

ARKANSAS' FEDERAL WATER FUNDING

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The EPA's Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF and CWSRF) represent the nation's largest federal investment in drinking and wastewater infrastructure, enabling states to better meet urgent water system needs in their communities. In recent years, \$435 million in SRF funds has helped Arkansas address a portion of its \$13.2 billion in infrastructure investment needs.

Arkansas has relied on \$435 million in SRF support since 2022

Since 2022, Arkansas has been allotted **\$345.5 million** for the state's DWSRF, including **\$162 million** to replace lead pipelines, and **\$89.9 million** for the state's CWSRF. These funds have supported projects like the Western Corridor Pipeline in the Beaver Water District, improving drinking water reliability for Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, and Bentonville, and the regionalization of Bethel Heights' wastewater into Springdale's system, an EPA-recognized project that made wastewater management in Northwest Arkansas more efficient, reliable, and environmentally beneficial. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission is receiving an [estimated \\$16.6 million](#) set-aside to support program administration.

Federal support for the SRFs has increased since 2022



An additional \$43 billion was appropriated for the SRFs by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and is being distributed annually between 2022 and 2026.

Source: [Water Program Portal's](#) Outcome Dashboard and EPA's State DWSRF and CWSRF Allotments (2022-2025).

\$13.2 billion in future water infrastructure needs

Per the latest [Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment](#) and [Clean Watershed Needs Survey](#), Arkansas is anticipated to need **\$7.7 billion** in drinking water investments and **\$5.5 billion** in wastewater investments over the next two decades. The federal investments over the last four years help address about **3.3 percent** of this gap, but further funding is required to maintain the state's water systems.