - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There are no pre-payment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community. Applicants are encouraged to contact the funding agency for details and current rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan.

Matching and Cost-Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help rural communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible projects may take place in communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent. Funding is intended to maintain the standards prescribed by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Eligible applicants are local governments, state governments, federally recognized tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Program History

Program history is unavailable for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: None
Solicitation Date: Rolling
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants

Tips:

- Projects must serve rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias. Eligible rural addresses can be found here.
- Priority consideration will be given to smaller rural communities and communities with a lower percentage of the state's median household income.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help rural communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible projects may take place in communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent. Funding is intended to maintain the standards prescribed by the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Qualifying emergencies may include droughts, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, disease outbreaks, chemical spills/leaks/seepage, and other disasters. A federal disaster declaration is not required.

Eligible project types include:

- Water transmission line projects to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply
- Water source projects to construct new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water, including treatment plants

Eligible activities include:

- Waterline extensions from existing systems
- Construction of new waterlines
- Repairs to an existing system
- Significant maintenance to an existing system
- Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and other sources of water
- Equipment replacement
- Connection and/or tap fees
- Costs incurred within six months of the date of the application to correct an emergency situation that would have otherwise been eligible for funding
- Other appropriate purposes, such as legal fees; engineering fees; recording costs; environmental impact analyses; archaeological surveys; possible salvage or other mitigation measures; and planning, establishing, or acquiring rights associated with developing sources of, treating, storing, or distributing water
- Costs of complying with applicable regulations
- Providing potable water to communities through means other than those covered above, but for a period of no longer than 120 days, when a more permanent solution is not feasible in a shorter time frame

All applicants must clearly show that they have had a significant decline in the quantity or quality of potable water or an acute shortage of potable water within two years of the date of the application, or that such a decline or shortage is imminent, and that the proposed project would eliminate or alleviate the problem.

Priority consideration will be given to smaller rural communities and communities with a lower percentage of the state's median household income.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include most state and local governments, including rurally located public bodies; nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized tribes.

Projects must serve rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias. Eligible rural addresses can be found here.

The project area must also have a median household income no greater than the state's non-metropolitan median household income.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program as follows:

- Awards of up to $150,000 for water transmission line projects to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish that water supply
- Awards of up to $1 million for water source projects for the construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water, including treatment plants

At least 70 percent of all awards will be for projects that alleviate a significant decline in quantity or quality of water available to a rural area that occurred within two years, or to attempt to avoid a significant decline that is expected to occur during the next 12 months; such awards may be for up to $500,000.

At least 50 percent of all funds will be allocated to rural areas with populations of fewer than 3,000.

Funds may be used for pre-award costs that were incurred within six months of application submission to correct an emergency situation that would have been otherwise ineligible for funding.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate contact listed here.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants

FEDERAL
LOAN PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees Program

Grant Overview

This program assists private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Eligible applicants are lenders with the legal authority, financial strength, and sufficient experience to operate successful lending programs.

Program History

Fiscal Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$14,624,737	Unspecified
2023	$123,059,011	Unspecified

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to $50 million
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees

Awardee Profile

Holiday Valley Water Association
Olympia, WA

AMOUNT: $357,500
YEAR: 2023

This investment will be used to replace 60-year-old asbestos concrete pipes with poly vinyl chloride (PVC). The Association installed a new water main line to reduce the amount of maintenance and repair needed on the system. This repair also addresses the environmental issue of water waste due to leakage and the asbestos in the pipes.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Funding will be provided to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve facilities for:

- Drinking water
- Sanitary sewers
- Solid waste disposal
- Stormwater disposal facilities

Depending on the circumstances, some funds may also be used for:

- Guarantee and lender fees
- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition and equipment
- Additional borrower labor to install and extend service
- Initial operating expenses
- Capitalized interest
- Purchase of existing facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Debt refinancing

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are lenders with the legal authority, financial strength, and sufficient experience to operate successful lending programs. Lenders may include:

- Federal- or state-chartered banks
- Savings and loans
- Farm credit banks with direct lending authority
- Credit unions

Other non-regulated lending institutions may also be approved.

Lenders may request guarantees for the following borrowers:

- Public bodies
- Federally recognized tribes
- Nonprofit organizations

Eligibility is limited to projects located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Applicants may verify address eligibility online here.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loan guarantees obtained through private lenders through this program.

The loan guarantee percentage for loans approved in FY 2025 is 90 percent. The maximum loan amount is $50 million. Loan fees will also apply as follows:

- Initial guarantee fee: 1 percent of the guaranteed amount
- Issuance of loan note guarantee prior to construction fee: 0.5 percent

Reasonable and customary fees for loan origination are negotiated between the borrower and lender.

Lenders will conduct a credit evaluation using credit documentation procedures and underwriting processes that are consistent with generally accepted prudent lending practices and also consistent with the lender's own policies, procedures, and lending practices.

Interest rates are negotiated between the lender and borrower. Rates may be fixed or variable; however, variable interest rates may not be adjusted more often than quarterly.

The loan term may not exceed 40 years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants that include funds from sources other than the funding agency will receive additional points in the application evaluation process. Regulated lenders must include any borrower contributions in the application.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local rural development office listed online here.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 Revolving Fund Program

Grant Overview

The Revolving Loan Fund Program helps communities expand and improve water or wastewater systems using short-term loans to subgrant recipients. Qualified private, nonprofit organizations use RFP grant funds to establish a revolving loan fund. These organizations then provide loans to eligible entities for predevelopment costs or short-term, small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of existing water and wastewater systems. Eligible applicants are nonprofit entities that have the legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations.

Program History

There is no history available for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: $1 million
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: July 9, 2025
Proposal due: August 7, 2025

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/revolving-funds-for-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects

Tips

- All projects must take place in eligible rural areas including rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, and colonias.
- A revolving loan fund is a pool of public- and private-sector funds that recycles money as loans are repaid (revolved funds). Funding from a grant or a long-term/low-cost loan is used to start, replenish and expand revolving loan funds.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 Revolving Fund Program

Detailed Summary

This program provides grants to qualified private, nonprofits entities to capitalize revolving funds for the purpose of providing financing to eligible entities for pre-development costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects or with existing water and wastewater systems, and short-term costs incurred for the replacement equipment, small-scale extension of services, or other small capital projects that are not part of the regular operations and maintenance activities of existing water and wastewater systems.

Revolving loan funds can be used for pre-development costs for water and wastewater treatment projects and short-term capital improvement projects that are not part of regular operations and maintenance.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities that have the legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations. The applicant must have sufficient expertise and experience in making and servicing loans.

Projects must take place in eligible rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, and colonias.

Funding

In FY 2025, $1 million is available through this program. The total amount of financing to an eligible entity shall not exceed $200,000 or 75 percent of the total project cost (whichever is less) and shall be repaid in a term not to exceed 10 years. The interest rate shall be determined by the grant recipient and approved by USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost in matching funds. Applicants that provide more than the minimum required match will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process.

Contact Information

Grant Manager
Water-RD@usda.gov
Local Rural Development Staff

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/revolving-funds-for-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$5 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $5 million
Match: 10 percent
Solicitation date: January 1, 2025
Proposal due: March 3, 2025

- Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/rural-decentralized-water-systems-grant-program

Awardee Profile

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP), VA

AMOUNT: Unspecified
YEAR: 2024

SERCAP received funding to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Applicants should consider energy efficiency, resiliency, and water reuse technologies. Loans may be used to construct, refurbish, and service a household water well or decentralized wastewater system up to the point of entry to the residence. In certain circumstances where ground well water contamination is documented, funding may be used to complete work beyond the point of entry to the residence.

Ultimately, the program is intended to increase access to safe, reliable water and septic systems for households in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

Award recipients may make loans of up to $15,000 that will have a term of up to 20 years at a 1 percent annual interest rate. Where necessary, up to 50 percent of the awarded funds may be used as a grant.

Eligible loan recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be individuals that are members of a household in which the combined household income of all members does not exceed 60 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the state or territory in which the individual resides
- Own and occupy the home being improved or be purchasing the home to occupy under a legally enforceable land purchase contract that is not in default by either the seller or the purchaser

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities that have:

- Expertise and experience promoting the safe, productive use of individually owned household water wells systems
- Legal authority to act as a lender
- Sufficient expertise and experience in lending activities
- Financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant federal and state laws and regulations

Prior awards cannot be renewed; however, previous award recipients are eligible to apply for new projects. Non-tribal applicants proposing to serve households on tribal lands must submit a tribal resolution of support with their application from the tribe, or tribes, that have jurisdiction over those lands.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $5 million is available to support awards through this program. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Awards are anticipated to be announced on September 30, 2025. The project period will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of project costs via cash contributions. Applicants that provide more than the minimum required match will be awarded additional points based on the match percentage during the application evaluation process. Matching funds may originate with the applicant or a third party.

Matching requirements only apply to awards funds that are then used as revolving funds, and do not apply to subawards.

Contact Information

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/rural-decentralized-water-systems-grant-program

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Eligible applicants are corporations; states and territories; subdivisions and agencies of states and territories; municipalities; people's utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations.

Program History

	Awards	Funding Range
2023	32	$300,000 to $35 million
2022	34	$36,986 to $1.5 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $50,000,000
Award Range: Up to $2 million (loans); Up to $300,000 (grants)
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: August 23, 2024
Proposal due: September 30, 2024* Multiple deadlines

- Prior to applying, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency using the information provided in the Contact section, as long as such requests are made at least 15 days prior to each submission date.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs

USDA

Awardee Profile

Hollis Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department
Heflin, Alabama

AMOUNT: $2,000,000
YEAR: 2023

This Rural Development investment was used to provide a loan to assist Mississippi Export Railroad in building a 76,750 square foot shop along with 9,400 feet of track in Helena Industrial Park located in Moss Point, Mississippi. Mississippi Export will hire 24 new employees once the facility is operational, which is expected to happen within one year after construction.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans to successful applicants, that will pass the funding through to business and community borrowers, or ultimate recipients, in the form of loans. Grant awards must be used to create revolving loan funds (RLFs) for this purpose. Both grant and loan awards will be used by the ultimate recipients for costs such as:

- Business incubators
- Community development assistance to nonprofit organizations and public bodies, particularly for job creation or enhancement
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents
- Startup venture costs, including financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital
- Business expansion
- Technical assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the following borrowers described in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, including corporations, states and territories, subdivisions and agencies of states and territories, municipalities, people's utility district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Are current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric, or telecommunications borrowers
- Are a former RUS borrower that has repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act
- Are nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. For persistent-poverty counties, projects may serve county seats with populations of up to 55,000.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $50 million is anticipated to be available to support grants of up to an anticipated $300,000 and loans of up to an anticipated $2 million through this program.

Loans will be made at zero percent interest rate for ten years. Loan award recipients must pass on loan funding to local businesses or ultimate recipients for projects that will create and keep employment in rural areas. First-time loans are at zero percent interest. Repayment for loans for ultimate recipients may be deferred for up to two years for projects that include a startup venture or community facilities projects.

Grant award recipients may use funding to establish RLFs. Grant funds must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) upon termination of RLFs.

For grant awards, operating expenses of the RLF are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount over the life of the RLF.

Pre-award costs will only be permitted with the prior written approval of the funding agency.

Project periods will begin on December 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.

Awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- November 30, 2024, for applications submitted by September 30, 2024
- February 28, 2025, for applications submitted by December 31, 2024
- May 31, 2025, for applications submitted by March 31, 2025
- August 31, 2025, for applications submitted by June 30, 2025

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants seeking loans, or the ultimate recipients of loans, must provide a match of at least 20 percent of the loan amount.

Applicants seeking grants must establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) and provide an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount. This contribution may not be provided using other federal grants, unless permitted by law.

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development (RD)

FY 2025 Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance for proposed water and waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants are most state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$1.3 million	35
2023	$1.6 million	47
2022	$1.3 million	47

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: No
Solicitation Date: Unknown
Proposal Due: Rolling

More information can be found here.

Tips

Grant funds can be used to pay for predevelopment planning costs and activities, including:

- Feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects;
- Preliminary design/engineering analysis; and
- Technical assistance to develop applications for financial assistance.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development (RD)

FY 2025 Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance for proposed water and waste disposal projects. Funds may be used to pay for eligible predevelopment planning costs and activities, including feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects; preliminary design and engineering analysis; and technical assistance to develop applications for financial assistance. Predevelopment planning costs must be related to a proposed project that builds, enlarges, extends, or improves rural water, wastewater, solid waste, or storm water disposal facilities; or that builds or relocates public or private buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities, or makes other improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of facilities.

Eligible service areas must be rural, be considered financially distressed, and:

- Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer, according to the most recent U.S. Census data
- Have median household incomes either below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide, non-metropolitan median household income using 2006-2010 American Community Survey data

Note: The NOFA file contains general program information and application guidelines. The program officer confirmed that the general program information and application guidelines in the NOFA file are up to date.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- Most state and local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized tribes

Eligible service areas must be rural, be considered financially distressed, and:

- Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer, according to the most recent U.S. Census data

- Have median household incomes either below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide, non-metropolitan median household income using 2006-2010 American Community Survey data

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

There are no stated match requirements.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate Rural Development (RD) state office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households-grant

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits; and Federally-recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding
2024	$443 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: Rolling
Proposal due: Rolling

- Contact the local representative who serves your area prior to submitting an application.

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant

Awardee Profile

San Andreas Sanitary District, CA

AMOUNT: $299,000
YEAR: 2024

This grant will be used to make improvements to San Andreas Sanitary District headworks, irrigation pump station, and chlorine contact basin. These improvements will address and resolve issues related to infrastructure age and deterioration; ensuring San Andreas Sanitary District can continue to provide safe and reliable wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to the rural community of San Andreas.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. All facilities receiving funding must be used for a public purpose. Funding may be provided as a loan or as a combination of a loan and a grant. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged.

Funding may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:

- Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution
- Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
- Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure
- Stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal

In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities, such as:

- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment
- Startup operations and maintenance
- Interest incurred during construction
- Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized tribes.

Applicants must have the legal authority to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed services or facilities, and must be otherwise unable to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Areas that may be served include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer
- Tribal lands in rural areas
- Colonias

Eligible rural areas may be searched online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans through this program. If funds are available, grants may be combined with loans, if necessary, to keep applicant costs reasonable.

The loan payback period may be for up to 40 years, based on the useful life of the facilities, financed with a fixed interest rate. The interest rate is based on the need for the project and the median household income of the area to be served. Applicants should contact their local Rural Development (RD) office, using the information provided in the Contact section, for details and current interest rates applicable to their project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, partnerships with other entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged. In addition, projects must be financially sustainable.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local Rural Development (RD) office listed online at *www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices*.

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Grant Overview

This program supports the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. Eligible applicants are most state and local government entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to $60,000
Match: 25 percent
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants



Tips

- Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line, or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income
- Partnerships with other federal, state and local entities are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

The funding agency recommends finding your state office contact information and speaking to a program specialist before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Eligible areas may include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer – more information can be found here.
- Federally recognized tribal lands – a list can be found here.
- Colonias

Partnerships with other federal, state, and local organizations are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards of up to $60,000 or 75 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs, whichever is less.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs via cash contributions.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed here.

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

FY 2025 Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to address resource concerns due to erosion, floodwater, and sediment, and to provide for improved utilization of land and water resources. This program provides technical and financial assistance to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans. Eligible applicants are local governments, state governments, units of the federal government, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: Varies
Solicitation Date: December 6, 2024
Proposal due: Rolling

- Projects though this program should be carried out jointly by eligible applicants with the support of community landowners and citizens in the watershed. Communities identify resource problems to be addressed; practices to be installed; and carry out major portions of a watershed plan, such as obtaining easements, rights-of-way, permits, and local cost share funding.

Click here for more information.

Awardee Profile

Caldwell County Commission and Caldwell County Soil and Water Conservation District
Caldwell County, Missouri

AMOUNT: $15.3 million
YEAR: 2022

The Little Otter Creek watershed conservation project received funding to construct a 345-acre reservoir that will supply 1.24 million gallons of raw drinking water per day to communities in Caldwell County and surrounding areas, providing flood control along with recreational opportunities such as fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, biking, and wildlife habitat.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

FY 2025 Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to address resource concerns due to erosion, floodwater, and sediment, and to provide for improved utilization of land and water resources. This program provides technical and financial assistance to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purposes of:

- Flood prevention
- Watershed protection
- Public recreation
- Public fish and wildlife
- Agricultural water management
- Municipal and industrial water supply
- Water quality management

A project can consist of a combination of structures, such as flood control dams or levees and conservation practices like terraces, grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures, animal waste facilities, or aquatic species crossings. Conservation measures can also involve the conversion of open channel irrigation canals to pressurized pipelines.

Eligible activities include the management of both agricultural and non-agricultural water supplies and measures to increase or conserve present and future water supplies in rural areas, improve water quality impacted by pollutants, and recharge groundwater. Management for non-agricultural uses such as municipal and industrial uses, recreational uses, and improved fish and wildlife habitat are other eligible activities.

Eligible watershed projects must cover an area of at most 250,000 acres and demonstrate benefits that are directly related to agriculture, including rural communities with these benefits making up at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project.

Funding may be used for engineering and construction costs of flood-control measures, conservation practices for water quality and erosion and sediment control, and for agricultural or municipal/industrial water supplies and recreation facilities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments, state governments, units of the federal government, and federally recognized tribes. Projects may be sponsored by one or more eligible applicants. All projects must have a local sponsor that can act as the fiscal agent and provide project management and oversight throughout the different phases of construction, implementation, and project lifespan. Historically, sponsorship involves local government agencies or tribal authorities that have the ability to create revenue to maintain the proposed structure/project over its lifetime and ensure the continued protection and safety of the community it serves.

At least one sponsor must be able to perform at least one of the following areas of responsibility mandated by the individual state's NRCS state conservationist:

- Have the power of eminent domain, unless the primary purpose of the proposed project involves land treatment long-term contracts
- Be able to acquire needed permits and licenses in accordance with local, state, and federal laws
- Have the authority to levy taxes
- Have formal soil and water conservation responsibilities inscribed in its bylaws, and be able to obtain agreements from all landowners that are impacted as part of a project that requires the implementation of soil conservation practices
- Be able to create and produce effective engagement campaigns, and support outreach materials that encourage public participation in the watershed planning process
- Have the ability to act as the watershed project's fiscal agent
- Provide watershed management oversight, such as permitting, zoning, land use regulations, easements, or upstream watershed protection
- Provide evidence that any proposed municipal or industrial (M&I) water supply will meet the anticipated water supply needs in quantity or quality
- Have the power and authority to ensure the installation, operation, and maintenance of the watershed project
- Are able to be solely responsible for all new storm and sanitary sewers or changes to, or relocation of, existing sewers or facilities in urban or built-up areas within the approved watershed project plan

Applicants must also demonstrate that an approved watershed plan is in place prior to initiation of any proposed corrective land treatment or structural solutions.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants are required to provide a matching cost of at least 50 percent for the following projects:

- Installation/construction costs for public recreation, public fish and wildlife, and municipal and industrial water supply projects
- Real property rights for public recreation and public fish and wildlife projects
- Engineering or engineering/technical assistance costs for wetland or floodplain conservation easements
- Engineering or engineering/technical assistance costs for mitigation of fish and wildlife habitat losses

Additionally, at least 25 percent matching funds are required for installation/construction costs for agricultural water management projects. Matching funds may also be required for engineering/technical assistance costs for agricultural water management projects, or for installation/construction costs for watershed protection projects.

Contact Information

Questions can be directed to the appropriate NRCS State Watershed Program Managers found online at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/watershed-programs/nrcs-state-watershed-program-managers.

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/watershed-and-flood-prevention-operations-wfpo-program

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Grant Overview

This program assists communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$429,177,544	209
2023	$161,930,109	85

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: September 16, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- In FY 2025, the notice of funding opportunity was revised with the funding agency's updated investment priorities and other technical changes.

For more information, click here.

Awardee Profile

City of West Lafayette, IN

AMOUNT: $2,073,500
YEAR: 2024

The City of West Lafayette, IN, received Public Works funding to support increasing the wastewater treatment capacity for the Purdue Research Park. The project work includes the expansion of an existing regional lift station and a larger force main. The grantee estimates that this investment to expand the Park's wastewater capacity will help create 400 jobs and leverage $20 million in private investment.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Funding will support bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency, and applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Further, the funding agency recognizes the value of project alignment and integration with existing regional public or private investments to extend the impact of these efforts. Applicants need not specify the program for which they are applying, as the funding agency will consider the application under the most appropriate pool of funding.

Projects must be consistent with at least one of the following investment priorities of the funding agency: critical infrastructure, workforce, innovation and entrepreneurship, economic recovery resilience, and manufacturing. The funding agency is not prioritizing any investment priorities over another.

Separate program funds are available for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs, as follows:

- Public Works: The funding agency provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.
- EAA: The funding agency provides investments that support a wide range of construction and non-construction activities in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Supported activities include construction and non-construction, such as workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs). The funding agency utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

The EAA program is also designed to provide specific investment assistance to communities harmed by the closure of nuclear, biomass, or coal facilities. EAA assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCCs) and Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) supports communities that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate they will be impacted, by closures of nuclear or biomass power plants. Similarly, EAA Assistance

to Coal Communities (ACC) supports communities that have been negatively impacted by the closure of coal facilities. Additionally, the EAA program includes an addendum for Assistance to Indigenous Communities, (AIC) to assist Indigenous communities particularly in the areas of capacity building and planning support.

Projects must also be consistent with the region's current comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent regional economic development strategy that meets the funding agency's CEDS or strategy requirements, except for a strategy grant to develop, update, or refine a CEDS.

Competitive applications will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in Indigenous Communities. The funding agency encourages non-construction projects that provide capacity-building, planning support, and technical assistance to support the future implementation of foundational economic infrastructure. Foundational economic infrastructure can include broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health and childcare facilities that are necessary for job creation and economic mobility. Projects can also provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in Indigenous Communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

Projects must be located in regions that meet the funding agency's distress criteria. Applicants must self-define the appropriate region geographically. The geographic area comprising the region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries; however, it should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development. Applicants must provide third-party data that clearly indicates that the relevant region is subject to at least one of the following economic distress criteria:

- An unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate
- A per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income
- A special need, as defined by the funding agency

For construction projects, including design and engineering, the project must be located within an eligible region. For non-construction projects, the scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region, and stakeholders from that eligible region must be directly engaged. Projects may meet the regional eligibility criteria in one of the following ways:

- Located in a region that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in an economic development district (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria, but the funding agency determines it will be of

substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in a geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria but that is located in a region that overall does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support grants and cooperative agreements through this program, as follows:

- Public Works Program: Awards are expected to range from $600,000 to $5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $1.4 million. No more than 15 percent of investments made through this program may be spent in a single state.
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program: Awards are expected to range from $150,000 to $2.5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $650,000.
- Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Biomass Closure Communities (BCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.

Additionally, approximately $5 million is available for non-construction Assistance to Indigenous Communities awards ranging from $75,000 and $200,000 through the EAA Program.

Project periods will depend on the nature of the project for which the grant or cooperative agreement is awarded. Typically, strategy grants and non-construction projects range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Construction projects are expected to range from 12 to 48 months and are expected to be completed within five years from the award date.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may fund up to 80 percent of the total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. Matching requirements will vary according to the economic distress of the region in which the project is located, as follows:

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 225 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 50 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 60 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least one percentage point greater than the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 80 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

In addition, the matching requirements may be waived for Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions of states, and nonprofits that can document that they have exhausted their effective taxing and borrowing capacity.

Contact Information

Program contacts vary by regional office. EDA regional representatives can be found at https://www.eda.gov/contact/.

https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Defense
Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

FY 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

Grant Overview

This program is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life or contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution. Eligible applicants are state and local governments owning infrastructure outside of, but supporting, a military installation.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$100 million	14
2023	$99.7 million	17
2022	$90 million	19

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $90 million
Award Range: $250,000 - $20 million
Match: 30 percent
Solicitation date: May 27, 2025
Proposal due: July 3, 2025

- Benefitting military installation must provide a letter of support for the project

https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip

Awardee Profile

City of Copperas Cove, TX

AMOUNT: $10,308,887
YEAR: 2024

The City of Copperas Cove received funding for road improvements to enhance access, reduce congestion, and boost safety—laying groundwork for a future regional transportation hub that supports Fort Cavazos, improves military readiness, and benefits service members, families, and the broader community.

Department: U.S. Department of Defense
Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

FY 2025 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist states and local governments, and nonprofit member-owned utility services in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. For the purposes of this program, a military installation is defined as a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.

Eligible community infrastructure projects are any complete and useable transportation project; community support facility (e.g., school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility); and utility infrastructure project (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility infrastructure (with necessary cyber safeguards)) that:

- are on land located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement allowing the project or facility to be located on military property (including a lease or easement)
- support a military installation
- are owned by a state, local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service
- are supported by the installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project
- are where ground-disturbing work has not yet commenced
- are construction-ready

To be eligible, projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program at a covered educational institution must meet the requirements listed above. The location of the proposed infrastructure project contributing to the training of such cadets does not necessarily have to be on the campus of the covered educational institution. Projects must be tied to a specific, eligible independent cadet program at a covered educational institution and support a military installation.

Community infrastructure projects will be prioritized in the following order:

- Projects that will enhance military value at a military installation
- Projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution
- Projects that will enhance military installation resilience
- Projects that will enhance military family quality of life at an installation.

Proposed stormwater management projects involving retrofitting a defense access road to reduce stormwater runoff and ponding or standing water that includes the combination of stormwater runoff and water levels resulting from extreme weather conditions shall be given priority over other proposed stormwater projects.

Eligible costs include only hard construction and renovation costs, such as the costs directly associated with project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs required to execute the project, as well as costs of capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than seven years. Soft costs, such as those required for planning, design, permitting, and meeting requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act must be funded by non-Federal project cost contribution funds. Construction contingency costs are limited to no more than 15 percent of the proposed project.

Project proposals must include a letter of support from the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state or local governments. Not-for-profit, member-owned utilities may receive funding as a sub-recipient to a state or local government, and projects owned by such utilities must comply with Federal Interest rules described in the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's grant terms and conditions. The facility addressed in the application must not be located on a military installation, unless it is on property under the jurisdiction of a military department and is subject to a real estate agreement (e.g., a lease or an easement).

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $90 million is available to support awards ranging from $250,000 to $20 million through this program. Environmental permits, authorizations, and approvals must be completed within 120 days of grant award. Projects should commence within 12 months upon receipt of a grant. Projects should be completed no later than five years following obligation of funds.

Matching and Cost-Share

State or local government recipients must agree to contribute not less than 30 percent of the total funding required for the community infrastructure project. State or local government matches are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects located in rural areas, defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 100,000 inhabitants. In addition, State or local government funding contributions are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects that are determined to be advantageous for reasons related to national security.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Grant Overview

The Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) program provides support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change. Program priorities for FY 2024 are to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, incorporate nature-based solutions, and increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes. Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. **Local governments may apply as a sub-applicant through their state specific process.**

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$882.6 million	93

Key Information

Total Funding: $750 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: January 6, 2025
Proposal due: April 18, 2025

https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities

Awardee Profile

City of Buckeye, AZ

AMOUNT: $4.57 million
YEAR: 2023

This project will connect the drainage system to existing irrigation canals. It also plans to build a floodwater retention basin on a vacant lot. The project will also reduce and eliminate flooding problems; protect structures and streets from floodwater; enhance desert habitat; improve groundwater; restore riparian areas; and provide multi-use benefits during dry seasons.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The guiding principles of the program include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

The program aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive, post-disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investments in community resilience. These investments aim to reduce future disaster losses, including loss of life and property as well as future spending from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). BRIC focuses on cost-effective mitigation measures including protecting public infrastructure so that critical services can withstand or more rapidly recover from future disasters, as well as other projects and activities to increase resilience throughout the nation. Through the program, the funding agency can engage state, local, tribal, and territorial partners in enhancing climate resilience and adaptation through systems-based, community-wide investments. The funding agency is including new provisions to implement the Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act, a new law which aims to direct public and private resilience investments in communities that are most vulnerable to natural hazards.

The program objectives are to:

- Increase climate literacy among the emergency management community, including awareness of natural hazard risks and knowledge of best practices for hazard mitigation and climate adaptation.
- Increase awareness of stakeholders and partners with capabilities to support hazard mitigation.
- Ensure more innovative risk-informed hazard mitigation projects are developed and completed, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions.
- Help communities identify and mitigate their risks to natural hazards and climate change.
- Direct increased resources to eliminate disparities in equitable outcomes across disadvantaged communities.

The program priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities

- Incorporate nature-based solutions including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

The program encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities.

Financial assistance awards will be provided for the following activities:

- Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB) activities – activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of hazard mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities.
- Hazard Mitigation Projects – cost-effective hazard mitigation projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards, including drought, wildfire, earthquakes, extreme heat, and the effects of climate change.
- Management Costs – financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific award or subaward.

Applicants may also request non-financial direct technical assistance via the BRIC Technical Assistance program which supports the development of climate resilience planning and project design in, and with, underserved and/or disadvantaged communities, and federally recognized tribal governments that are disproportionately affected by natural hazard risk and climate change.

FEMA will prioritize assistance for eligible entities that request technical assistance support for resilience or hazard mitigation activities within or that primarily benefit a Justice40 community, which includes Federally Recognized Tribes or Tribal entities, and/or census tracts identified as disadvantaged by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST); an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community); or a Community Disaster Resilience Zone (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5136(a)(1)).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. Eligible applicants must have had a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the seven years prior to the annual application period and have an approved state or tribal hazard mitigation plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 by the application deadline.

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments, may choose to apply as sub-applicants and request financial assistance from their state, territory, or tribal applicant agency. Many states have fixed subapplication deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer to learn about its sub-application process.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $750 million in funding will be available to support awards. Of the total amount, funding will be allocated as follows:

- State/territory Allocation: a total of $112 million is available to support awards of up to $2 million.
- Tribal Set-aside: a total of $50 million is available to support awards of up to $2 million.
- State/territory Building Code Plus-Up: a total of $112 million is available to support awards of up to $50 million
- Tribal Building Code Plus-Up: a total of $25 million is available to support awards of up to $2 million.
- National Competition: a total of $451 million is available to support awards of up to $50 million.

The period of performance is 36 months starting at the date of federal award.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the project costs via nonfederal cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof; however, the match requirement is decreased to 10 percent of the project costs for economically disadvantaged rural community applicants and federally recognized Indian tribal government. Projects performed within, and/or that primarily benefit a designated Community Disaster Resilience Zone also have a decreased cost sharing requirement of 10 percent of the total project costs.

Award recipients may be reimbursed for management costs that include indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount of up to 15 percent of the award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs.

Contact Information

For general questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate State Hazard Mitigation Officer or FEMA Regional Office.

https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Grant Overview

This program helps states, tribes, and territories develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild following a presidential major disaster declaration in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar offices of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. Eligible sub applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.
Proposal due: Varies by disaster

https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program

Tips

- State and local governments may apply for funding under this program through a state's governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation plan
- The process for states and local governments to receive funding under this program is further explained by FEMA here

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2024 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help states, tribes, and territories develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild following a presidential major disaster declaration in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Awards will be provided for hazard mitigation activities that include long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters. For the purposes of this program, hazard mitigation includes long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters. Eligible risk reduction projects include:

- Planning and enforcement, including:
  - Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans
  - Acquisition of hazard-prone homes and businesses that will enable owners to relocate to safer areas
  - Post-disaster code enforcement
- Flood protection, including:
  - Protecting homes and businesses with permanent barriers to prevent floodwater from entering
  - Elevating structure above known flood levels to prevent and reduce losses
  - Reconstructing a damaged dwelling on an elevated foundation to prevent and reduce future flood losses
  - Drainage improvement projects to reduce flooding
- Retrofitting, including:
  - Structural retrofits to make a building more resistant to floods, earthquakes, wind, wildfire, and other natural hazards
  - Retrofits to utilities and other infrastructure to enhance resistance to natural hazards
- Construction, including:
  - Construction of safe rooms for both communities and individual residences in areas prone to hurricane and tornado activity
  - Slope stabilization projects to prevent and reduce losses to structures

This program only accepts applications following an applicable presidential major disaster declaration. Should the program open, applicable disaster declarations and deadlines to apply for this program will be posted online at www.fema.gov/disasters. Deadlines will be disaster-specific.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar officers of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and federally recognized tribes. Each state, territory, commonwealth, or federally recognized tribe must designate

one agency to serve as the applicant. All interested sub applicants must apply to the applicant. Eligible sub applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Applicants must have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- approved mitigation plan at the time of the presidential major disaster declaration, and at the time HMGP funding is obligated to the recipient or subrecipient. There is no mitigation plan requirement for the development of a new mitigation plan.

Funding

In FY 2024, there is an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards through this program. The maximum amount of funding available is calculated using a "sliding scale" formula based on a percentage of the estimated total federal assistance available under the Stafford Act, excluding administrative costs for each presidential major disaster declaration.

Applicants with a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved state or tribal standard mitigation plan may receive:

- Up to 15 percent of the first $2 billion of the estimated aggregate amount of disaster assistance
- Up to 10 percent for the next portion of the estimated aggregate amount more than $2 billion and up to $10 billion
- Up to 7.5 percent for the next portion of the estimate aggregate amount more than $10 billion and up to $35,333,000,000

Applicants with a FEMA-approved state or tribal enhanced mitigation plan are eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the estimated total federal assistance under the Stafford Act, not to exceed $35,333,000,000, excluding administrative costs authorized for the disaster. Advance assistance may be available in the amount of up to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling.

The project period will begin with the opening of the application period and end no later than 48 months from the close of the application period. The regional administrator may issue up to two extensions of the project period of up to 12 months each. Requests to extend the project period beyond a total of 24 months must be approved by the funding agency's headquarters.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants may choose to meet the match requirement by ensuring a minimum 25 percent cost share for the overall HMGP award rather than on an individual subaward basis. The required cost share may be waived in certain cases for insular areas, including American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities

Grant Overview

This program supports the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Program History

Year	Total Funding
2024	$2.461 billion
2032	$2.305 billion

Key Information

Total Funding: $3.3 billion
Award Range: Varies based on allocation formula
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Varies based on Entitlement Community

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/

Tips

- Entitlement communities and annual allocations can be found at You can look up entitlement communities here
- At least 70 percent of funding must serve beneficiaries who are low- and moderate-income persons

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Community Planning and Development

FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the development of viable urban communities by funding entitled cities and counties to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income individuals. Award recipients may use funds to conduct a variety of community-based activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and community services, facilities, and improvements. In addition, activities must be based on the priorities of the entitlement community.

The principal beneficiaries of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are low- and moderate-income persons, generally defined as a member of a family having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 low-income limit established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds must be used for activities that meet at least one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income individuals
- Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency that the applicant cannot finance without assistance

Eligible activities include:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation
- Clearance and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, and neighborhood centers
- Provision of public services, within program limitations
- Activities related to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Assistance to microenterprises or other for-profit entities when the recipient determines that such assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project

Award recipients must develop and follow a detailed plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation, particularly among persons of low- or moderate-income residing in lower income, slum, or blighted areas, or areas in which program funds will be utilized.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entitlement communities that are principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and qualified urban counties with a population of at least 200,000.

Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $3,300,000,000 is available to support entitlement communities through formula allocations. HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grantee's annual funding allocation by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

Performance periods are selected by the entitlement community typically over a 1-, 2- or 3-year period.

Matching and Cost Share

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the applicant's local HUD Field Office. A list of local offices can be found online at www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/staff#fieldoffices.

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2025 Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects (Small Storage Program)

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to enhance water storage opportunities for future generations in support of the Department of Interior's priorities. Eligible applicants are state governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, institutions of higher education, Native American Tribal governments and organizations, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, nonprofits, Individuals, for-profit organizations and small businesses. Joint powers authorities organized pursuant to state law are also eligible.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$35 million	5

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $43.5 million
Award Range: Up to $30 million
Match: 75 percent
Solicitation date: September 4, 2024
Proposal due: Period 1: December 12, 2024. Period 2: July 15, 2025.

- Applications received after December 12, 2024, and before July 15, 2025 will be considered under Period 2.

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356327

Awardee Profile

Rancho California Water District

AMOUNT: $9,100,000

YEAR: 2024

The Rancho California Water District's Pauba Valley Groundwater Banking Project receive funding to provide approximately 5,000 acre-feet of excess imported water to recharge the Pauba Valley groundwater subunit. This water will be available for use during dry years to help serve potable water demands in the district, including agricultural demands.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2025 Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects (Small Storage Program)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to invite sponsors of small surface water and groundwater storage projects to request cost-shared funding for the planning, design, and/or construction of those projects. Eligible projects under this program include the planning, design, and construction of small surface water and groundwater storage facilities. Eligible projects must meet the following requirements:

- A project must have a completed small storage feasibility study submitted to Reclamation for review by August 15, 2024 for applications submitted under the first submittal period, and by April 30, 2025 for applications submitted under the second submittal period.
- Completed small storage feasibility studies must be found by Reclamation to meet the all of the requirements of CMP TRMR-127 by November 15, 2024 for applications submitted under the first submittal period, and by July 15, 2025 for applications submitted under the second submittal period.
- Projects must be located in the Western United States as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Projects must be ready to proceed once a financial agreement is in place.
- Projects must have water storage capacity of not less than 200 acre-feet and not more than 30,000 acre-feet, and increase surface water or groundwater storage, or convey water, directly or indirectly, to or from surface water or groundwater storage.
- The project must increase yield, on average, above existing conditions to identified beneficiaries and the environment.

This program also advances the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative with a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments, such as climate, clean energy, and other areas, flow to disadvantaged communities that are overburdened by pollution and marginalized by underinvestment.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, institutions of higher education, Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, nonprofits, Individuals, for-profit organizations and small businesses. Joint powers authorities organized pursuant to state law are also eligible.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $43.5 million is available to support an estimated 3 – 7 awards of up to $30 million through this program.

The funding agency may award the maximum award amount in Federal funds to an applicant over the 5-year period, with no more than $25,000,000 available per fiscal year. The average amount of funding per Federal award, based on previous funding opportunities, is about $5,000,000.

The anticipated award and completion dates are as follows:

- First Application Submittal Period, closing date December 12, 2024
    - Anticipated Award Date: July 2025
    - Anticipated Project Completion Date: December 2027
- Second Application Submittal Period, closing date July 15, 2025
    - Anticipated Award Date: March 2026
    - Anticipated Project Completion Date: July 2028

The Federal share of any small surface water or groundwater storage project shall not exceed 25 percent of the total project cost, or $30 million.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants must be capable of cost sharing 75 percent or more of the total project costs. The total project cost is defined as the total allowable costs incurred under a federal award and all required cost share and voluntary committed cost-share contributions, including third-party contributions.

Applicants may cost share through cash, costs contributed by the applicant, or third-party in-kind contributions. Third-party in-kind contributions are the value of non-cash contributions of property or services that benefit the Federally assisted project and are contributed by non-Federal third parties, without charge. The applicant should secure and ensure cost-share funding from sources outside the applicant's organization (e.g., loans or State grants) is available prior to award.

Other sources of Federal funding received by the applicant for the project may not be counted towards the required non-Federal cost share. The exception to this requirement is where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for a program can be applied to matching or cost-sharing requirements of other Federal programs, such as awards to tribal organizations under PL 93-638, as amended. If Reclamation determines that the Federal funding cannot be applied towards the non-Federal cost share, the work associated with the funding may be removed from the proposed project or the Federal funding will be counted toward the 25 percent Federal cost share for the project.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356327

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2025 Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

Grant Overview

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program is a federal-state partnership to help ensure safe drinking water. The program provides funds to enable long-term financing for drinking water infrastructure. Funding must be used to establish a DWSRF to provide loans and other types of financial assistance to eligible public water systems for projects. Eligible applicants include state governments, tribal governments, and academic institutions.

Program History

Unavailable

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Funding Range: Varies by award recipient
Match: 20 percent
Proposal Due: Varies

- Local Government should look to their respective state to learn how to access funds.

https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf

Awardee Profile

Riverbend Water Resources District
Texarkana, Texas

AMOUNT: $200 million
YEAR: 2019

Using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, a new wastewater treatment plant was developed at the TexAmericas Center. This plant will help provide water and wastewater services to over 10 cities in Texas.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2025 Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to states, territories, and tribes to establish a low-cost, long-term source of drinking water infrastructure financing. Funding will support the establishment of a drinking water state revolving fund (DWSRF) to provide loans and other types of financial assistance to eligible public water systems for projects. This program is intended to support the provision for clean and safe water.

Previous projects supported through this program have addressed drinking water treatment, storage, source, transmission, distribution, and consolidation. Examples of previously funded projects include:

- Construction of an ultraviolet treatment facility
- Construction of pumping stations
- Upgrades of water treatment plants
- Service line replacement
- Replacement of contaminated wells

Additional funding may also be available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to support the provision of assistance through the DWSRF for eligible projects, including the following additional types of projects:

- Projects that address emerging contaminants in drinking water
- Projects that identify and replace lead service lines, including related planning and design projects and activities

States are required to prepare and provide for public commenting on a plan identifying the intended uses of funds and how the proposed uses support program goals prior to submitting applications and intended use plans.

Applicant Eligibility

State (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals), the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories or Possessions (the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Mariana Islands American Samoa, and Guam), and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments are eligible for grants under the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

Local Government should look to their respective state to learn how to access funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support formula awards through this program. Each state will receive at least 1 percent of the total funds available to states.

The total funding available through this program will be allocated as follows:

- Up to 1.5 percent of the total funds available for states will be allocated to applicants that are U.S. territories
- A total of 1 percent of the total funds available for states will be allocated to the District of Columbia
- The funding agency may reserve funds for national set-asides, which may include the allocation of up to 2 percent of the total funding available to Indian tribes as well as funding for health effects studies, small system technical assistance, and monitoring of unregulated contaminants

Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

In general, awarded funds must be used to provide loans and other types of financial assistance to eligible public water systems; however, up to 31 percent of the total award amount may be used for other eligible activities, including administration of the DWSRF program. Administrative costs are limited to 4 percent of the total award amount, $400,000, or one-fifth percent of fund valuation.

Matching and Cost Sharing

For Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) base appropriations, states must provide a 20 percent match.

For general supplemental capitalization grant appropriations provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), states must provide a 10 percent match.

Matching funds are not required for emerging contaminant funding provided through the IIJA or supplemental appropriations under the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Contact Information

Questions regarding the Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds should be directed to the appropriate State DWSRF Contacts, or with Felecia Fort at EPA headquarters.

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https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9

FY 2024 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program: Drinking Water Infrastructure

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the investigation, identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines for federally recognized tribes throughout EPA Region 9. Eligible applicants are federally recognized Native American tribes within the funding agency's Region 9, which includes the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada; the Navajo Nation; and the Pacific Islands of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Program History

There is no history available for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: Rolling
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/r9-dwtsa-lslr

Tips

- EPA encourages Tribes to request in-kind assistance to conduct SLI projects and LSLR planning projects where the project has a limited scope. In-kind services cannot be used for construction projects.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9

FY 2024 Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program: Drinking Water Infrastructure

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the investigation, identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines for federally recognized tribes throughout EPA Region 9. For the purposes of this program, a service line is defined as the line that connects the water main to the building outlet. This line may be owned by the water system, property owner, or both.

For the purposes of this program, a lead service line includes both of the following:

- A service line made of lead
- A galvanized service line, if it ever was or is currently downstream of any lead service line or service line of unknown material

Additionally, awards may be used for the replacement of lead-containing goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors, whether standalone or connected to a lead service line.

This program will support the following types of projects:

Service line inventory (SLI) projects: eligible activities may include:

- Development or updating of service line inventories, including locating and mapping service lines
- Methods of investigation to develop inventories that could include records review, visual observation, water quality sampling (non-compliance), excavation, vacuum or hydro-excavation, or other emerging technologies

Lead service line replacement (LSLR) projects: eligible activities may include:

- Planning and design, including environmental review and clearance
- Complete removal of lead service lines or service lines made of galvanized iron or galvanized steel that are currently or have previously been downstream of lead or unknown components, with removal and replacement including both the public and privately owned portion
- Removal and replacement of lead or galvanized goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors
- Replacement of curb stops, curb stop boxes, and other service line appurtenances that are removed as part of full LSLR
- Site restoration, including landscaping, sidewalks, and driveways, if necessary to replace the lead service line

- Permit fees, if the fees are normal, required, and specific to the LSLR

Additional eligible activities for SLI and LSLR projects may include:

- Temporary pitcher filters or point-of-use (POU) devices certified by an American National Standards Institute-accredited certifier to reduce lead during or for a short time period after an LSLR
- Technical assistance to small water systems undertaking lead service line inventories or construction projects
- LSLR consumer education and outreach

Funds may be used to secure right-of-way through planning projects.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are federally recognized Native American tribes within the funding agency's Region 9, which includes the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada; the Navajo Nation; and the Pacific Islands of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Only water systems that are community water systems or nonprofit, non-community water systems are eligible to receive funding. The system must serve an Indian tribe, and may be owned by the tribe, be on- or off-reservation, or serve tribal communities living on- or off-reservation.

Applicants must submit a tribal government endorsement/resolution for the project.

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program. Awards will be made in the form of direct grants, interagency agreements (IAs) with the Indian Health Service (IHS), or in-kind assistance through a funding agency-directed contractor to support eligible project activities.

In the case of projects with limited scope, the funding agency encourages applicants to request in-kind assistance. If the funding agency determines that applicants do not have adequate capacity, it may ask applicants to receive in-kind assistance rather than grants.

It may take approximately six months from the initial project proposal submission to receive funding.

In general, for construction projects, costs may not exceed the following:

- Tribal administration: 5 percent of awards for IAs
- Indirect costs: 5 percent of awards for grants
- Contingencies: 10 percent of awards
- Technical support services: 15 percent of awards for IAs, including engineering, inspection, and technical support

If the costs exceed the above allowances, the applicant must provide written documentation to support the increased costs.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

FY 2025 Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support infrastructure projects that increase the resilience of midsize and large drinking water systems to natural hazards, extreme weather events, and that reduce cybersecurity threats. Eligible applicants are public water systems that serve a population of 10,000 people or more.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: $9.5 million
Award Range: $1,187,500 - $2,375,000
Match: 10 percent
Solicitation date: August 5, 2025
Proposal due: October 6, 2025

- Questions about this opportunity must be submitted via e-mail by September 5, 2025.

https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/midsize-and-large-drinking-water-system-infrastructure-resilience-and-sustainability

Tips

- Municipalities may only apply if they are applying to receive funds for an eligible public water system identified in the application.
- Applications must address one, and only one, of the two National Priority Areas. Applications that address more than one National Priority Areas in a single application will not be reviewed.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

FY 2025 Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support infrastructure projects that increase the resilience of midsize and large drinking water systems to natural hazards, extreme weather events, and that reduce cybersecurity threats. This program aims to enhance the ability of a public water system to prepare for and withstand the effects of natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cyber security threats.

Funding must be used for the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation, or maintenance of a program or project that increases resilience of public water systems to natural hazards and extreme weather events or reduces cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Examples of possible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conservation of water or the enhancement of water use efficiency (e.g., conducting water audits, installing water metering, and water reuse).
- Modification or relocation of existing drinking water system infrastructure made, or that is at risk of being significantly impaired by natural hazards or extreme weather events, including risks to drinking water from flooding; (e.g., building flood protection infrastructure, elevation of electrical panels at a lift station to prevent flooding damage, physical hardening, elevation of treatment plants, and reinforcement of water towers to prevent tornado damage).
- Design or construction of new or modified desalination facilities to serve existing communities.
- Enhancement of water supply though watershed management and source water protection (e.g., developing and implementing watershed plans, conducting source water assessments, and public education).
- Enhancement of energy efficiency in the conveyance or treatment of drinking water (e.g., energy use monitoring, energy audits, and technology upgrades).
- Development and implementation of measures to increase the resilience of the drinking water system to natural hazards and extreme weather events; or to reduce cybersecurity vulnerabilities (e.g., conducting cyber risk assessment and implementing priority cybersecurity practices, infrastructure and technological improvements, larger capacity water storage tanks, relocation or deepening of wells, updating extreme weather or natural disaster risk and 7 resilience assessments, and improving emergency response plans based on the findings of a risk and resilience assessment).
- Formation of regional water partnerships to collaboratively address documented water shortages (e.g., informal or formal agreement between two or more public water systems to address shared drinking water system issues of drought, flooding, contamination, etc.).

All applications should describe the proposed approach to providing public education and conduct outreach.

Applications must address one, and only one, of the two National Priority Areas listed below. Applications that address more than one National Priority Areas in a single application will not be reviewed.

- National Priority Area 1: Midsize Community Infrastructure Investments for Drinking Water System Resilience
    - Under this National Priority Area, the funding agency is soliciting applications from public water systems that serve communities with a population between 10,000 and 100,000 individuals for projects that enable midsize drinking water systems to implement measures to improve resiliency.
- National Priority Area 2: Large Community Infrastructure Investments for Drinking Water System Resilience
    - Under this National Priority Area, the funding agency is soliciting applications from public water systems that serve communities with a population of 100,000 individuals or more for projects that enable large drinking water systems to implement measures to improve resiliency.

Applications must include documentation prepared by a Federal, State, regional, or local government agency of the natural hazard risk, risk for extreme weather events, or potential cybersecurity vulnerability to the area where the proposed program or project is to be located. Applications must include a description and the date(s) of any recent natural hazards, extreme weather events, or cybersecurity events that have affected the water system. Applicants that have not experienced a recent natural hazard, extreme weather event, or cybersecurity event must indicate that in the application and may describe, if applicable, their assessment of potential future risks of natural hazards, extreme weather events, or cybersecurity events, that may affect the water system.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public water systems that serve a community with a population of 10,000 or more.

The Safe Drinking Water Act 42 USC Section 300f(4)(A) defines a public water system as, “a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals. Such term includes (i) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (ii) any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system.”

A midsize community is identified in Section 1459F(f)(2) of the SDWA as one that has a population of equal to or greater than 10,000 individuals and fewer than 100,000 individuals, and a large community is identified as one that has a population equal to or greater than 100,000 individuals.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $9.5 million is available to support an estimated 6 awards ranging from $1,187,500 to $2,375,000 through this program.

Applications for awards under National Priority Area 1 cannot request more than $1,187,500 in federal funds; and applications for awards under National Priority Area 2 cannot request more than $2,375,000 in federal funds. Applications that request more than the maximum amount of federal funds for the National Priority Area it addresses will not be reviewed.

The funding agency anticipates awarding approximately four assistance agreements under National Priority Area 1, ranging from approximately $1,000,000 to no more than $1,187,500. It is anticipated that the total amount of all awards under National Priority Area 1 will be approximately $4,750,000 in federal funds, with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

The funding agency anticipates awarding approximately two assistance agreements under National Priority Area 2 ranging from approximately $2,000,000 to no more than $2,375,000. It is anticipated that the total amount of all awards under National Priority Area 2 will be approximately $4,750,000 in federal funds, with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

SDWA 1459F(f)2 authorizes 50 percent of the total amount of federal funding available under this announcement to be awarded to eligible midsize community water systems, and 50 percent of the total amount of federal funding available under this announcement to be awarded to eligible large size community water systems. Anticipated notification of selection is in March 2026, and anticipated award notification is in May 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must demonstrate in their proposal how they will meet the minimum cost share requirement of 10% of the total project cost (federal plus non-federal match) to be considered eligible for this program.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water

FY 2024 Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program will improve public health by investing in water infrastructure improvements to address lead exposure in drinking water in disadvantaged communities. Eligible applicants are community water systems, water systems located in an area governed by an Indian Tribe, non-transient non-community water systems, qualified nonprofit organizations servicing a public water system, municipalities, and state, interstate, or intermunicipal agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$30 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $35 million
Award Range: Varies by award type
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 24, 2024
Proposal due: December 30, 2024

- Proposals should align with the goals of the Justice40 Initiative

https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-reducing-lead-drinking-water

Awardee Profile

City of Fall River, MA

AMOUNT: $10 million
YEAR: 2022

This project received funding to replace lead service lines.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water

FY 2024 Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve public health by investing in water infrastructure improvements to address lead exposure in drinking water in disadvantaged communities. Projects will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposed project:

- Is in and/or benefits a disadvantaged community(ies)
- Benefits drinking water systems with at least one lead action level exceedance within the last three years or addresses lead levels in drinking water in schools/childcare facilities
- Supports the Justice40 initiative

For the purposes of this program, a disadvantaged community is defined as the service area of a public water system that meets affordability criteria each state establishes under section 1452(d)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The affordability criteria must be met for the disadvantaged community(ies) in which the project will be performed. State's affordability criteria can be found in a state's most current final Intended Use Plan or by contacting the state Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

Projects must address one, and only one, of the National Priority Areas described below:

National Priority Area One: Reduction of Lead Exposure in the Nation's Drinking Water Systems through Full Lead Service Line Replacements and Treatment Improvements: The goal of the full lead service line replacements and/or treatment improvement projects under this program is to reduce lead in drinking water in disadvantaged communities, improve and maintain the drinking water supply, and protect public health. Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Replacing lead service lines (including goosenecks, pigtails and/or other lead components) and/or replacement of partial lead service line remnants of previous partial replacement efforts. Publicly-owned, privately-owned, and jointly-owned service lines are eligible for replacement under this grant program. Partial lead service line replacements are not an eligible activity unless replacing remnants of previous partial replacement efforts.
- Replacing galvanized pipes downstream of a lead service line.
- Improving corrosion control to reduce lead in drinking water through installation or re-optimization of corrosion control treatment.
- If the project includes lead service line replacement, developing and maintaining the drinking water system's service line inventory to accurately track existing lead service lines and replacements of full or partial lead service lines. Inventories may also include lead pigtails and/or lead goosenecks.
- As a part of the project funded under this grant, conducting risk mitigation and remediation follow-up monitoring, public education, and related outreach such as provision of ANSI accredited point-of-use filters, and training to implement pipe flushing to minimize customer and resident lead exposure for up to six months following replacement.

National Priority Area Two: Reducing Children's Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Childcare Facilities: The goal of lead reduction projects under this priority area is to reduce lead in drinking water in schools and/or childcare facilities in disadvantaged communities, improve and maintain the drinking water supply, and protect public health. Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Removing or replacing drinking water fixtures, fountains, or outlets determined to be sources of lead in schools and/or childcare facilities' drinking water.
- Replacing plumbing materials determined to be sources of lead in schools and/or childcare facilities' drinking water, including full replacement of lead service lines serving such facilities.
- Conducting follow-up monitoring, public education, and outreach to ensure the long-term performance of the remediation.
- Providing filters certified to remove lead, in accordance with the applicable standards established by ANSI or NSF post full lead remediations, along with no less than three months of replacement cartridges, notifying the schools and/or childcare facilities of premise flushing instructions

Projects must also describe environmental outputs to be achieved under assistance agreements. Examples of anticipated environmental outputs for national priority area one may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Completing or improving the drinking water system's service line inventory to accurately identify and track existing lead service lines and replacements
- A decrease in the number of lead service lines and galvanized pipes downstream of lead service lines in the drinking water system
- An increase in the number of customer and resident tap sampling for lead concentrations between three-and six-months following lead service line replacement as a risk mitigation best practice
- Improved corrosion control in the drinking water system, as measured by maintaining optimal water quality parameters and decreasing the amount of lead action level exceedances through lower concentrations of lead
- An increased number of customers and residents with information about lead in drinking water, achieved through outreach and public education

Examples of anticipated environmental outputs for national priority area two may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A decreased number of drinking water fixtures, fountains, outlets, plumbing, and/or lead service lines in schools and/or childcare facilities associated with high levels of lead in drinking water.
- An increased number of schools and/or childcare facilities administrations, faculty, staff, and community members with information about lead in drinking water, achieved through outreach and public education.
- An increased number of drinking water outlets with filters certified to remove lead, in accordance with the applicable standards established by ANSI or NSF.
- An increase in schools with fully replaced and/ or known lead-free drinking water service lines

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are community water systems, water systems located in an area governed by an Indian Tribe, non-transient non-community water systems, qualified nonprofit organizations servicing a public water system, municipalities, and state, interstate, or intermunicipal agencies.

Applicants must demonstrate that projects are located in disadvantaged communities. For the purposes of this program, a disadvantaged community is defined as the service area of a public water system that meets affordability criteria each state establishes under section 1452(d)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The affordability criteria must be met for the disadvantaged community(ies) in which the project will be performed. State's affordability criteria can be found in a state's most current final Intended Use Plan or by contacting the state Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $35 million is available to support awards through this program. Award size varies by project type:

- National Priority Area One: Reduction of Lead Exposure in the Nation's Drinking Water Systems Through Full Lead Service Line Replacement and Treatment Improvements: approximately $20 million in funding is available to support two to four awards ranging from $5 million to $10 million
- National Priority Area Two: Reduction of Children's Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities: approximately $15 million in funding is available to support three to five awards ranging from $2 million to $5 million

Matching and Cost-Share

No cost-share/match is required under this program.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water and Wastewater Management

FY 2025 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to accelerate investment in the nation's water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost, supplemental credit assistance under customized terms to creditworthy water infrastructure projects of national and regional significance. Eligible applicants are local, state, tribal, and federal government entities, partnerships and joint ventures, corporations and trusts, and state infrastructure financing authorities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$13 billion	31
2022	$14 billion	42

Key Information

Total Funding: $6.5 billion
Award Range: Varies
Match: 51%
Solicitation date: November 20, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- Prospective borrowers seeking a WIFIA loan must submit an LOI describing the project fundamentals and addressing the WIFIA selection criteria.

https://www.epa.gov/wifia

Awardee Profile

City of Lake Oswego, OR

AMOUNT: $123 million
YEAR: 2023

The purpose of the project is to modernize Lake Oswego's Wastewater Treatment Facility by increasing the system's ability to withstand storm events, reducing energy consumption and reducing the risk of untreated wastewater spilling into the Willamette River.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water and Wastewater Management

FY 2025 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to accelerate investment in the nation's water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost, supplemental credit assistance under customized terms to creditworthy water infrastructure projects of national and regional significance. This program is implementing the following five key priorities of the funding agency:

- Providing Safe Drinking Water and Improving Water Quality: Project types are wide-ranging and include, but are not limited to, projects that: improve water quality, support compliance with drinking water standards and wastewater permit requirements, reduce stormwater runoff, modernize aging water infrastructure, address PFAS and other emerging contaminants, and remove lead service lines.
- Pursuing Energy Independence, Exploration, Development, or Production: EPA encourages the submission of projects that serve populations in regions impacted by significant energy exploration, development, or production. These projects can help communities pursue energy independence and lower energy costs for communities.
- Advancing Local, Regional, and State Water Priorities: EPA will partner with localities, regions, and states across the country to advance durable water infrastructure projects that address the critical needs of all communities, especially for small and rural communities.
- Supporting Water Sector Innovation: EPA is prioritizing projects that incorporate new or innovative technology, which can play a significant role in helping states, tribes, and communities ensure the provision of clean, safe, and reliable water supplies. In particular, water reuse technology solves a variety of water challenges, such as expanding water resources to support economic development (e.g., artificial intelligence data centers) and alleviating the effects of drought. Other examples of new or innovative technology include, but are not limited to, desalination and cybersecurity enhancements.
- Promoting Economic Growth for American Industries: Reliable water infrastructure not only benefits residents, but also companies that depend on water resources to maintain and expand operations. Without durable water supplies, American industries, including the automotive, electronic, mining, and artificial intelligence sectors, cannot thrive. EPA encourages prospective borrowers to demonstrate how projects will generate economic and public benefits, such as supporting international commerce, increasing domestic manufacturing, or accelerating economic growth.

The WIFIA program can fund development and implementation activities for eligible projects:

- A wide range of wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source projects that are eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- A wide range of drinking water infrastructure projects – including treatment, transmission and distribution, source, storage, consolidation/partnerships, and the creation of new systems – that are eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Projects for repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure
- Energy efficiency enhancements for a public water system or publicly owned treatment works
- Desalination, aquifer storage and recovery, water recycling, or other projects to provide an alternative water supply and reduce aquifer depletion
- Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects
- Acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, in certain circumstances
- A combination of drinking water and wastewater projects submitted by a state infrastructure financing authority
- A combination of eligible projects, secured by a common security pledge, for which a single entity, or a combination of eligible entities, submits a single application

Eligible project costs are costs associated with the following activities:

- Development-phase activities, including planning, feasibility analysis (including any related analysis necessary to carry out an eligible project), revenue forecasting, environmental review, permitting, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities
- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and replacement activities
- The acquisition of real property or an interest in real property (including water rights, land relating to the project, and improvements to land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies and acquisition of equipment
- Capitalized interest necessary to meet market requirements, reasonably required reserve funds, capital issuance expenses, and other carrying costs during construction. Capitalized interest on WIFIA credit assistance may not be included as an eligible project cost

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local, state, tribal, and federal government entities, partnerships and joint ventures, corporations and trusts, and state infrastructure financing authorities.

Public sponsorship is required for projects undertaken by an entity that is not a state or local government or agency or instrumentality of a state or local government, or a tribal government or consortium of tribal governments.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $6.5 billion is available to help finance an unspecified number of direct loans or loan guarantees. Projects must have eligible costs that are reasonably anticipated to be equal to or exceed $20 million, or for small communities (serving not more than 25,000 individuals), project costs that are reasonably anticipated to equal or exceed $5 million.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide 51% of the project costs. The maximum amount of WIFIA credit assistance to a project is 49% of eligible project costs in almost all instances. For small communities who face significant water infrastructure challenges and economic or administrative hardships accessing funding and financing, the WIFIA program may provide credit assistance up to a maximum of 80% of eligible project costs.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water Management

FY 2025 Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to ensure all communities have access to clean, safe, and reliable water by providing technical assistance that will help communities to address challenges in providing safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to their residents. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will provide free technical assistance services that will support communities and their water utilities. Eligible applicants are local governments and communities; drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities and systems; states and territories; tribes; and nongovernmental organizations.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will provide free technical assistance services
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Rolling

https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-waterta

Awardee Profile

Gila County, Arizona

YEAR: 2024

Technical assistance was provided to help launch the Cesspool Remediation Project, funded through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). This initiative aims to protect public health and enhance community safety by addressing and replacing aging septic systems and cesspools on private properties.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Water Management

FY 2025 Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to ensure all communities have access to clean, safe, and reliable water by providing technical assistance that will help communities to address challenges in providing safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to their residents. Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will provide free technical assistance services that will support communities and their water utilities to:

- Identify lead pipes for removal
- Enhance resilience against cybersecurity threats
- Identify climate adaptation strategies
- Provide resources for workforce development
- Address stormwater challenges
- Comply with the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts

The program aims to assist communities with applications for federal funding, quality infrastructure, and reliable water services in partnership with drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities, and local governments. The program's ongoing TA initiatives include:

- Environmental finance centers
- Training and technical assistance for small systems
- Rural, small, and tribal (RST) technical assistance for wastewater systems
- Creating resilience water utilities (CRWU)
- Area-wide optimization system (AWOP)
- Water infrastructure and resiliency finance center
- Cybersecurity
- Drinking water rule implementation and compliance assistance
- Water resilience
- Drinking water capacity development
- Utility workforce development

TA will be provided for the following types of systems/projects:

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Source water protection
- Nonpoint source
- Decentralized wastewater/septic systems
- Multiple types of systems/projects

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local governments/communities, drinking water utilities/systems, wastewater utilities/systems, stormwater utilities/systems, states and territories, tribes, and non-governmental organizations.

Funding

Rather than providing monetary awards, this program will provide free technical assistance services that will support communities and their water utilities.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no matching requirements for this program.

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