

RHODE ISLAND'S FEDERAL WATER FUNDING

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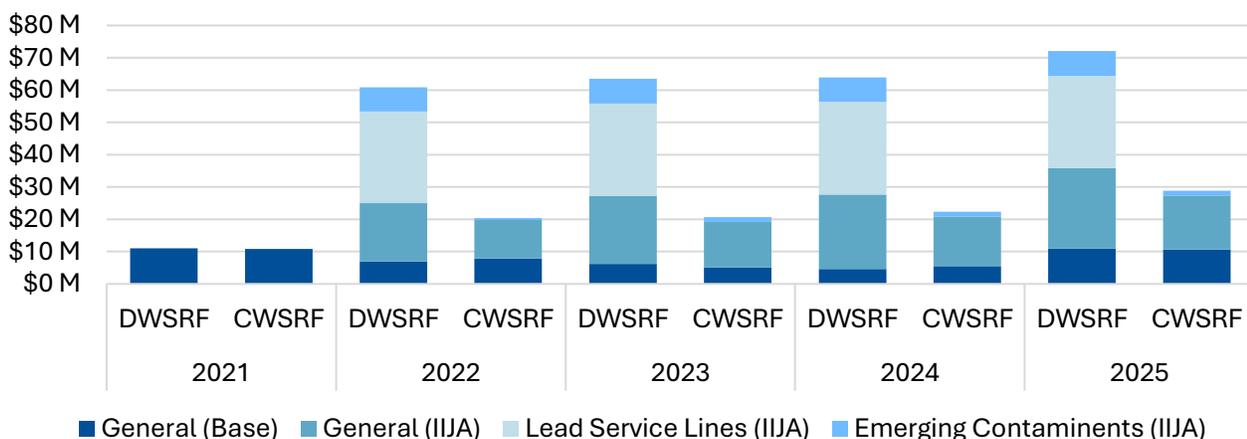


The EPA's Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF and CWSRF) represent the nation's largest federal investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, enabling states to better meet urgent water system needs in their communities. In recent years, \$353 million in SRF funds has helped Rhode Island address a portion of its \$4.3 billion in infrastructure investment needs.

Rhode Island has relied on \$353 million in SRF support since 2022

Since 2022, Rhode Island has been allotted **\$260 million** for the state's DWSRF, including **\$114 million** to replace lead pipelines, and **\$92 million** for the state's CWSRF. These funds have supported local projects including the replacement of lead service lines throughout Providence, and the implementation of Narragansett Bay Commission's Capital Improvement Program, upgrading aging infrastructure, meeting stricter environmental regulations, and incorporating new technology. Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank is receiving an [estimated \\$9.6 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).

\$4.3 billion in future water infrastructure needs

Per the latest [Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment](#) and [Clean Watershed Needs Survey](#), Rhode Island is anticipated to need **\$1.8 billion** in drinking water investments and **\$2.5 billion** in wastewater investments over the next two decades. The federal investments over the last four years help address **8.2 percent** of this gap, but further funding is required to maintain the state's water systems.