

Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Water and Wastewater 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. Army Corps of Engineers

FY 2024 Section 219 – Environmental Infrastructure Program

Grant Overview

Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-580) authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist non-federal interests in carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects. Assistance may be in the form of technical, planning, design assistance and/or construction for wastewater treatment and related facilities and water supply, storage, treatment and distribution facilities. Projects must specifically be authorized by Congress to be eligible for funds under this program. To be eligible to compete for assistance, a project must be within a state, county, city, or region specifically authorized by Congress to be eligible for funds under this program.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2020	$100 million	32

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to $5 million
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation Date/Proposal Due: Rolling

- An interested project sponsor must first submit a Letter of Intent to the USAEC. When funding is available, the USAEC initiates a preliminary analysis to determine if a potential project meets program requirements and federal participation is justified.

More information on this program can be found here.

US Army Corps of Engineers ®

Awardee Profile

Atlanta, Georgia

YEAR: 1999–Present

Funds will be used for watershed restoration and development in the regional Atlanta watershed including Big Creek and Rock Creek.

Department: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

FY 2024 Section 219 – Environmental Infrastructure Program

Detailed Summary

Section 219 of the 1992 Water Resources Development Act, as amended, authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assist authorized non-federal interests in carrying out water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects. Assistance may be in the form of technical, planning, design assistance and/or construction for wastewater treatment and related facilities and water supply, storage, treatment and distribution facilities.

Formal assurance in the form of a Project Partnership Agreement must be executed with the project sponsor. The project sponsor must normally agree to the following:

- Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas necessary for the construction and subsequent maintenance of the project.
- Maintain and operate the project after completion without cost to the United States.
- Assume responsibility for all costs in excess of the authorized federal cost limitation of (varies by authority).
- If the value of the sponsor's land contribution above does not equal or exceed 35 percent of the project cost, provide cash or work-in-kind contributions to make the sponsor's total contribution equal to 35 percent.

To receive funding under this section eligible entities must follow a four-step process as follows:

- **Letter of Intent:** The non-federal sponsor from an authorized project location contacts the USACE with a proposed project and submits a non-binding Letter of Intention which indicates their willingness to enter into an agreement to cost share the project. Upon receipt of a Letter of Intent, the regional USACE office will contact the applicant by telephone to discuss particulars of the problem and specifics of continuing the process. A sample letter of intent is provided below.
- **Letter Report:** The USACE gathers information from the non-federal sponsor and prepares a Letter Report which includes determination of federal interest, feasibility and estimated implementation cost for a project.
- **Project Partnership Agreement:** After approval of the Letter Report the Project Partnership Agreement is signed with the non-federal sponsor. Depending on the scope of the project the agreement may be for design, construction, or design and construction. After signing the Project Partnership Agreement, the non-federal sponsor is required to provide 25 percent of the funding for the project.
- **Project Implementation:** This includes completion of plans and specifications, construction of the project, or both based on the scope of work in the Project Partnership Agreement. All new design and construction contracts awarded after execution of the Project Partnership Agreement are advertised and administered by the USACE.

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for assistance, a project must be within a state, county, city, or region specifically authorized by Congress to be eligible for funds under this program. These "authorities" range from being project-specific to encompassing entire regions or states. An interested applicant should contact their local USACE District office to determine if they are located in an eligible/authorized area. A list of USACE district offices can be found here.

Procurement of design services shall be obtained from private sources unless the services provided require the use of new technologies unavailable from the private sector, or Solicitation or Request for Proposal fails to attract two or more bids.

Funding

An unspecified amount of funding is available through this program. Each project is limited to a federal cost, that varies by authority, and must be economically justified, environmentally sound and engineeringly feasible.

Proposed projects can be submitted to the regional USAEC District Office at any time, however, USACE makes decisions on 219 requests in the annual work plan process. Typically, Congress requires the USAEC to submit its recommendations on the expenditure of section 219 and other additional funds provided by Congress within 60 days of enactment of the annual appropriations bill, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The non-federal sponsor's share is 25 percent of a project's total cost. The non-federal sponsor is responsible for providing all lands, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations (LERR) required for the project and for obtaining any necessary permits. The non-federal sponsor will receive credit for the value of such LERRs and the cost of obtaining permits toward its share of total project costs, but not to exceed 25 percent of total project costs. In addition, the non-federal sponsor will receive credit toward its share of total project costs, as applicable, for the reasonable costs of design work it completes prior to entering into an agreement with the Government. The non-federal sponsor will be responsible for 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement costs associated with a completed construction project.

Contact Information

An interested application should contact their local USAEC District office to discuss their interest in the program with District staff. Working cooperatively with a District office, an application should submit a Letter of Intent to the USAEC formally requesting assistance. A list of USAEC district offices can be found here.

More information on this program can be found here.

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
202-253-0504

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: 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: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

FY 2024 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Classic

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to promote the coordination of the funding agency's conservation activities with applicants (partners) that offer value-added contributions to expand the ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Eligible applicants are agricultural or silvicultural producer associations, state or local units of government, Indian tribes, farmer cooperatives, water districts, municipal water or wastewater treatment entities, institutions of higher education, conservation districts, and other qualified organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$1.1 billion	81
2022	$200 million	41

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $1.5 billion
Award Range: $250,000 - $25 million
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: April 3, 2024
Proposal due: July 2, 2024

- Priority will be given to projects led by Indian tribes and applicants that meaningfully engage historically underserved (HU) farmers and ranchers.

More information can be found here.

USDA

Awardee Profile

California Dairies, Inc.

AMOUNT: $21,431,689
YEAR: 2023

Through feed-based interventions, California Dairies will help producers reduce and avoid greenhouse gas (GHG). The Absolute Enter Methane Reductions in California Dairies project will help kickstart the use of these feed additives in a market that accounts for 9% of US' on-farm milk supply. This approach aims to reduce the GHG footprint of the dairy industry by 35%, a great start to achieving the industry's goal of net zero GHG by 2050.

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

FY 2024 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Classic

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote the coordination of the funding agency's conservation activities with applicants (partners) that offer value-added contributions to expand the ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through this program, the funding agency seeks to co-invest with applicants to implement projects that provide solutions to conservation challenges, thereby measurably improving the resources concerns they seek to address. Award recipients may be provided with both financial and technical assistance funds to carry out projects.

Applicants must propose projects that generate conservation benefits by addressing specific natural resource objectives in a state/multistate area or address one or more priority resource concerns within one of the designated critical conservation areas (CCAs). Projects must be for land management, land rental, and activities related to easements held by the U.S. government. Funding may also support the implementation of watershed or public works projects.

This program employs a co-investment approach through which the funding agency and applicants collaborate to design, promote, and implement projects on agricultural and non-industrial private forest land. The following are the key principles of the program:

- Impact: Applicants must propose effective and compelling solutions that address one or more natural resource priorities to help solve natural resource challenges. Partners are responsible for evaluating a project’s impact and results.
- Partner Contributions: Applicants are responsible for identifying any combination of cash and in-kind value-added contributions to leverage program investments. Partner contributions are evaluated based on their share of overall project costs and the value of qualified expertise that they add to achieving project goals and objectives.
- Partnerships and Management: Applicants must have experience, expertise, and capacity to manage the partnership and project, provide outreach to producers, and quantify the environmental impacts, and when possible, economic, and social outcomes of projects.

Successful applicants will bring an array of financial and technical capabilities to projects; demonstrate experience working effectively and collaboratively with agricultural producers and landowners; and propose sustainable and measurable approaches to achieving compelling conservation outcomes.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants that meaningfully engage historically underserved (HU) farmers and ranchers. The program's other priority areas include:

- Climate-smart agriculture and forestry approaches, systems, and practices that provide climate change mitigation benefits
- Projects that advance equity, justice, and equal opportunity

- Projects led by Indian tribes
- Projects that address the conservation needs of urban farmers in metropolitan areas

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- Agricultural or silvicultural producer associations, or other groups of producers
- State or local units of government
- Indian tribes
- Farmer cooperatives
- Water districts, irrigation districts, acequia, rural water districts or associations, or other organizations with specific water delivery authority to agricultural producers
- Municipal water or wastewater treatment entities
- Institutions of higher education
- Organizations that have an established history of working cooperatively with producers on agricultural lands to address local conservation priorities related to agricultural production, wildlife habitat development, or non-industrial private forest land management and critical watershed-scale soil erosion, water quality, sediment reduction, or other natural resource issues
- Entities, such as Indian tribes, state governments, local governments, or nongovernmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs that purchase agricultural land easements
- Conservation districts

Each project must have a single lead partner that is an eligible applicant.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $1.5 billion is available for both the RCPP Classic and Alternative Funding Arrangement (AFA) programs to support awards ranging from $250,000 to $25 million through this program. Of the total funding available, up to $300 million is provided through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), and the remainder is provided through the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). Up to $100 million of the funds available for both programs will be set aside specifically to support awards to Indian tribes.

Of the total funding available, 50 percent is dedicated to funding agency-designated critical conservation areas (CCAs), and the remainder is dedicated to projects in the state/multistate category. Applicants must identify one of the funding pools in which to compete.

The funding agency intends to award a significant portion of the available funding to proposals that focus on climate-smart agriculture and forestry approaches, systems, and practices that provide climate change mitigation benefits.

Funding provided through this program is divided into two categories: financial assistance (FA) and technical assistance (TA). Applicants may request funding for up to 25 percent of TA activities, and the remainder of the proposed budget will be used for FA to implement eligible conservation activities. The total award amount for combined FA and TA for each project will range from $250,000 to $25 million.

Award announcements are expected to be issued in October 2024.

Applicants should generally anticipate a project start date no earlier than March 1, 2025. Generally, projects span five years, and all applicants must submit a justification of the proposed project period. Applicants may request project periods of longer than five years, with appropriate justification.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants are responsible for identifying any combination of cash and in-kind support that provides a significant portion of the overall costs of the project. Certain project activities, such as entity-held easements and public works activities, have specific minimum matching fund requirements.

The funding agency strongly recommends that applicants propose value-added contributions that enhance the overall impact and efficacy of a project. The magnitude and significance of partner contributions will be a factor in the proposal evaluation process.

Funding from federal agencies other than funding agencies may be counted as partner contributions, provided that such funding meets other criteria. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the funding received from other federal agencies is used towards the proposed project, as it may affect the determinations of nonfederal match for those agencies' purposes. Partner contributions may also include administrative and indirect costs.

Contact Information

Program Staff
rcpp@usda.gov

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/rcpp-regional-conservation-partnership-program

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.

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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

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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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

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

FY 2025 Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Program

Grant Overview

This program helps qualified, private nonprofits provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; helps applicants prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and helps associations improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas. Eligible applicants are qualified private, tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	# of Awards
2023	29
2022	23

Key Information

Total Funding: $35 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: October 1, 2024
Proposal due: December 31, 2024

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-training-grants

Tips

- Projects must take place in rural areas with populations of 10,000 or fewer and/or tribal lands in rural areas
- Applicants that demonstrate a commitment of in-kind support derived from nonfederal sources will receive additional points during the applications process

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

FY 2025 Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help qualified, private nonprofit organizations provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; help communities prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans and grants; assist with improving the management, operation, maintenance, and sustainability of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas; address contamination of drinking and surface water supplies by emerging contaminants; and pay certain expenses associated with the provision of such services. This includes project proposals that support lead remediation, cybersecurity, disaster resilience, water reuse, and decentralized infrastructure.

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to 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 private nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status. Tribally owned nonprofit organizations are also eligible to apply.

Projects must take place in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer, or in tribal lands in rural areas. Applicants may check the eligibility of an area online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Applicants must be incorporated by December 31 of the year the application period occurs to be eligible for funds. Applicants must also have the proven ability, background, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a national, regional, or state basis. During the application evaluation process, national organizations will receive additional points relative to multistate organizations, which will receive additional points relative to single-state/area organizations.

With the submission of a new application, existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new awards.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $35 million is anticipated to be available to support awards through this program. There is no minimum or maximum award amount. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis. The project period will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026. Awards are expected to be made in June 2025.

No more than 49 percent of the total award amount may be used for contracts with non-affiliated organizations to provide the proposed assistance.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants that demonstrate a commitment of in-kind support derived from nonfederal resources will receive additional points during the application evaluation process. The greatest number of additional points will be awarded to applicants that provide contributions of more than 25 percent of the total budget.

In addition, applicants that demonstrate the ability to sustain the project via cash on hand, projected revenues, and outside-source contributions will receive additional points during the application evaluation process.

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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 Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Grant Overview

This program will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 was issued. Eligible applicants are district organizations of EDA-designated economic development districts (EDDs); Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	$1,94,050,554	90

Key Information

Total Funding: $1,447,000
Award Range: Up to $50,000,000
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: June 4, 2025
Proposal due: Depends on project type:

- Readiness and Implementation – Rolling
- Industry Transformation – March 3, 2026

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

Awardee Profile

Baton Rouge Health District,
Baton Rouge, LA

AMOUNT: $2,720,000
YEAR: 2023

Funding supports the establishment of the R.E.A.C.H Gateway Infrastructure and Resiliency Project which enhances the current healthcare district into a cohesive destination for quality healthcare that is resilient to future disasters, inclusive of all communities, and a district that remains an economic catalyst even during times of disaster.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Funding under this program assists communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. Through this program, the funding agency seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. The funding agency seeks projects that are responsive to community needs post-disaster by engaging all aspects of the community, with special focus on private industry partners. promote innovation and competitiveness and prepare U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Funding will support variety of non-construction and construction projects in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act).

This program offers funding through three pathways:

- Readiness Path – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources including, but not limited to, future EDA NOFOs and the Implementation or Industry Transformation Paths under this NOFO. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects.
- Implementation Path – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions.
- Industry Transformation Path – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their local funding agency representative to explore their projects further.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of economic development districts (EDDs) designated by the funding agency; Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions 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 consortia of institutions of higher education; public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state; an economic development organization, or a public-private partnership for public infrastructure.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $1,447,000,000 is available to support grants or cooperative agreements through this program.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

- Readiness Path: Non-construction awards that range between $250,000 to $500,000
- Implementation Path:
    - Nonconstruction awards that range between $100,000 and $5 million
    - Construction awards that range between $2 million and $20 million
    - The funding agency may deviate from these estimates, including funding projects greater than $20 million, in cases of exceptional need and/or exceptional impact
- Industry Transformation Path: A cluster of 3 to 5 non-construction and/or construction awards with a total funding level between $20 million and $50 million

Non-construction awards may range from 12 to 18 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis. For the Readiness Path, EDA anticipates that a shorter period of performance may be appropriate. Construction awards may range from 12 to 48 months with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The funding agency generally expects to fund up to 80% of the eligible costs under this program. However, the funding agency has discretion to fund projects at a rate lower than 80% or up to 100% in certain circumstances. In determining whether to increase the federal share above 80%, the funding agency's Grants Officers will consider on a case-by-case basis whether the circumstances of the proposed project warrant a federal share in excess of 80%, including whether the applicant has exhausted its effective taxing or borrowing capacity, can otherwise document that no local matching funds are reasonably obtainable, or meets other thresholds for elevated need based on the overall economic situation of the region. The funding agency may also establish a maximum investment rate of up to 100% for projects of Indian tribes.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate regional office listed online here.

https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental

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 Energy
Agency: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

FY 2023 Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Fixed Award Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program will provide financial investment, technical assistance, and other resources to advance clean energy demonstrations and energy solutions that benefit rural and remote communities. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, Indian Nations, non- and for-profit entities, institutions of higher education, and consortia.

Program History

This is a new program created through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: $50 million
Award Range: $500,000 - $5 million
Match: There is no match requirement
Solicitation Date: May 11, 2023
Proposal due: July 13, 2023 (Pre-Applications), October 12, 2023 (Full Applications; invite only)

https://oced-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaId25339769-c6de-4818-9cb2-63c31cc79623

Tips

- The funding agency may prioritize projects that benefit communities most impacted by high energy burden, poor energy reliability and resilience, or environmental harm from energy generation.
- Applications must include a Community Benefits Plan that describes how the project will support meaningful community and labor engagement, invest in America's workforce, advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, and contribute to the Justice40 Initiative.

Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

FY 2023 Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Fixed Award Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve energy in rural or remote areas and advance clean energy demonstrations and energy solutions that benefit rural and remote communities. Under this program a rural or remote area is defined as "city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants." The identified area must be either a city, town, or other unincorporated municipality, or a Census Designated Place (CDP) or similarly discreet and identifiable community that is not located within an incorporated municipality. Projects ideally should be sited within the rural or remote community or communities they are designed to benefit. Projects proposed to be built outside of a rural or remote area may be considered for funding but must clearly define the rural or remote area(s) of less than 10,000 inhabitants receiving the benefits. The funding agency aims to fund clean energy projects with three specific goals:

- Deliver measurable benefits to energy customers in rural or remote areas by funding replicable energy projects that lower energy costs, improve energy access and resilience, and/or reduce environmental harm
- Support new rural or remote energy system models using climate-resilient technologies, business structures that promote economic resilience, new financing mechanisms, and/or new community engagement practices
- Build clean energy knowledge, capacity, and self-reliance in rural America

Clean energy projects must satisfy at least one of the following "resilient clean energy" objectives:

- Improving overall cost-effectiveness of energy generation, transmission, or distribution systems
- Siting or upgrading transmission and distribution lines
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy generation in rural or remote areas
- Providing or modernizing electric generation facilities
- Developing microgrids
- Increasing energy efficiency

Additional benefits may include:

- Decreasing energy burden in disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Decreasing environmental exposure and burdens for DACs
- Increasing parity in clean energy technology (e.g., solar, storage) access and adoption in DACs
- Increasing access to low-cost capital in DACs
- Increasing clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (MBE/DBE) in DACs
- Increasing clean energy jobs, job pipeline, and job training for individuals from DACs

- Increasing energy resiliency in DACs
- Increasing energy democracy in DACs.

Applicants must show that the technology is commercially available. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, commercially available technology is defined as a product that has been offered for sale, lease, or license to the public.

Applicants should also demonstrate that projects are supported by the community. This could be done by including participation by community-based organizations; local environmental justice organizations; community leadership groups; building owners and developers; local labor groups including unions; local planning, zoning, and code officials; or state, local, or Tribal governments.

Example projects include:

- Installation of standalone microgrids in critical facilities or resilience centers to ensure continuation of services during natural disasters
- Installation of a community-owned solar and battery project to reduce electricity cost and increase energy resilience
- Siting or upgrading of transmission and distribution lines, grid stability and resilience with substation improvements, or other electrical infrastructure improvements (hardware or software)
- Replacement of fossil fuel-powered heating with heat pumps in community buildings or in a residential neighborhood
- Deployment of small hydropower in existing conduits to generate recurring revenue that enables reinvestment in other community infrastructure
- Innovative siting of solar panels, such as over canals or on agricultural land, to reduce local siting constraints and enable new ownership structures
- Energy efficiency improvements for community-owned buildings (e.g., city hall, police or fire station, schools) that reduce electric loads and energy costs
- Installation of a distributed wind microgrid to reduce electricity cost and increase energy resilience through reducing demand upon diesel in a remote community
- Installation of geothermal heating or ground loops for heat pumps
- Installation of small-scale energy storage to provide power regulation or backup electricity to the grid
- Replacement of a diesel generator with combined heat and power (CHP) fed by Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) at a food waste or wastewater treatment facility
- Use of biogas from agricultural waste, either from biogas capturing or biogas generation through anaerobic digestion, to fuel onsite equipment and/or for pipeline injection
- Replacement of a non-clean backup energy generation system, such as a diesel generator, with a clean energy generation backup system and/or energy storage system, at a water treatment plant or pump station

To support the goal of building a clean and equitable energy economy, the BIL-funded projects are expected to support meaningful community and labor engagement; invest in America's workforce; advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and contribute to the President's goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. To ensure these goals are met, applications must include a Community Benefits Plan that describes how the proposed project would incorporate the four objectives stated above.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be domestic entities and include state and local governments, Indian Nations, non- and for-profit entities, institutions of higher education, and consortia. To qualify as a domestic entity, the entity must be organized, chartered, or incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States; have majority domestic ownership and control; and have a physical place of business in the United States.

An applicant may submit more than one pre-application and application provided that each pre-application and subsequent application describes a unique, distinct concept and provided that an eligible pre-application was submitted for each application. There are no limits to submissions by prime applicants.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately $50 million in funding is available to support between 10 and 100 awards of $500,000 to $5 million. The maximum project period is five years. Funding will be provide through fixed amount grants. Fixed amount grants may include, but are not limited to:

- Partial payments, based on milestones or “triggering events”, agreed to in advance by the parties;
- Payments based on unit prices agreed to in advance; or
- One payment for the full amount upon project completion.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no cost sharing requirements for this funding opportunity.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



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

FY 2024 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
2023	$2.305 billion
2022	$2.305 billion

Key Information

Total Funding: $2.461 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 2024 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 2024, an estimated $2,461,000,000 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 2025/2026 Bay-Delta Restoration Program (CALFED) Water Use Efficiency Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support feasible urban and agricultural projects that will improve ecosystem health, including protection of endangered and threatened species, water supply reliability, or water quality, in the California Bay-Delta. Eligible applicants are Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the CALFED solution area.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	$1.5 million	6
2017	$1.5 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $1.5 million
Award Range: Up to $500,000
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: December 17, 2024
Proposal due: February 13, 2025

- Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years of the date of awards.

https://www.bia.gov/atc/search/R25AS00432

Awardee Profile

Santa Margarita Water District
AMOUNT: $750,000
YEAR: 2017

The District received funding to expand the existing 3A Water Reclamation Plant to provide up to 3,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water and energy savings. The project included construction for expanding the existing facility. Annual water savings will be 390 acre-feet per year; lifetime water savings will be 19,500 acre-feet.

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

FY2025/2026 Bay-Delta Restoration Program (CALFED) Water Use Efficiency Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support feasible urban and agricultural projects that will improve ecosystem health, including protection of endangered and threatened species, water supply reliability, or water quality, in the California Bay-Delta. Projects should seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, protect endangered and threatened species, and result in quantifiable and reliable water savings or improved water management.

Supported projects may include any type of implementation, demonstration, pilot water-use efficiency, or conservation projects that have benefits for the Bay-Delta. Eligible water conservation projects include:

- Canal lining/piping: projects that line or pipe canals, resulting in conserved water
- Municipal metering: projects that install meters, resulting in measurable water savings
- Irrigation flow measurement: projects that improve measurement accuracy and result in reduced spills and over-deliveries to irrigators
- Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) and automation: projects that install SCADA and/or automation components that provide water savings when irrigation delivery system operational efficiency is improved to reduce spills, over-deliveries, and seepage
- Groundwater recharge: projects that provide savings when surface water storage evaporation is reduced and/or surface runoff is intercepted for recharge
- Small-scale water recycling and water reuse: small-scale projects that reclaim and reuse wastewaters or naturally impaired groundwater and surface water
- Landscape irrigation measures: projects that provide water savings by reducing outdoor water usage, typically promoted through rebates or direct-install programs

All projects must propose a detailed method or performance measure for quantifying the actual benefits of the proposed project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the CALFED solution area. All projects must have a defined relationship with the California Bay-Delta region. A map is available here.

Funding

In FY 2025/2026, up to $1.5 million may be available in FY 2025 to support grants or cooperative agreements through this program. Funding for FY 2026 is contingent upon appropriations. Approximately two to four awards are expected to be made per fiscal year.

Applicants may receive multiple awards through this program. The maximum funding available is $500,000 per project and $1 million per award recipient.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



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

FY 2025 WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project Grants

Grant Overview

The WaterSMART Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing financial assistance to develop and update comprehensive drought plans and implement projects that will build long-term resilience to drought. Eligible applicants are states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other state, regional, or local authorities with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States, as well as nonprofit conservation organizations working in partnership with the entities listed above.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$147.6 million	42
2023	$84 million	36
2022	$20.5 million	13

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by category
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: July 24, 2024
Proposal due: October 7, 2024

https://www.usbr.gov/drought/

Awardee Profile

City of Gallup, New Mexico

AMOUNT: $9.5 million
YEAR: 2024

The City of Gallup received funding to construct a new well for potable water supplies to provide water to the city, the Navajo Nation, and parts of McKinley County.

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

FY 2025 WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project Grants

Detailed Summary

The WaterSMART Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing financial assistance to develop and update comprehensive drought plans and implement projects that will build long-term resilience to drought. This program will support projects that that can increase water management flexibility and reliability to help entities prepare for and address the impacts of drought and water supply shortages.

Projects that may be funded under this program are divided into four task areas:

- Task A: Increasing the reliability of water supplies through infrastructure improvements, including:
    - System modifications or improvements
        - Constructing or modifying surface water intakes to access supplies when water levels are low (e.g., at dead pool), or to allow access at different locations.
        - Constructing new conveyance system components (pipelines, canals, pumping plants, etc.) to increase flexibility to deliver water from different sources, to facilitate voluntary water marketing or to deliver water from alternative sources.
        - Constructing interties between water conveyance systems to increase options for water deliveries.
        - Installing barriers or other facilities to prevent saltwater intrusion into surface supplies.
    - Storing water and/or recharging groundwater supplies
        - Developing or expanding small-scale surface water storage facilities such as off-stream storage ponds.
        - Installing water towers and storage tanks to store water for municipal and domestic use.
        - Installing recharge ponds or injection wells to increase recharge of surplus, inactive, or reclaimed water. Recharged water can serve multiple purposes such as sustainable conjunctive use in times of drought, deterring saltwater.
    - Developing alternate sources of water supply including water treatment
        - Constructing or expanding small-scale water treatment facilities to treat impaired groundwater, municipal wastewater, stormwater runoff, for environmental, agricultural, or potable purposes.
        - Constructing stormwater capture and reuse systems, including green stormwater infrastructure solutions such as rain gardens, cisterns, and bioswales
        - Installing residential grey water and rain catchment systems.
- Task B: Increasing the reliability of water supplies through groundwater through:
    - Constructing wells to provide back-up water supplies during times of drought.

    - Constructing extraction wells at groundwater banks or other recharge areas to improve extraction and return capabilities during dry years.
    - Constructing an aquifer storage and recovery well.
    - Treating impaired groundwater for beneficial use.
- Task C: Improving water management through decision support tools, modeling, and measurement, including:
    - Developing water management and modeling tools to help communities evaluate options and implement strategies to address drought.
    - Installing water measurement equipment and monitoring instrumentation devices to accurately track water supply conditions.
- Task D: Construction of domestic water supply projects of which the primary purpose is to provide domestic water supplies to Tribal or disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water supplies. This can include the development of new supplies and/or associated infrastructure for treatment and delivery.

Proposed projects must include activities beyond routine water management required by state law for conservation and efficiency and must have ongoing benefits to build long-term resilience to drought. In addition, projects should help avoid the need for emergency response actions, such as water hauling programs and temporary infrastructure. Applicants must also demonstrate that the proposed project is supported by an existing drought planning effort.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other state, regional, or local authorities with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the western U.S., which includes the states and territories of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Additionally, nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described above are eligible.

Applicants may seek funding under one application for multiple project components that include one or a combination of tasks if the project components are interrelated or closely related (e.g., a project to construct a new storage and conveyance system [Task A] coupled with a decision support tool for operation of the system [Task C]). However, if the projects are only loosely related, separate applications need to be submitted.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 20-40 awards through this program. Awards are provided through separate funding groups:

For Categories A through C:

- Group I: Up to $750,000 will be available for projects generally completed within two years
- Group II: Up to $3,000,000 will be available for projects completed within three years and funded on an annual basis, contingent upon future appropriations

Category A entities are limited to a total of $3,000,000. Category B applicants may be considered for multiple awards up to a total of $15,000,000, if the Category A partners are different for each project selected

For Category D:

- Up to $10,000,000 will be available for the construction of domestic water supply projects for Tribes or disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water supplies and will be completed within three years

The anticipated award date is September 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants applying for funding under Tasks A-C must be capable of cost sharing 50 percent or more of the total project costs. Applicants applying for funding through Task D must provide a five percent cost-share of the total project's costs.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

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

FY 2023/2024 WaterSMART Grants: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects

Grant Overview

This program aims to stretch limited water supplies in the western United States and avoid conflicts over water by providing financial and technical assistance for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. Eligible applicants are state, regional, or local authorities, including states; Indian tribes; municipalities; irrigation districts; water districts; wastewater districts; and other organizations with water or power delivery authorities.

Program History & Tips

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$310 million	25

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $179 million
Award Range: Up to $30 million
Match: 75 percent
Solicitation date: September 28, 2023
Proposal due: December 7, 2023 (First Application Period), September 30, 2024 (Second Application Period)

- Eligible costs submitted for consideration must be for work conducted after the date of Reclamation's feasibility study review findings for the project.

https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/

Awardee Profile

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, CA

AMOUNT: $8,267,112
YEAR: 2022

The Replenish Big Bear Project will help protect Big Bear Valley and the Santa Ana Watershed from the impacts of drought, variable precipitation, and climate change. Replenish Big Bear includes construction of advanced treatment facility upgrades at the existing wastewater treatment plant, conveyance pipelines for treated water and concentrate, a groundwater recharge facility, and monitoring wells.

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

FY 2023/2024 WaterSMART Grants: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to stretch limited water supplies in the western United States and avoid conflicts over water by providing financial and technical assistance for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. Projects should seek to develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply. These projects will provide growing communities with new sources of clean water, which increases water management flexibility and makes water supplies more reliable.

Eligible costs may include those in the following budget categories:

- Personnel
- Fringe benefits
- Travel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Contractual
- Construction
- Other direct costs
- Indirect costs

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, regional, or local authorities, including states; Indian tribes; municipalities; irrigation districts; water districts; wastewater districts; and other organizations with water or power delivery authorities.

Projects must be located in the Western United States. Eligible areas include the states or territories of American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, the Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, or Wyoming.

Applicants may submit multiple applications provided that the project scopes are not duplicative. In general, if an applicant is seeking funding for multiple project components, and the components are interrelated or closely related, the applicant should combine these in one application. However, if the projects are only loosely related, an applicant should submit them as separate applications.

Funding

In FY 2023 and FY 2024, approximately $179 million is available to support up to 30 grants or cooperative agreements of up to $30 million each. By request, the funding agency may also provide technical assistance after award of the project. Applicants planning to receive technical assistance must account for these costs in their budget.

For the first application submittal period, award announcements are expected to be made in May 2024, awards are expected to be issued in September 2024, and projects are expected to be completed in December 2026. For the second application submittal period, award announcements are expected to be made in April 2025, awards are expected to be issued in September 2025, and projects are expected to be completed in November 2027. Costs must be incurred after the date of the funding agency's feasibility determination and within three years from the application deadline for each application submittal period.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 75 percent of the total project costs via cash, costs contributed by the applicant, or third-party in-kind contributions. Applicants in American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are exempt from the matching requirement.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

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

FY 2023/2024 WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to water recycling projects that have a total project cost greater than or equal to $500 million. Large-scale water recycling projects will play an important role in helping communities develop local, drought resistant sources of water supply by turning currently unusable water sources into a new source of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought and climate change. Eligible applicants are States, Indian Tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewater districts, and any state, regional, or local authority. with water or power delivery authority. All applicants must be located in the Western United States.

Program History

This is a new program funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Key Information

Total Funding: $180 million
Award Range: $18 million - $90 million
Match: 75 percent
Solicitation date: October 25, 2023
Proposal due: November 21, 2023; March 29, 2024; September 30, 2024

https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/largescale/index.html

Tips

- Additional points will be awarded to projects which increase resilience to climate change and are aligned with President Biden's Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- All applicants must submit their Feasibility Study to Reclamation within 60 days of the application's submittal period deadline

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

FY 2023/2024 WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for water recycling projects that have a total project cost greater than or equal to $500 million. Large-scale water recycling projects will play an important role in helping communities develop local, drought resistant sources of water supply by turning currently unusable water sources into a new source of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought and climate change.

Applicants may request funding for any of the four stages of project development: planning, 30% design, 100% design, or construction:

- Planning - Project development under the planning stage includes planning activities that support the development of a feasibility-level design and cost estimate for the selected project. Feasibility-level cost estimates are typically based on data collected during site investigations that are of sufficient detail to allow the preparation of preliminary layouts and designs of the selected project. Eligible project activities under this stage may include but are not limited to:
    - Preparation of appraisal and feasibility level cost estimates
    - Site specific investigations to gather design data
    - Pre-final design activities that contribute towards a feasibility-level design and cost estimate
    - Collect data and prepare documentation for environmental compliance reviews
- 30% Design and Value Engineering - Project development under the 30% design stage begins after the feasibility-level planning stage and includes design activities required to reach a 30% final design. Value Engineering activities, including the preparation of a Value Engineering Accountability Report, are also eligible project activities during this stage.
- 100% Final Design - Project development under the 100% design stage begins after 30% final design, which may include Value Engineering (if applicable), and includes design activities required to reach 100% final design.
- Construction - Project development under the construction stage includes all phases of construction for Large Scale Water Recycling Projects.

Proposals for funding of 30% design, 100% design, or construction stages will require some additional information, as described below.:

- 30% Design: A design report that includes preliminary outline drawings of major features with the purpose of depicting layouts, process diagrams, and supporting cost estimates with unit prices, pay items, quantities, allowances, and assumptions.
- 100% Design: A “Basis of Design” document for the 30% design stage that identifies technical design criteria, design codes, and site-specific design drawings that include plan, elevation, and section drawings.

- Construction: A "Basis of Design" document for the 100% design stage that identifies technical design criteria, design codes, and site-specific design drawings that include plan, elevation, and section drawings.

Projects that proceed from one stage to the next during the period of the project performance will be required to submit documentation supporting a Design and Cost Estimating Review before funding will be made available for activities at the next stage.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants eligible to receive financial assistance to fund activities under this program include:

- States, Indian Tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewater districts; and any state, regional, or other organization with water or power delivery authority,
- State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and
- An agency established under State law for the joint exercise of powers, or a combination of entities described above.

All applicants must be located in the Western United States; specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Multiple applications for funding may be submitted for consideration under this funding opportunity, provided that the project scopes are not duplicative.

Funding

In FY 2023/2024, approximately $180 million is available to support 2-10 awards through this program. Maximum awards are 25 percent of the total expected project cost.

Applicants may include work:

- Planned within three years of the application's submittal period deadline. For example, if an application is submitted on November 21, 2023, work planned through November 21, 2026, may be included; and
- Eligible costs submitted for consideration must be for work conducted after the date of Reclamation's feasibility study review findings for the project.

Projects are expected to conclude by November 21, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must be capable of cost sharing 75% or more of the total project costs.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2025 Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to promote clean and safe water by providing capitalization grants to states to establish Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRFs). States will provide loans and other types of financial assistance to local communities and intermunicipal and interstate agencies for the construction of publicly owned water treatment works, implementation of nonpoint source management activities, and reuse and recycling, among others. Eligible applicants are states and Puerto Rico.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$3.30 billion	168
2023	$3.08 billion	168
2022	$3.04 billion	168
2021	$1.58 billion	56

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Match: 20 percent
Proposal Due: Varies by state

- States are required to provide a match of 20 percent of the amount of each federal grant payment

https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf

Awardee Profile

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Raleigh, NC

AMOUNT: $41.043 million
YEAR: 2024

North Carolina's program will continue to be one of low-interest loans, supplemented with principal forgiveness. In addition to funding infrastructure projects, the NC CWSRF also allows the use of set-asides of capitalization grant funds for technical assistance. The State intends to access up to 2% of the capitalization grants (up to $294,660 of the base CWSRF and up to $820,860 from BIL CWSRF General Supplemental) for technical assistance.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2025 Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote clean and safe water by providing capitalization grants to states to establish Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRFs). States will provide loans and other types of financial assistance to local communities, intermunicipal and interstate agencies, and other eligible entities under Title VI of the Clean Water Act for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and the implementation of other water quality management activities.

In general, eligible activities include:

- Construction of publicly owned water treatment works
- Implementation of nonpoint source management activities included in state plans developed pursuant to Section 319
- Development and implementation of a National Estuary Program comprehensive conservation and management plan under Section 320
- Construction, repair, or replacement of decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage
- Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water
- Measures to reduce the demand for publicly owned treatment works capacity through water conservation, efficiency, or reuse for any municipality or intermunicipal, interstate, or state agency
- Development and implementation of watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in section 122
- Measures to reduce the energy demand for publicly owned treatment works by any municipality or intermunicipal, interstate, or state agency
- Reusing or recycling wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water
- Measures to increase the security of publicly owned treatment works
- Support to qualified nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to owners and operators of small and medium-sized publicly owned treatment works to plan, develop, and obtain financing for eligible projects under section 603(c), including planning, design, and associated pre-construction activities and to assist such treatment works in achieving compliance with the Clean Water Act
- Support to qualified nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to eligible individuals for the repair or replacement of existing individual household decentralized wastewater treatment systems or the connection of households to available publicly owned treatment works

Funding provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also makes additional capitalization awards available to each state to support projects that address emerging contaminants.

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

States and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico are eligible to receive capitalization grants. The District of Columbia, territories, possessions of the United States, and federally recognized Indian/Native American/Alaska Native tribal governments are eligible to receive grants for the construction of municipal wastewater facilities.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount is available to support formula awards through this program. Funds are available for obligation to the state during the fiscal year in which they are allotted and during the following year.

Award funding must be used to provide loans and other types of financial assistance to local communities, intermunicipal and interstate agencies, and other eligible entities under Title VI of the Clean Water Act. A portion of awarded funding must be used to provide additional subsidy in the form of grants, principal forgiveness, or negative interest loans.

Administrative costs are limited to 4 percent of the award amount, $400,000 each year, or one-fifth percent per year of the current valuation of the fund.

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 FY 2025 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), states must provide a 20 percent match. Matching funds are not required for emerging contaminant supplemental capitalization funding provided through the IIJA. The match is also waived for the supplemental appropriation under the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

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

FY 2023 Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Grant Overview

The Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program provides funding to increase drinking water system resilience to natural hazards in an underserved community and community that is a disadvantaged community or a community with a population of less than 10,000 individuals. Eligible applicants are state, local, and tribal government public water systems.

Program History

This is a *new* program.

Key Information

Total Funding: $19 million
Award Range: $285,000-$6.65 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 5, 2023
Proposal due: November 6, 2023

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

Tips

- Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program Fact Sheet can be found here.
- Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program Webinar ca be found here.

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

FY 2023 Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to increase drinking water system resilience to natural hazards in underserved communities that are disadvantaged or serve a population of fewer than 10,000 individuals. For the purposes of this program, resilience is defined as the ability of a community water system or an asset of a community water system, such as the equipment, buildings, land, people, and other components needed to deliver safe and clean water, to adapt to or withstand the effects of a natural hazard without interruption to the corresponding function, or if the function is interrupted, to rapidly return to a normal operating condition. For the purposes of this program, a natural hazard is defined as a natural event, such as earthquake, tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire, drought, freezing, or hydrologic change that threatens the functioning of a community water system. When considering these natural disaster threats, a public water system may take into account risks associated with climate change to ensure that resilience-building activities address future conditions such as increasing or decreasing temperatures, changes in precipitation, and, where applicable, sea-level rise.

Funding must be used for the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation, or maintenance of a project that increases resilience of public water systems to natural hazards through at least one of the following activities:

- Conservation of water or the enhancement of water use efficiency
- Modification or relocation of existing drinking water system infrastructure significantly impaired by natural hazards, or infrastructure that is at risk of being significantly impaired by natural hazards, including risks to drinking water infrastructure from flooding
- Design or construction of desalination facilities to serve existing communities
- Enhancement of water supply through watershed management and source water protection
- Enhancement of energy efficiency or the use and generation of renewable energy in the conveyance or treatment of drinking water
- Measures to increase the resilience of the drinking water system to natural hazards, including planning for analytical considerations and climate change

To obtain necessary support for the anticipated resiliency projects in a community, public education and outreach about the effects of natural hazards and climate change on the access to and availability of safe drinking water is critical, especially in communities historically in need. It is also important for the award recipient to inform the community members about drinking water resiliency projects prior to the start of the project and provide updates as the project proceeds. All applications should describe the proposed approach to provide public education and conduct outreach, and include the costs required to fulfill these activities.

Examples of eligible activities under various types of natural hazards include the following:

- Multiple threats:
  - Training and exercising an emergency response plan
  - Developing or updating continuity of operations plans
- Flooding:
  - Physical hardening
  - Installation of flap valves on low-lying overflow pipes to protect finished water
- Earthquake:
  - Performing an engineering risk analysis and cost estimates pursuant to established standards for evaluating existing structures
  - Retrofitting occupied utility buildings to prevent collapse
- Drought:
  - Implementing a leak detection and repair program to reduce lost water
  - Adding raw water storage and aquifer recharge
- Wildfire:
  - Instituting high fire danger procedures such as smoking bans and fire bans
  - Installing fire-resilient building materials
- Tornado:
  - Reinforcing water tower legs and welds
  - Securing and anchoring any trailers or temporary structures

Funding will be provided for the following program components:

National Priority Area 1: Small-Scale Investments to Help Drinking Water Systems Implementation Resilience Measures component is to increase drinking water system resilience by implementing smaller-scale resilience projects informed by drinking water system plans.

National Priority Area 2: Large-Scale Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Drinking Water System Resilience component is to improve drinking water system resilience through large-scale infrastructure improvements and/or optimization of mitigation measures at a drinking water system.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public water systems; water systems located in an area governed by an Indian tribe; and states, on behalf of an underserved community, including the District of Columbia and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Projects must benefit underserved communities. For the purposes of this program, an underserved community is defined by Section 1459A(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) as one that does not have access to household drinking water or wastewater services or is served by a public water system that violates or exceeds a requirement of a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR), including a maximum contaminant level, a treatment technique, or an action level.

Projects must also serve disadvantaged communities or communities with a population of fewer than 10,000 individuals. Each state establishes affordability criteria under Section 1452(d)(3) of the SDWA, and for the purposes of this program, a disadvantaged community is defined as the service area of a

public water system that meets affordability criteria established after public review and comment by the state in which the public water system is located.

For applicants that do not have established affordability criteria under Section 1452(d)(3) of the SDWA, such as territories, projects must serve underserved communities, per SDWA Section 1459A(a), that are communities of fewer than 10,000 individuals that lack the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance a project or activity, per SDWA Section 1459A(c)(2)(B).

For public water systems serving tribes, projects must serve communities that meet the definition of underserved in SDWA Section 1459A(a) and meet the definition of small in SDWA Section 1459A(c)(2)(B). Public water systems serving tribes do not have to serve communities that meet the criteria for disadvantaged communities in Section 1459A(c)(2)(A).

Each application submitted must address only one of this program's two components.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately $19 million has been made available for 12-25 awards to be awarded as follows:

National Priority Area 1: Small-Scale Investments to Help Drinking Water Systems Implement Resilience Measures. EPA anticipates awarding approximately $5.7 million in funding for ten to twenty awards ranging from $285,000 to $570,000 with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

National Priority Area 2: Large-Scale Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Drinking Water System Resilience. EPA anticipates awarding approximately $13.3 million in funding for two to five awards ranging from $2.66 million to $6.65 million with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

The project period will last one to four years, depending on the requested award amount and the overall size and scope of the project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A non-federal cost share or match is not required.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants

Grant Overview

This program provides funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects in communities including combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). Funding is awarded through an allocation formula to states which provide sub-awards to eligible entities for projects that address infrastructure needs for CSOs, SSOs, and stormwater management. Eligible applicants are states and U.S. territories including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Program History

	Total Funding Available to be Allocated to States and Territories
2022	$42 million
2021	$40 million

Key Information

Total Funding: $41 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation Date: Unspecified
Proposal Due: Rolling

https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program

Tips

- The allotment formula is determined by the data from the latest Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, along with supplemental data on population, urban population, and precipitation.
- States should use at least 20 percent of their allocation for green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency improvements, and other environmentally innovative activities.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2024 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to fund critical stormwater infrastructure projects in communities including combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). The statutory eligibilities allow states to fund a variety of project types. Projects can be publicly or privately owned. Only capital projects are eligible, including infrastructure planning, design, construction, and equipment purchases. Operations and maintenance activities are not eligible for funding.

Eligible projects exist under the following three general categories: 1) combined sewer overflow correction, 2) sanitary sewer overflow correction, and 3) stormwater and subsurface drainage water. This list is not meant to be exclusive, and it is possible that there are other eligible projects that are consistent with the authorizing statute.

1. Combined Sewer Overflow Correction: assistance may be provided to any municipality or municipal entity for planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows. Eligible CSO correction projects may include:
    - Installation of separate sanitary and storm sewers
    - Downspout disconnection
    - Overflow tanks/tunnels
    - Infiltration/inflow correction
    - Conveyance infrastructure related to CSO correction
    - Real-time control systems for CSO management
    - Planning and design activity related to an eligible capital project
2. Sanitary Sewer Overflow Correction: assistance may be provided to any municipality or municipal entity for planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal sanitary sewer overflows. Eligible SSO correction projects may include:
    - Infiltration/inflow correction
    - Enhancement of collection system, pump station, or treatment facility capacity for the purposes of mitigating SSOs
    - Real-time control systems for SSO management
    - Other capital projects for the purposes of mitigating or preventing the impact of stormwater on wastewater collection
    - Planning and design activity related to an eligible capital project
3. Stormwater and Subsurface Drainage Water: assistance may be provided to any municipality or municipal entity for planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse stormwater. Eligible gray and green infrastructure projects may include:
    - Gray Infrastructure as defined as conventional piped drainage and water treatment systems designed to move urban stormwater away from the built environment. Examples include:
        - Traditional pipe, storage, and treatment systems

    - Collection and treatment systems for reuse
    - Real-time control systems for CSO management
    - Sediment controls
    - Planning and design activity related to an eligible capital project
- Green infrastructure as defined as the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspirate stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters. Examples include:
    - Green roofs, blue roofs, green streets, and green walls
    - Rainwater harvesting collection, storage, management, and distribution systems
    - Real-time control systems for harvested rainwater
    - Infiltration basins
    - Constructed wetlands, including surface flow and subsurface flow (e.g., gravel) wetlands
    - Bioretention/bioswales (e.g., rain gardens, tree boxes)
    - Permeable pavement
    - Wetland/riparian/shoreline creation, protection, and restoration - Establishment/restoration of urban tree canopy
    - Replacement of gray infrastructure with green infrastructure including purchase and demolition costs
    - Planning and design activity related to an eligible capital project
- Other capital projects for the purposes of mitigating or preventing the impact of stormwater on wastewater collection or treatment

States are required to prioritize funding projects for communities that are financially distressed, have a long-term municipal CSO or SSO control plan, or for projects that have requested a grant on their Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan. The funded activities should support EPA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

To the extent that eligible projects are available, at least 20 percent of a state's allocation must be used for green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency improvements, and other environmentally innovative activities. States may apply up to four percent of their allotment towards their administrative expenses.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible recipients are states and U.S territories including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Eligible sub-awardees are municipalities or municipal entities.

Funding

In FY 2024, $41 million is available to support 56 formula allocations to U.S. states and territories. EPA developed the allotment formula for the program to best address CSOs, SSOs, and stormwater needs for each state, as determined by the data from the latest Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, along with supplemental data on population, urban population, and precipitation.

The project period should be no more than four years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The Federal share for awards is 80% of the total award. Recipients must provide a non-federal cost share/match for the remaining 20% of the total award. The non-Federal share of the cost may include public and private funds and in-kind services, and financial assistance, including loans, from a state water pollution control revolving fund (CWSRF).

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https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program

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

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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

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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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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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