



Status of WaterSMART Program Funding Opportunities

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| <p>Water and Energy Efficiency Grants</p> <p>On-the-ground water management improvement projects, including projects that conserve water and address water supply reliability.</p> <p>Program Contact: Josh German jgerman@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Category A Applicants: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority.</p> <p>Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described above.</p> <p>Applicants must be located in the Western United States or United States Territories specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (the "17 Western States"), Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p> | <p>Up to \$500,000 for projects to be completed within two years; up to \$2 million for projects to be completed within three years; and up to \$5 million for large projects to be completed within three years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p> | <p>Reclamation's FY 2022 and FY 2023 spend plans for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding together include \$310 million for these funding opportunities.</p> <p>Consistent with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 25% of that amount is designated for Environmental Water Resources Projects that improve natural infrastructure.</p> | <p>FY23 selections were announced on April 21, 2023. 84 projects were selected to receive \$140 million in federal funding, including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.</p> <p>FY24 Funding Opportunity is expected September 2023.</p> |
| <p>Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects</p> <p>Small water efficiency improvements that have been identified through previous planning efforts.</p> <p>Program Contact: Nickie McCann nmccann@usbr.gov</p> | | <p>Up to \$100,000 for projects to be completed within two years. Total project costs should generally be less than \$225,000.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p> | <p>\$38 million available for cooperative watershed management projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in FY 2022 and FY 2023 is also being allocated through the Environmental Water Resources Projects funding opportunity.</p> | <p>FY22 selections were announced on January 5, 2023. 82 projects were selected to receive \$7 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.</p> <p>FY23 Funding Opportunity is expected September 2023.</p> |
| <p>Drought Resiliency Projects</p> <p>Funding for on-the-ground projects and modeling tools that will increase water reliability and improve water management.</p> <p>Program Contact: Sheri Looper slooper@usbr.gov</p> | | <p>Up to \$500,000 for projects to be completed within two years; up to \$2 million for projects to be completed within three years; and up to \$5 million for large projects to be completed within three years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p> <p>NEW Task D Projects: Construction of domestic water supply projects for Tribes or disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water supplies. Up to \$10,000,000 for projects to be completed within three years. 5% Non-Federal cost share with possible waiver available.</p> | <p>These funding opportunities are also being used to allocate available FY 2023 appropriations. Each funding opportunity includes further details.</p> | <p>FY23 selections were announced on December 22, 2022. 36 projects were selected to receive \$84.7 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.</p> <p>FY24 Funding Opportunity was posted August 7, 2023. Applications are due October 31, 2023.</p> |
| <p>Environmental Water Resources Projects</p> <p>Environmental Water Resources Projects, including water conservation and efficiency projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings and benefit ecological values; water management or infrastructure improvements to mitigate drought-related impacts to ecological values; and watershed management or restoration projects benefitting ecological values that have a nexus to water resources or water resources management.</p> <p>Program Contacts: Robin Graber rgraber@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Applicant eligibility is as described above with the addition of Category C Applicants as described below.</p> <p>Category C Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations submitting an application for a project to improve the condition of a natural feature without a Category A partner must demonstrate that entities described in Category A in the applicable service area have been notified of the project and do not object.</p> | <p>Up to \$3 million for projects to be completed within three years. Total project costs should not exceed \$6 million.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 25 - 50%</p> | | <p>A Funding Opportunity to allocate FY23 and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding was posted on grants.gov on January 24, 2023.</p> <p>Applications received by April 5, 2023, are currently under review. Selections are expected October 2023.</p> |
| <p>Applied Science Grants</p> <p>Projects to develop hydrologic information and water management tools and to improve modeling and forecasting capabilities.</p> <p>Program Contacts: Avra Morgan aomorgan@usbr.gov Nickie McCann nmccann@usbr.gov</p> | <p>States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, universities, non-profit research institutions, organizations with water or power delivery authority, or non-profit organizations located in the 17 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p> | <p>Up to \$400,000 per agreement for a project that can be completed within two years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 25 - 50%</p> | | <p>The FY23 Funding Opportunity was posted on grants.gov on June 28, 2023 and closes on October 17, 2023.</p> |
| <p>Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program</p> <p>Funding for the study, design and construction of aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and are for the purpose of improving the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration and improved fish passage.</p> <p>Program Contacts: Avra Morgan aomorgan@usbr.gov Irene Hoiby ihoiby@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Category A Applicants: States, Tribes, irrigation districts, or water districts, state, regional, or local authorities, agencies established under State law for the joint exercise of powers, and other entities or organizations that own a dam that is eligible for upgrade or modification located in the 17 Western States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.</p> <p>Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A, with respect to a project involving land or infrastructure owned by the Category A entity.</p> | <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 35%</p> | <p>Approximately \$95 million available for aquatic ecosystem restoration projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in FY2023 and FY2024 (including funding for Section 40904 Multi-Benefit Projects To Improve Watershed Health) will be provided through this Funding Opportunity.</p> | <p>A Funding Opportunity to allocate FY23 and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding was posted on grants.gov on March 14, 2023.</p> <p>Proposals for the first application submission period were due June 1, 2023, and are currently being evaluated.</p> <p>Proposals for the second application submission period are due on January 24, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Cooperative Watershed Management Program - Phase I</p> <p>Watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design.</p> <p>Program Contact: Robin Graber rgraber@usbr.gov</p> | <p>States, Indian tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts), local governmental entities, and non-profit organizations that are located in the 17 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p> | <p>Up to \$300,000 may be awarded to an applicant per year, for a period of up to three years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: No non-Federal cost-share required.</p> | <p>The FY23 and FY24 Funding Opportunity is being used to allocate FY23 and FY24 appropriations and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.</p> | <p>FY23 and FY24 Funding Opportunity was posted August 7, 2023. First round of applications are due by December 5, 2023; second round of applications are due by September 4, 2024.</p> |

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| <p>Planning and Project Design Grants</p> <p>Collaborative planning and design projects to support water management improvements, include the following activities:</p> <p>Water Strategy Grants (WSG): Projects to conduct planning to support water management solutions, such as water marketing, water conservation, drought resilience, and ecological resilience</p> <p>Project Design Grants (PDG): Projects to develop the final design of on-the-ground water management construction and restoration projects.</p> <p>Drought Contingency Planning (DCP): Projects to develop a new or update an existing Drought Contingency Plan.</p> <p>Program Contacts: WSG Irene Hoiby ihoiby@usbr.gov PDG Avra Morgan nmccann@usbr.gov DCP Sheri Looper slooper@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Category A Applicants: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority.</p> <p>Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described above.</p> <p>Applicants must be located in the 17 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Note: Drought Contingency Planning funding is limited to Category A and applicants located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.</p> | <p>Up to \$400,000 for projects that can be completed within 3 years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 25 - 50%</p> | <p>Approximately \$35 million in available program funds, including BIL funding (including funding for Section 40904 Multi-Benefit Projects To Improve Watershed Health) will be provided through this Funding Opportunity.</p> | <p>NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FY23 Funding Opportunity was posted August 7, 2023. Applications are due October 17, 2023.</p> <p>Separate funding opportunities for Water Marketing and Drought Contingency Planning are consolidated into this Funding Opportunity as project types. In addition, this Funding Opportunity includes a new project type for final project design.</p> |
| <p>Title XVI Authorized Projects</p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of specific congressionally authorized water recycling and reuse projects.</p> <p>Program Contact: Maribeth Menendez mmenendez@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects specifically authorized for funding under Title XVI of P.L. 102-575.</p> | <p>Federal funding is limited to 25% of the total project cost, up to \$20 million, unless otherwise specified by Congress.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p> | <p>Funding opportunities planned for September 2023 will be used to allocate up to \$179 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and a portion of \$60 million in annual appropriations for this program.</p> | <p>FY22 selections were announced August 18, 2022. 25 water reuse projects were selected to receive \$310 million in federal funding, including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.</p> <p>The next Funding Opportunity is expected September 2023.</p> |
| <p>Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects</p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of WIIN Act water recycling and reuse projects.</p> <p>Program Contact: Maribeth Menendez mmenendez@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects with completed feasibility studies that have been submitted to Reclamation for review.</p> <p>Entities must be located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.</p> | <p>Federal funding is limited to 25% of the total project cost, up to \$30 million.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p> | | <p>The next Funding Opportunity is expected September 2023.</p> |
| <p>Desalination Construction</p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of WIIN Act brackish groundwater and ocean desalination projects.</p> <p>Program Contact: Maribeth Menendez mmenendez@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Sponsors of desalination projects with completed feasibility studies that have been submitted to Reclamation for review.</p> <p>Entities must be located in the 17 western states.</p> | <p>Federal funding is limited to 25% of the total project cost, up to \$30 million.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p> | <p>The funding opportunity planned for August 2023 will be used to allocate over \$30 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and \$12 million in annual appropriations for this program, along with other available program funding.</p> | <p>The next Funding Opportunity is expected September 2023.</p> |
| <p>Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects</p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects with a total project cost greater than \$500 million.</p> <p>Program Contact: Maribeth Menendez mmenendez@usbr.gov</p> | <p>Sponsors of water recycling projects with a total project cost greater than \$500 million with completed feasibility studies that have been submitted to Reclamation for review.</p> <p>Entities must be located in the 17 Western States.</p> | <p>Federal funding is limited to 25% of the total project cost.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p> | <p>The FY23 BIL spend plan includes \$50 million for these projects.</p> | <p>FY23 Funding Opportunity to allocate Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is expected August 2023.</p> |
| <p>Water Recycling and Desalination Planning</p> <p>Funding for planning and pre-construction activities, including the development of water recycling and desalination feasibility studies, to facilitate project development under the Title XVI Program, the Desalination Construction Program, and the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program.</p> <p>Program Contact: Maribeth Menendez mmenendez@usbr.gov</p> | <p>States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; and any state, regional, or local authority located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.</p> | <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater for planning and pre-construction activities for Title XVI and Desalination Construction projects.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater for planning and pre-construction activities for Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects with an anticipated total project cost greater than \$500 million.</p> | <p>Approximately \$30 million in available program funds will be provided through this Funding Opportunity</p> | <p>FY23 Funding Opportunity was posted on grants.gov on December 23, 2022.</p> <p>Applications received by February 28, 2023, are currently under review. Selections are expected September 2023.</p> |

This table is intended as a summary of programs including some basic program requirements.

Refer to each Notice of Funding Opportunity for details on program requirements, eligible projects, eligible applicants, and cost share.

For the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianan Islands, all non-federal cost-share requirements are waived per Public Law 96-205, title VI, section 601, as amended, in conjunction with 48 U.S.C. § 1469a(d).