SOUTH CAROLINA'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, $450 million in SRF funds has helped South Carolina address a portion of its $15.5 billion in infrastructure investment needs.

South Carolina has relied on $450 million in SRF support since 2022

Since 2022, South Carolina has been allotted **$310 million** for the state's DWSRF, including **$128 million** to replace lead pipelines, and **$141 million** for the state's CWSRF. These funds have supported local projects including the Fayetteville Public Works Commission's construction of new facilities at the P.O. Hoffer/Glenville Lake Water Treatment Plant that will treat emerging contaminants like PFAS, and the construction of new wastewater treatment infrastructure that will remove pollutants to protect ecosystems at Myrtle Beach. South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Financing Authority is receiving an estimated **$12 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).

$15.5 billion in future water infrastructure needs

Per the latest Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment and Clean Watershed Needs Survey, South Carolina is anticipated to need **$8.1 billion** in drinking water investments and **$7.4 billion** in wastewater investments over the next two decades. The federal investments over the last four years help address **2.9 percent** of this gap, but further funding is required to maintain the state's water systems.