

# 2024

# HANDBOOK



## California Financing Coordinating Committee

# Spring Funding Fair

*Seeking Funding For Your Infrastructure Project?*





# MISSION STATEMENT

## Infrastructure Financing for the 21st Century

The purpose of the California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) is to foster cooperation among the many funding agencies that administer water, wastewater, and other public infrastructure needs. The CFCC encourages the efficient use of funds by reducing administrative costs for recipients and funding agencies and evaluating methods for improved performance. CFCC members provide a forum to resolve State and federal program requirement conflicts that may make multi-funded projects difficult to administer. Additionally, funding fairs provide the CFCC with an opportunity to present current program information to the public. Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak with program staff directly.



### What is CFCC?

Formed in 1998, CFCC composed of many State, federal, and local agencies. CFCC members facilitate and expedite the completion of various types of infrastructure projects helping customers combine the resources of different agencies. Project information is shared between members in support of identifying additional resources. Each year, CFCC members conduct free funding fairs to educate the public and potential customers about the different member agencies and the financial and technical resources available.

### Who Should Attend

Representatives from water industry professionals, public works, local governments, and California Native American Tribes should attend. This includes city managers and planners, economic development and engineering professionals, officials from privately owned facilities, water and irrigation district managers, financial advisors, and project consultants.

### Eligible Project Types

CFCC agencies fund the following types of eligible infrastructure projects: drinking water, wastewater, water quality, water supply, water conservation, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, and flood management. Some of the participating agencies also fund other types of infrastructure projects including streets and highways, emergency response vehicles, and community facilities.

## CFCC Information

Please visit the CFCC website at [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov) for the CFCC member directory and general information.



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## State Agencies

**California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery**

**California Department of Water Resources**

**California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch**

**California Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program**

**California Infrastructure and Economic Bank**

**California State Water Resources Control Board**

**California Strategic Growth Council**





# California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle)

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers competitive funding opportunities for projects that help California reach its climate change goals and administers loan programs based on statute to assist recycling manufacturers in waste reduction and build climate change initiative infrastructure.



For more information on available funding opportunities, see the resources below:

**Website:** [CalRecycle.ca.gov](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov)

**CalRecycle Funding Opportunities:** [CalRecycle Funding](#)

**Listserv:** [www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/listservs](http://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/listservs)

Subscribe to a program listserv to be notified when funding becomes available.

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# California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is committed to offering financial assistance to sustainably manage the water resources of California. DWR financial assistance programs support integrated water management activities that address public safety, environmental stewardship, water supply reliability, and economic stability. Funded projects include ecosystem restoration, groundwater sustainability, stormwater capture and reuse, flood risk reduction, water supply and quality management, water recycling, water conservation, coastal, alluvial, decision support tools, and operational efficiency.



**Website:** [California Department of Water Resources](https://www.water.ca.gov)

**Grants and Loans Website:** [Grants and Loans](https://www.water.ca.gov/grants-loans)

**Contact:** [funding@water.ca.gov](mailto:funding@water.ca.gov)

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## DWR Financial Assistance Programs

- Riverine Stewardship Program
- Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program
- Water Desalination Grant Program

## Riverine Stewardship Program

**Purpose:** The Riverine Stewardship Program supports fish passage improvements and other similar projects to accomplish increased ecological, stream management, climate, and community improvement benefits. The Riverine Stewardship Programs goals include:

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- Protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural environment of riparian systems.
- Supporting innovations in green infrastructure that support fish migration improvements, and habitat enhancement that benefit aquatic species, by reconnecting aquatic habitat to help fish and wildlife endure drought and adapt to climate change.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$6.48 million.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications will be accepted until funds are depleted.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Tribes.
- Local public agencies.
- Certified nonprofits.

Eligible projects include:

- Habitat improvement efforts such as gravel injection.
- Innovative fish passage solutions that remove barriers.
- Innovative solutions that improve water conveyance within riverine habitats.

**Additional requirements:** Projects must be within the “Delta export service area” or within a county in the Association of Bay Area Governments. Eligible projects must support habitat restoration and green infrastructure designs and solutions that improve water quality and supply consistent with California Water Code (Water Code) section 79205.6.

**How to apply:** All applicants are encouraged to submit their applications electronically using the [DWR Grants Review and Tracking System](#) (GRanTS), available online.

**Website:** [Riverine Stewardship Program: Grants](#)

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**Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Program is to provide State funding for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing State-jurisdictional dams and associated facilities that were in service prior to January 1, 2023.

**Funding availability:**

- **Type:** Grant
- **Total funding available:** \$47,500,000
- **Cost share:** 50%. Applicants may propose a reduced local cost-share if the project would cause extreme financial hardship to the grant recipient and if the dam poses an unacceptable public safety risk.

**Terms/dates:**

- **Applications Open:** June 2024
- **Application submission deadline:** July 2024
- **Expected awards:** August 2024

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Business
- Individual
- Nonprofit
- Other Legal Entity
- Public Agency

Dam safety and climate resilience projects eligible to receive funding under the program include the following:

- Dam repairs to allow water storage to full capacity.

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- New spillway and spillway repair projects at existing dams.
- Dam and reservoir seismic retrofit projects.
- Enhancement of water supply and downstream flood risk reduction, such as implementation of forecast-informed reservoir operations.
- One-time projects to remove sediment resulting from wildfires or extraordinary storm events.
- Improvements to dam appurtenances to address dam safety-related deficiencies identified by the department.

### **Ineligible uses:**

DWR shall not award any funds under this section for raising dams, increasing reservoir space, or otherwise increasing water impoundment.

### **Additional requirements:**

Dam safety and climate resilience projects must provide one or more of the following public benefits, in order of priority:

- Protection of public safety.
- Restoration of water storage.
- Flood risk reduction.
- Enhancement of water supply reliability.
- Enhancement, protection, or restoration of habitat for fish and wildlife.
- Protection of water quality.

Additionally, to be eligible for Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Program funds, the following conditions must be met:

- The dam must be a California State jurisdictional dam.
- The dam must have a downstream hazard classification, as determined by Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD), of Significant, High, or Extremely High.
- The dam must be in compliance with California's Dam Safety Program (e.g., California Water Code, Division 3, Part 1 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 1).
- The dam owner must not have any delinquent annual DSOD fees.

**How to apply:** Information forthcoming; please refer to the Proposal Solicitation Package for information on how to apply.

**Website:** [Dam Safety and Enhancements Grant Program](#)

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## Water Desalination Grant Program

Purpose: The objective of the Water Desalination Grant Program is to provide grant funds to eligible applicants for the planning, design, and construction of projects to desalinate naturally occurring brackish and ocean water for potable water supply. The focus of the program is on the development of potable water for municipal uses.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant
- Total funding available: \$1,000,000.
- Cost share: 50/50
- Minimum award: \$1,000,000.
- Maximum award: \$1,000,000.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications open: September 18, 2024.
- Application submission deadline: September 19, 2024, at 5 p.m.
- Expected awards: February 2025.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Public agencies (city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, a State agency or department, or other State political subdivision).
- Nonprofit organizations (qualified under Section 501 (c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code).
- Native American Tribes (including both State Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List, and federally recognized Tribes).

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- Investor-owned utilities regulated under Public Utilities Code section 216.
- Mutual water companies.

Eligible projects include construction or design pilots for a water desalination facility that desalinate naturally occurring brackish and ocean water.

The following project types are ineligible for funding:

- Wastewater treatment, recycled water treatment, and the potable reuse of recycled water.
- Projects that treat impaired waters or agricultural drainage water that are intended primarily for the removal of chemicals other than salinity, even if the technology employed is one commonly used for water desalination.
- Project for reconnaissance-level master plans.
- Any project that could adversely impact a wild and scenic river, or any river afforded protection under the California or Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Water Code section 79711 (e)).
- Design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities (Water Code section 79710 (a)).

**Other information:** Continuous Application Process Group 6 (CAP6).

**How to apply:** Applications must be submitted electronically using the online DWR [GRanTS](#) system.

**Website:** [Water Desalination Grant Program](#)

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# California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

## Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Branch

Cal OES serves as the State's leadership hub during all major emergencies and disasters. This includes responding, directing, and coordinating State and federal resources and mutual aid assets across all regions to support the diverse communities across the state.



**Website:** [Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs](#)

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### Social Media



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## Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

**Purpose:** The Cal OES Hazard Mitigation (HM) section is responsible for supporting State and local mitigation efforts to reduce the negative impacts of future disasters on lives, property, and the environment.

### Funding Programs:

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** Funding for California hazard mitigation actions. Available after federal major disaster declarations. Ongoing acceptance of proposals (Notices of Interest [NOIs]).
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** Annual, nationally competitive program funding mitigation actions. Process starts each year in fall.

- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** Annual, nationally competitive program funding mitigation actions that protect properties insured by National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Process starts each year in fall.
- **FMA Swift Current:** provides funding to mitigate buildings insured through the National Flood Insurance Program after a major disaster declaration following a flood-related disaster event to reduce risk against future flood damage.
- Type: Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs
- Total funding available: Varies depending on disaster declarations or annual competitive grant programs.
- Cost share: 75/25.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: N/A.

**Terms/dates:**

- Cal OES HM continuously accepts NOIs for consideration in the next available funding opportunity. NOIs for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) updates or LHMP development are prioritized and will be prioritized for early submission in current Funding Opportunities, subject to available funding. We encourage your organization to submit NOIs at your earliest convenience for consideration.
- Applications open: Varies depending on disaster declarations or annual competitive grant programs.
- Application submission deadline: Cal OES HM continuously accepts NOI applications that can be applied to the next open funding opportunity.
- Expected awards: Dependent.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- State agency.
- Local government.
- Federally recognized tribal governments.
- Eligible private or nonprofit organization that applies for assistance under the HMGP program.

**Eligible projects:** Subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted LHMP to be eligible for project grants. If your agency or jurisdiction does not have an LHMP, you may apply for grant funding to develop one. Some private nonprofit organizations are eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding.

**How to apply:** Subapplicants interested in any of the HM programs must submit an NOI via the Cal OES Engage portal prior to submitting a subapplication.

You can also sign up for our [listserv](#) about HM Program Updates and Notifications, or join the online [Cal OES Community Portal](#).

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# California Governor's Office of Planning and Research



# ICARP

INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCY PROGRAM

## Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program

The Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) ([Public Resource Code 71350-71360](#)) drives California's response to climate impacts, prioritizing equitable approaches that integrate mitigation and adaptation. ICARP's home within the [Governor's Office of Planning and Research](#) (OPR) enables the State to coordinate across local, regional, and State efforts to support cohesive strategies.

The ICARP Grant Programs provide funding to help fill local, regional, and Tribal adaptation planning and resilience needs, provide resources, and support the development of a pipeline of climate-resilient projects.

**Website:** [Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program](#)

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## ICARP Grant Programs

- Adaptation Planning Grant Program
- Regional Resilience Grant Program
- Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

### Adaptation Planning Grant Program

**Purpose:** The Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP) leverages \$20 million to fund local, regional, and Tribal communities in integrated climate adaptation planning. By facilitating climate adaptation planning, APGP supports the development of climate-resilient projects across the state. The grant funds will be awarded through a competitive solicitation process. A total of \$8 million was available for the first round of funding and \$9.5 million will be available for Round 2.

#### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Minimum award: \$100,000.
- Maximum award: \$650,000.

#### Terms/dates:

Round 1:

- June 2023 – Round 1 awards announced.
- January 31, 2026 – Round 1 anticipated end date.
- June 30, 2026 – Round 1 invoice deadline.

Round 2:

- Spring 2024 – Round 2 application window.
- Fall 2024 – Round 2 awards announced.
- January 31, 2027 – Round 2 anticipated end date.
- June 30, 2027 – Round 2 invoice deadline.

#### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include local public entities, California Native American Tribes, community-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations.



Eligible planning projects should fit into one or more of the four phases identified in the *California Adaptation Planning Guide* (2020). Examples of planning eligible activities include:

- Identifying climate resilience priorities.
- Engaging in integrated climate planning.
- Planning social and physical climate-resilient infrastructure projects.
- Strengthening local coordination, leadership, knowledge, and skills to implement co-beneficial projects and increase access to additional State and federal funding.

Eligible uses:

- Staff costs.
- Program meeting/workshop attendance.
- Travel costs.
- Language and information access.
- Evaluation activities.
- Engagement, outreach, education, and training.
- New partnerships.
- Indirect administrative costs.

Ineligible Uses:

- Implementation of construction projects, including:
  - Direct and indirect construction costs.
  - Initiation documents.
  - Engineering plans and design specification work.
  - Capital costs or maintenance costs.
- Legislative lobbying and lawsuits.
- Environmental studies, documents or other activities conducted to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Website:** [Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#)

**Contact information:**

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**Regional Resilience Grant Program**

**Purpose:** The ICARP Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program (Regional Resilience Grant Program, or RRGP) will fund public entities, California Native American Tribes, community-based organizations, and academic institutions that form regional partnerships to plan and implement projects that advance climate resilience and respond to the greatest climate risks in their regions.

**Funding availability:**

\$21.8M awarded in 2023, Round 1

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Local public entities.
- California Native American Tribes.
- Community-based organizations.
- Nonprofits.

Eligible projects include:

- Planning
  - Amending, updating, integrating, aligning, or preparing one or more State-required, regional, or local planning documents to address climate risk.
  - Capacity-building related to regional climate resiliency planning.
  - Conducting regional-scale climate resilience studies.
- Implementation
  - Implementing State, regional, or local adaptation strategies or planning documents that address climate risk.
  - Capacity-building related to implementing regional climate resiliency projects.

- Implementing projects that address various climate risks (e.g., drought, extreme heat events, flood, increasing temperatures, sea level rise, and wildfire).
- Ineligible activities:
  - Legislative lobbying and lawsuits.
  - Environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under CEQA or NEPA.

**More Information:** Visit the [Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program](#) webpage for updates.

**Website:** [Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program](#)

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## Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

**Purpose:** This Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EBCRP) funds and planning and implementation efforts to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and build community resilience. EBCRP will invest in and provide support for local, regional, and Tribal projects that strengthen heat vulnerable communities and create frameworks to reduce the risks of extreme heat events and the [urban heat island effect](#).

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$20 Million in Round 1
- Minimum award:

Small planning: \$100,000; Large planning: \$300,000

Small implementation: \$100,000; Large implementation: \$500,000

**Terms/dates:**

- April 14, 2023: Program launch at ICARP Technical Advisory Council meeting.
- April–June 2023: Listening sessions and engagement.

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- July–December 2023: Guideline development and comment period
- January–March 2024 (anticipated): Application launch.
- May 7, 2024: Application due.
- Summer 2024: Round 1 awards.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include local public entities, California Native American Tribes, community-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations.

EHCRP funds a wide range of planning and implementation projects related to extreme heat and community resilience. Planning projects include, but are not limited to, development of comprehensive extreme heat action plans or other planning documents, capacity building and partnership development, and studies. Implementation projects include, but are not limited to, communications campaigns and community programs, providing mechanical or natural shade, increasing building and surface reflectance, providing passive or low-energy cooling strategies, and promoting evaporative cooling.

Eligible Uses:

Planning of extreme heat-related projects, including:

- Adopting strategies, including (but not limited to) heat action plans.
- Amending, updating, integrating, aligning, or preparing local, Tribal, or regional planning documents to address extreme heat.
- Capacity-building related to extreme heat resiliency planning.

Implementation of extreme heat related projects, including:

- Projects that mitigate the impacts of extreme heat or the urban heat island.
- Communications campaigns and community programs.
- Providing mechanical or natural shade.
- Increasing building and surface reflectance.
- Providing passive or low-energy cooling strategies.

Ineligible Uses:

- Legislative lobbying and lawsuits.
- Environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under CEQA or NEPA.

**Website:** [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program](#)

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# California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank)

The California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) was created in 1994 to finance public infrastructure and private development that promote a healthy climate for jobs, contribute to a strong economy, and improve the quality of life for Californians in communities throughout the state.



IBank is located within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and is governed by a five-member board of directors. IBank issues tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds, provides financing to public agencies, provides credit enhancements, leverages State and federal funds, and provides loan guarantees and other credit enhancements for small businesses.

**Website:** [IBank, California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank](https://www.ibank.ca.gov)

**Contact:** [ibank@ibank.ca.gov](mailto:ibank@ibank.ca.gov)

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## Infrastructure State Revolving Loan Fund

**Purpose:** IBank's Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund provides low-cost, direct loans to local governments for a wide variety of public infrastructure and economic expansion projects that improve and sustain communities, helping individuals and families thrive. We focus on small and mid-sized local governments and special districts — including those in underserved regions and communities. Our infrastructure loans can be used for a wide variety of projects — including organic waste recycling facilities, water and wastewater treatment plant upgrades or construction, airport projects, city halls, convention centers, community centers, street repairs, and housing-related infrastructure. Financing is available in amounts ranging from \$1 million to \$65 million with loan terms for the useful life of the project up to 30 years.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Loan.
- Cost share: Eligible projects may have other sources of financing or funding.
- Minimum loan amount: \$1 million.
- Maximum loan amount: \$65 million.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include any subdivision of a local government, including cities, counties, special districts, assessment districts, joint powers authorities and nonprofit corporations (as deemed eligible) within California.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Organic waste recycling facilities.
- Housing-related infrastructure.
- City streets.
- State or county highways.
- Drainage, water supply, and flood control.
- Educational facilities.
- Environmental mitigation measures.
- Goods movement-related infrastructure.
- Parks and recreational facilities.
- Port facilities.
- Power and communications facilities.
- Public transit.
- Sewage collection and treatment.
- Solid waste collection and disposal.
- Water treatment and distribution.
- Defense conversion.
- Public safety facilities.



- Military infrastructure.
- Economic development facilities.

Eligible costs for financing include:

- All or any part of the cost of construction, renovation, and acquisition of all lands, structures, real or personal property.
- Rights, rights of way, franchises, licenses, easements, and interests acquired or used for a project.
- The cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which the buildings or structures may be moved.
- The cost of machinery and equipment.
- Provisions for working capital.
- Other expenses necessary or incidental to determining the feasibility of any project or incidental to the construction, acquisition, or financing of any project.
- The cost of architectural, engineering, financial and legal services, plans, specifications, estimates, and administrative expenses.
- Interest prior to, during, and for a period after, completion of construction, renovation, or acquisition, as determined by the IBank.
- Reserves for principal and interest and for extensions, enlargements, additions, replacement, renovations, and improvements.

**How to apply:** [Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Intake Form](#)

**Website:** [Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program](#)

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# California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), collectively known as the California Water Boards (Water Boards), are dedicated to a single vision: abundant clean water for human uses and environmental protection to sustain California's future. Under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the State's pioneering Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State and Regional Water Boards have regulatory responsibility for protecting the water quality of nearly 1.6 million acres of lakes, 1.3 million acres of bays and estuaries, 211,000 miles of rivers and streams, and approximately 1,100 miles of exquisite California coastline.



**Website:** [State Water Resources Control Board](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov)

## Contact information:

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## Drinking Water Funding Programs

- Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program (BWFS)
- Cleanup and Abatement – Urgent Drinking Water Needs
- Countywide and Regional Funding Programs
- Drinking Water Assistance for Households
- Domestic Water Wells and State Smalls Programs
- Direct Operation and Maintenance Funding Program
- Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program
- Drinking Water State Revolving Funding (DWSRF)
- Emergency Drinking Water/Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA)
- Expedited Drinking Water Grant (EDWG) Funding Program
- Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Funding Program

## Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program

**Purpose:** This program provides funding for Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) to establish and implement a program for the purchase and delivery of bottled drinking water for public schools with a water quality or water supply issue.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: Schools are eligible for up to one quarter of a gallon of bottled drinking water per student and staff per school day.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: None.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Other deadlines: Current work completion date is February 28, 2026.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include schools serving kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12, and preschools and child day care facilities, located on public school property statewide. Schools must have a documented water quality or water supply issue.

Eligible projects include purchase and delivery of bottled drinking water, as well as dispensers.

**Process Overview:** The program is administered by RCAC, who works directly with vendors to set up and manage delivery of bottled drinking water to approved schools. Approved schools will be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with RCAC before deliveries can be made.

**How to apply:** RCAC will assist interested schools with the application process, which requires details about the water quality or supply issue, information on school enrollment, and plans for a long-term solution. Interested schools can contact RCAC directly via [agua4all@rcac.org](mailto:agua4all@rcac.org) to start the application process. Once the application is complete, RCAC will send the application to the State Water Board for a funding decision.

**Website:** [Bottled Water for Schools](#)

**Contact information:**

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**Cleanup and Abatement – Urgent Drinking Water Needs**

**Purpose:** Program funding to assist water systems and individual households to address drought-related drinking water emergencies.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant and Loan.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: \$500,000 per project for routine non-controversial projects. Any non-routine or controversial projects, or CAA approvals exceeding \$500,000 per project, will require State Water Board approval.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include entities serving disadvantage communities (DACs) are eligible to apply for funding:

- A public agency, including regional water resources control boards.
- Community water systems.
- Not-for-profit organizations.
- Tribal governments that are DACs and are included in the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission.

Eligible projects include, but not limited to:

- Provision of interim alternate water supplies, such as bottled or hauled water.
- Emergency improvements or repairs to existing water systems as necessary to provide an adequate supply of domestic water. Improvements or repairs typically will be funded only if shown to be a more cost-effective interim solution rather than provision of interim alternate water supplies. Eligible improvements or repairs include, but are not limited to:
  - Well rehabilitation or replacement.
  - Emergency interties, extension of service, or consolidation projects.
  - Treatment systems.
  - Rented, borrowed, or purchased equipment.
  - Design, installation, and initial startup costs.

**How to apply:** To apply for funding, applicants have the following options:

1. Complete the [Urgent Drinking Water Needs Application](#) and submit it to [DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov). The local Division of Drinking Water (DDW) District Office can assist public water systems by submitting the application on behalf of a water system; or
2. Complete the funding application online via the [Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool](#) (FAAST). Select the request for proposal (RFP) titled *“Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding Application.”*

**Website:** [CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs Projects](#)

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Additional Program Contact

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## Countywide and Regional Funding Programs

**Purpose:** The State Water Board has evaluated current funding programs and identified a need for regional programs that address drought-related and contamination issues for State small water systems (State smalls) and domestic wells serving DACs and low-income households. These needs are the primary focus for this funding, but proposals may also include work to address specific needs of public water systems.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: Funding limitations are based on priorities established by the State Water Board annually adopted Funding Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, SAFER funding is prioritized for small DACs and/or low-income households.

**Terms/dates:**

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Public water systems should only be included in these proposals if the public water system(s) need county support to address urgent drought response needs. Note: Consult the Deputy Director of Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff to determine if work to support public water system needs is appropriate as part of your countywide or regional program.

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Eligible grant recipients include:

- Counties.
- Non-governmental organization on behalf of one or more counties.
- Other public agencies on behalf of one or more counties.

Recipients provide assistance to:

- Public Water Systems in need of assistance:
  - State smalls serving a DAC. State smalls are defined by having fewer than 15 service connections or 25 year-long residents.
  - Domestic wells serving a DAC.
  - Small DAC public water systems, which may include schools.

Eligible projects include:

- Assessment:
  - Community outreach.
  - Domestic well testing.
- Interim Solutions:
  - Bottled Water.
  - Tanks and hauled water.
  - Kiosk filling stations.
  - Point-of-Entry (POE) and Point-of Use (POU) installation and maintenance.
- Long-Term Solutions:
  - Well repairs and/or replacements.
  - Limited-scale consolidation (such as laterals, above-ground interties).
  - POU/POE installation and maintenance, in some cases.
  - Other urgent repairs to address urgent drinking water needs.

**How to apply:** Applications are submitted using FFAST. The solicitation in FFAST consists of multiple tabs with text boxes, pull down menus, and multiple-choice selections. Applicants will also provide additional information by uploading documents on the "Attachments" tab.

Eligible applicants should follow the steps below to submit a proposal:



Review the [County-Wide and Regional Funding Program Application and Funding Process Overview](#) online. This document provides a detailed overview of the funding available, how to apply, and the grant agreement process.

Navigate to the [FAAST website](#) to submit the application.

**Website:** [County-Wide and Regional Funding Programs](#)

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**Drinking Water Assistance for Households**

**Purpose:** This information is for individuals/households served by a domestic well or State small water system seeking assistance with domestic drinking water due to a drought-related issue. Use the table below to find the technical assistance provider who serves your area and contact them directly.

Counties Served	Services Provided	Contact Information
<b>Self-Help Enterprises</b>		
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tulare	Bottled water, tanks/hailed water, domestic well assessment / repair / replacement	Call or email the relevant contact below: <i>Dry Domestic Wells:</i> <a href="mailto:droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org">droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1685 <i>Bottled Water:</i> <a href="mailto:bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org">bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1284 <i>Well Repair/Replacement/Connection:</i> <a href="mailto:waterwells@selfhelpenterprises.org">waterwells@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1289 <i>General Drought Support:</i> <a href="mailto:droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org">droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1685

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Counties Served	Services Provided	Contact Information
<b>Community Water Center</b>		
Kern, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Ventura	Bottled water deliveries	Brandon Bollinger Email: <a href="mailto:brandon.bollinger@communitywatercenter.org">brandon.bollinger@communitywatercenter.org</a>  Watsonville Office: 831-500-2162 Sacramento Office: 916-706-3346 Visalia Office: 559-733-0219  Website: <a href="#">Community Water Center Sign Up</a>
<b>Rural Community Assistance Corporation</b>		
Statewide	Domestic well repair and replacement	Deborah Almazan Email: <a href="mailto:dalmazan@rcac.org">dalmazan@rcac.org</a> Phone: 725-221-0474  Website: <a href="#">Rural Community Assistance Corporation</a>
<b>Santa Cruz County</b>		
Santa Cruz	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair / replacement	Coming soon
<b>Shasta County</b>		
Shasta	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair / replacement, small scale connections	Email: <a href="mailto:scehd@co.shasta.ca.us">scehd@co.shasta.ca.us</a>
<b>Butte County</b>		
Butte	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair / replacement	Email: <a href="mailto:OEM@ButteCounty.net">OEM@ButteCounty.net</a> ; <a href="mailto:bcenvhealth@buttecounty.net">bcenvhealth@buttecounty.net</a>

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant

**Terms/dates:**

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Individuals/households served by a domestic well; or
- State small water system seeking assistance with domestic drinking water due to a drought-related issue.

Eligible projects\* include:

- Bottled water.
- Domestic well assessment/repair/replacement.
- Hauled water.
- Small-scale connections.
- Storage tanks.

*\* Please refer to the table above for a list of services provided by the individual technical assistance provider.*

**How to apply:** Please refer to the table above for the technical assistance provider for application guidance.

**Website:** [Drinking Water Assistance for Households](#)

**Contact information:** Please refer to the table above for the contact information for the individual technical assistance provider.

## Domestic Water Wells and State Smalls Programs

**Purpose:** This information is for disadvantaged individuals or households served by a domestic well or a State small water system seeking assistance with a water quality issue. Use the table below to find the organization who serves your area and contact them directly.

Counties Served	Services Provided	How to Apply
<b><i>Community Water Center</i></b>		
Kern, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Ventura	Well testing, bottled water	Apply online: <a href="#">Community Water Center Sign Up</a>  Brandon Bollinger Email: <a href="mailto:Brandon.bollinger@communitywatercenter.org">Brandon.bollinger@communitywatercenter.org</a>  Watsonville Office: 831-500-2162 Sacramento Office: 916-706-3346 Visalia Office: 559-733-0219
<b><i>Rural Community Assistance Corporation</i></b>		
Statewide	Well repair/ replacement	Deborah Almazan <a href="mailto:dalmazan@rcac.org">dalmazan@rcac.org</a> 725-221-0474  Website: <a href="#">Rural Community Assistance Corporation</a>
<b><i>Santa Cruz County</i></b>		
Santa Cruz	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair/ replacement, well testing, point-of-use (POU)/point-of-entry (POE) treatment devices, water sampling	Coming soon
<b><i>Shasta County</i></b>		
Shasta	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair/ replacement, well testing, water sampling, small-scale connections	Email: <a href="mailto:scehd@co.shasta.ca.us">scehd@co.shasta.ca.us</a>

Counties Served	Services Provided	How to Apply
<b><i>Self-Help Enterprises</i></b>		
Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tulare	Bottled water, tanks and hauled water, well repair/ replacement/ connection, well testing, POU/POE treatment devices	Call or email the relevant contact below: <i>Bottled Water</i> <a href="mailto:bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org">bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1284 <i>Water Quality Testing</i> <a href="mailto:waterquality@selfhelpenterprises.org">waterquality@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1285 <i>Well Repair/Replacement/Connection</i> <a href="mailto:waterwells@selfhelpenterprises.org">waterwells@selfhelpenterprises.org</a> 559-802-1289 <i>Domestic Well Flood Mitigation</i> Website: <a href="http://selfhelpenterprises.org">selfhelpenterprises.org</a>
<b><i>Valley Water Collaborative</i></b>		
Modesto and Turlock Management Zones (MZs) To check if you fall within these MZs, please visit: <a href="http://cvسالinity.org">cvسالinity.org</a>	Bottled water, well testing, POU/POE treatment devices	Apply online: <a href="http://ValleyWaterCollaborative.org">Valley Water Collaborative</a>
<b><i>Tule Basin Water Foundation</i></b>		
Tule Management Zone (MZ) To check if you fall within this MZ, please visit: <a href="http://cvسالinity.org">cvسالinity.org</a>	Bottled water, well testing, POU/POE treatment devices	Apply online: <a href="http://TuleBasinWaterFoundation.org">Tule Basin Water Foundation</a>
<b><i>Butte County</i></b>		
Butte	Bottled water, hauled water, storage tanks, well repair/ replacement	Email: <a href="mailto:OEM@ButteCounty.net">OEM@ButteCounty.net</a> <a href="mailto:bcenvhealth@buttecounty.net">bcenvhealth@buttecounty.net</a>

**Funding availability:**

- **Type:** Grant.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Disadvantaged individuals or households served by a domestic well.
- State small water system seeking assistance with a water quality issue.

Eligible projects\* include:

- Bottled water.
- Hauled water.
- POU/POE treatment devices.
- Small-scale connection.
- Storage tanks.
- Water sampling.
- Well repair/replacement/connection.
- Well testing.

*\* Please refer to the table above for a list of services provided by the individual organization.*

**How to apply:** Please refer to the table above for application guidance.

**Website:** [Domestic Water Wells and State Small Programs](#)

**Contact information:** Please refer to the table above for the contact information.

## **Direct Operation and Maintenance Funding Program**

**Purpose:** The Direct Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Funding Program’s purpose is to provide assistance in cases where there is a direct correlation to supporting the affordability of water (as part of the human right to water) while also improving sustainability.

**Funding availability:**

- **Type:** Grant.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible Entities include:

- Public agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Public utilities
- Mutual water companies
- California Native American Tribes
- Administrators
- Groundwater sustainability agencies

Funding provided to a public utility that is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or to a mutual water company must have a clear and definite public purpose and benefit the customers of the water systems and not the investors or shareholders.

Eligible Water Systems:

In general, the State Water Board uses a streamlined approach to committing O&M assistance for Group 1 Statewide Prioritization projects and a standard approach for Group 2 Case-by-Case projects.

- Group 1 – Statewide Prioritization  
Small DAC or small severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) water systems that have water rates that are above 2.5 percent of the community’s median household income (MHI), and water systems that have a high affordability burden per the most updated Statewide Needs Assessment results.
- Group 2 – Case-by-Case  
Small DAC/SDAC water systems with existing debt burdens.  
Non-Transient Non-Community owned by a K-12 public school district. Small DAC/SDAC water systems owned by California Native American Tribes that can demonstrate an O&M assistance need. Small DAC/SDAC water systems on the Failing list or otherwise not part of the initial Group 1 prioritization.

**How to apply:**

To apply for funding, applicants have the following options:

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Complete the [Direct O&M Funding Application form](#) and submit the completed application form and pertinent attachments to [DFA-SADW-Fund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-SADW-Fund@waterboards.ca.gov).

The local DDW District Office can assist public water systems by submitting the application on behalf of a water system.

**Website:** [Direct Operation and Maintenance Funding Program](#)

### **Contact information:**

- **General Inquiries**

Lydia Montgomery

Phone: 916-449-5597

- **Office of Sustainable Water Solutions**

Email: [dfa-sadw-fund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dfa-sadw-fund@waterboards.ca.gov)

## **Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program**

**Purpose:** \$6.8 million has been authorized for the DWFS Grant Program (Round 2). Grant funds were awarded to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) and RCAC, and they will act as program administrators. These administrators will work directly with eligible school districts to develop and fund projects for DAC schools.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$6.8 million.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: \$100,000 per individual school.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Other deadlines: Work completion date is February 28, 2026. Program staff are working on extending the work completion date.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:



- Local education agencies (LEAs) serving kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12, inclusive, and preschools and child day care facilities, located on public school property. Additionally, all projects must be located at schools within, or serving, a DAC.

Eligible projects include:

- Installation or replacement of water bottle refilling stations or drinking water fountains with or without treatment devices capable of removing contaminants present in the school's water supply.
- Installation of POE or POU treatment devices for water bottle filling stations, drinking fountains, and other fixtures that provide water for human consumption, including up to three years of associated operations and maintenance costs.
- Installation, replacement, or repairs of drinking water fixtures and associated plumbing appurtenances that are necessary to address lead contamination identified by a school's public water system pursuant to the Lead Sampling of Drinking Water in California Schools Program and that requires a corrective action.
- Provision of interim alternative water supplies for applicants in process of implementing a permanent solution, including purchases of temporary transfer water, hauled water, and bottled water.

Funding can also be used for interim solutions. Program administrators can utilize funds to provide the following types of assistance:

- Grants to LEAs for project implementation.
- Direct project implementation on behalf of LEAs, which may include reimbursement for work implemented by contractors, including Public Water Systems.
- Technical assistance with completing funding applications, overseeing and inspecting project installations, monitoring, as well as planning and conducting operations and maintenance.

Ineligible projects include:

- Major repairs or replacement of internal building plumbing systems.
- Replacement, repairs, or rehabilitation of wells.
- Establishing connection(s) to an adjacent public water system.
- Projects that are solely demonstration or pilot studies.
- Projects that are solely education and outreach.

**How to apply:** Applications are available on the program administrators' webpage. The program is prioritizing projects that have a drinking water quality impairment. Interested schools can contact RCAC or SHE directly for assistance with the application process or to obtain the applications.

RCAC webpage: [Drinking Water for Schools – Round 2](#)

SHE webpage: [Drinking Water for Schools](#)

**Website:** [Drinking Water For Schools Grant Program](#)

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## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

**Purpose:** This program provides low-interest loans and grants for planning and construction projects that support public water systems in meeting compliance with drinking water standards.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Low-interest Loan and Grant.
- Cost share: None.
- Total funding available: The total funding amount available varies from year to year.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: The maximum grant for a community is based on all funding the community receives in a five-year period. This includes planning, technical assistance, and construction funding for all DWSRF projects for the community. DACs with a median household income (MHI) is less than 80 percent of the statewide MHI based on latest U.S. Census data can receive up to 100 percent principal forgiveness, grant, or a combination thereof for eligible Category A–C projects.

The maximum amount of principal forgiveness, grant, or a combination thereof will not exceed \$60,000 (up to \$80,000 for good cause) per service connection for Category A–C projects and \$45,000 (up to \$60,000 for good

cause) per service connection for consolidation of a system with Category D–F issue. The DFA may approve financing for construction projects with a total eligible project cost up to \$6 million regardless of the amount per connection. Refer to Appendix D and E in the [DWSRF Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#) for more information.

A consolidation incentive may be available to public water systems who consolidate a small DAC. A consolidation project will receive terms based on small DAC eligibility. The remaining public water system can receive up to \$10 million on zero-percent interest financing.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Other deadlines:
  - The schedule for IUP development for fiscal year (FY) 2024–2025 is:
    - July 16, 2024 – Proposed adoption of FY 2024–2025 IUP including the fundable project list by State Water Board
    - July 2024 – 2024–2025 IUP Implementation.
  - The schedule for IUP development for FY 2025–2026 is:
    - June 2025 – Proposed adoption of FY 2025–2026 IUP including the fundable project list by the State Water Board.
    - July 2025 – 2025–2026 IUP Implementation.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants\* include:

- Community Water Systems
- Non-Profit, and
- Non-Community Water Systems

*\*The following types of facilities may be determined to be a small DAC with financial hardship:*

- Non-Transient non-community Water Systems serving facilities such as:
  - A public school.
  - A not-for profit private school.
  - A day care center.

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- A labor camp.
- Elder care facility or a healthy care facility, that are owned by a public agency or not-for project water company.

Eligible Planning/Design and Construction of Drinking Water Infrastructure projects include:

- Consolidation.
- Water meters.
- Water storage.
- Treatment systems.
- Replacement of aged water transmission or distribution mains.
- Groundwater wells, or other infrastructure.
- Private laterals.
- Interconnections.
- Pipeline extensions.

Because of funding limitations, the FY 2024–2025 IUP will limit principal forgiveness/grant eligibility to Category A–C and consolidation projects.

**How to apply:** A complete application consists of the following four “packages”: (1) General Information, (2) Technical, (3) Environmental, and (4) Financial Security. [Application forms and instructions](#) are available through the [DWSRF webpage](#).

Applications for the funding programs are continuously accepted electronically through the [FAAST website](#).

**Website:** [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

### **Contact information:**

For projects involving small DACs, please contact the following:

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- Matthew Freese, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer  
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For projects involving large systems, please contact:

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For general inquiries, please email: [DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DrinkingWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov)

## Emergency Drinking Water/Cleanup and Abatement Account

**Purpose:** The CAA may be utilized to fund projects that clean up or abate the effects of waste on waters of the State, or projects that address urgent drinking water needs.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: \$500,000 per project, for routine non-controversial projects.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include:

- A public agency, including the regional water quality control boards.
- A Tribal government that is a DAC and is on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission and that agrees to waive Tribal sovereign immunity for the explicit purpose of regulation by the State Water Board pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code.
- A not-for-profit organization serving a DAC.
- A community water system that serves a DAC.

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Eligible projects include:

- Bottled water.
- Well repair, rehabilitation, and replacement.
- Vending machines.
- POU devices.
- Hauled water.
- Emergency interties.
- Treatment systems.

The CAA may be also used to fund projects for the cleanup or abatement where there are no viable responsible parties available to undertake the work. Eligible projects also include:

- Cleanup of oil, diesel, or petroleum spill, mining waste leachate drainage, or other discharges.
- Removal or contaminated sediment, illegally dumped material, or other debris.
- Remediation of contaminated groundwater.
- Watershed restoration, including habitat restoration, erosion control, algae abatement.

Ineligible projects include:

- Projects with a responsible party that has legal obligations and financial capacity to address the waste.

**How to apply:** To apply for funding, applicants must complete the funding application online via the [FAAST website](#).

Select the RFP titled "Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding Application."

**Website:** [CAA Cleanup or Abatement Projects](#)

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## Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding (EDWG) Program

**Purpose:** This program provides an expedited process by which eligible applicants with qualifying high-priority projects can receive State grant funding. Application forms, reviews, procedures, and requirements may vary from the DWSRF funding program to support reduction of processing times and information submittal requirements.

Applicants that do not qualify for this program may be directed to apply for funding through the DWSRF or through other funding programs.

	DWSRF Program	EDWG Program
<b>Application Solicitation</b>	<b>Continuous</b>	<b>Periodic</b>
Project Types	Category A–F and/or consolidation projects (planning & construction)	Category A–D and/or consolidation projects (construction projects only)
Financial / Environmental Packages and Clearances	Prior to funding agreement	After funding agreement
Grant Maximum	Annual intended use plan (IUP) grant per connection limit	IUP grant per connection limit + \$15 million maximum grant per project
Funding Sources	State and federal funds	State funds only

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.

**Maximum award:** Grant funding for eligible projects will be awarded based on the criteria, maximums, and funding decision processes described in the DWSRF IUP, unless otherwise indicated in the [EDWG Guidelines](#).

The grant limits are the same as those in the DWSRF IUP, except that the maximum amount per project is \$15 million.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications are accepted on an intermittent basis. DFA will periodically announce a deadline to submit project proposals for consideration, provided funding is available.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Community water systems owned by public agencies (e.g., cities, counties, special districts, joint powers authorities, or other political subdivisions of the State);
- Community water systems owned by public utilities (as defined in Public Utilities Code section 216) incorporated in California and in good standing with the Secretary of State that are subject to regulation by the California Public Utilities Commission; or
- Non-transient, noncommunity water systems owned by public school districts.

Eligible projects:

- Must be eligible project types under the DWSRF Policy and the DWSRF IUP, except as modified in the EDWG Guidelines.
- Must benefit a small SDAC, a small DAC, a small non-DAC, or an expanded small DAC/severely DAC, as defined in the [DWSRF Policy](#) and [DWSRF IUP](#).
- Must consist of the construction of capital assets, as defined in Government Code section 16727(a);
- Must not be comprised solely of the planning activities associated with an eventual construction project;
- Must be a Category A–D project and/or be a consolidation project; and
- Projects proposed by a public utility shall have a clear and definite public purpose and shall benefit the customers of the water system and not the investors.

**How to apply:** For the initial round(s) of funding, DFA staff are identifying projects for which DFA has already received partial or complete DWSRF program applications, or that are receiving technical assistance, that qualify under the EDWG Guidelines, and selecting preliminary funding award recipients from these existing applicants. Thereafter, DFA will periodically announce a deadline to submit project proposals for consideration, provided funding is available.

DFA is not currently accepting new applicants for funding under the EDWG Program.

Applications are submitted via the [FAAST website](#).

**Website:** [Expedited Drinking Water Grant Program](#)



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- Phone: 916-327-9978

**Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program**

**Purpose:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, provides \$15 billion nationwide in funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for lead service line identification and replacement for over the next five years. California received \$250 million in FY 2022 and \$28 million in FY 2023.

Funding is available to community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity systems to complete lead service line inventory and replacement. The [Drinking Water IUP](#) and the [Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Supplemental Intended Use Plan](#) provide guideline and funding criteria and will be updated annually.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$28 million for FY 2023. Future allotments are expected in future years.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: Please refer to the [DWSRF IUP](#).

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Applications open: October 4, 2023.
- Application submission deadline: Continuous.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

Eligible projects and activities include:

- Complete removal of lead service lines (public and privately owned portion) and galvanized required replacement.

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- Removal of lead or galvanized goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors.
- Replacement of curb stops, curb stop boxes, and other service line appurtenances that are removed as part of full lead service line replacement (LSLR).
- Site restoration, including landscaping, sidewalks, driveways, etc., if the removal was necessary to replace the lead service line.
- Permit fees if the fees are normal, required, and specific to the LSLR.
- Temporary pitcher filters or POU devices certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead during or for a short time period after LSLR projects.
- Development or updating of lead service line inventories, including locating and mapping lead service lines.
- Methods of investigation to develop inventories could include visual observation, water quality sampling (non-compliance), excavation, vacuum or hydro-excavation, statistical analysis, or other emerging technologies.
- Planning and design for infrastructure projects listed above.
- Non-routine lead sampling (if not for compliance purposes) as part of an LSLR project.

**How to apply:** Eligible applicants can submit the Lead Service Line Replacement Program Application packages (see appendix R of the DWSRF Policy) via the [FAAST website](#). The name of the program in FAAST is: "Lead Service Line Application."

**Website:** [Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program](#)

### Contact information:

- Email: [DFA-LSLR@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-LSLR@waterboards.ca.gov)

## Other Funding Programs

- Groundwater: Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP)
- Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF)
- Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant Program
- Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST)
- Technical Assistance (TA) Funding Program

## Groundwater: Site Cleanup Subaccount Program

**Purpose:** The SCAP is a funding program established by Health and Safety Code Section 25299.50.6 in 2014. It allows the State Water Board to issue grants for reasonable and necessary costs associated with projects that investigate the source of surface or groundwater contamination and/or remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, or the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$34 million (annual appropriation).
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: None.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications (pre-applications) accepted on an ongoing basis.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants are those entities with eligible projects.

Eligible projects include:

- Remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment from surface water or groundwater contamination (i.e., tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), vinyl chloride (VC), benzene, methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, furans, and 1,4-Dioxane).
- A regulatory agency that issues a directive (unless this is infeasible).
- A responsible party that lacks financial resources.

*Note: Projects may include site characterization, source identification, or implementation of cleanup.*

**Important Information:** The priorities are significant threat to human health or the environment, disadvantaged or small community impact, cost and environmental benefit of project, lack of availability of other sources of funds, other State Water Board considerations.

**How to apply:** The SCAP pre-application is available on the [FAAST website](#). Select the “Groundwater Quality Funding Programs – SCAP” from the list of programs accepting applications.

**Website:** [Site Cleanup Subaccount Program](#)

**Contact information:**

- Email: [gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov)  
*Subject Line: SCAP*

## Orphan Site Cleanup Fund

**Purpose:** OSCF provides financial assistance for the cleanup of a site contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) where there is no financially responsible party and the applicant is not an eligible claimant to the UST cleanup fund.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: \$1 million per application filed on or after January 1, 2015.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include any entity type, except State and federal that also:

- Own or have access to the property.
- Are not eligible for UST Cleanup Fund.
- Are not responsible for the UST petroleum release.
- Are not affiliated with any person who caused or contributed to UST petroleum release.

Eligible projects include those that involve the cleanup of a site where the principal source of contamination is from an on-site petroleum UST and where there is no financially viable responsible party for the contamination.

**How to apply:** There are two methods to apply for OSCF.

1. Paper Application:

- Read the OSCF application instructions in the [OSCF Fund Application](#).
- The completed OSCF original application with wet signature and all supporting documents should be sent to:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
Orphan Site Cleanup Fund Program  
P.O. Box 944212  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120

2. Electronic Application (GeoTracker):

- To submit the OSCF application via GeoTracker, follow the instructions provided in the [Electronic Claim Application User Guide](#).

**Website:** [Orphan Site Cleanup Fund](#)

**Contact information:**

- General Information  
Email: [ustcleanupfund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ustcleanupfund@waterboards.ca.gov)  
*Subject Line: OSCF*

For questions regarding the OSCF electronic application submission:

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## Nonpoint Source Grant Program

**Purpose:** The purpose of the NPS Grant Program is to make infrastructure improvements to agricultural or ranching operation, decommission or improve legacy timber harvest roads, establish clean boating practices in marinas, or restore and protect drinking water source watersheds.

The NPS Grant Program awards approximately \$4.5 million every year to grazing, agricultural, timber, riparian restoration, and marina projects that improve water quality by controlling discharges of nonpoint sources of pollution.

Examples of projects include capital investments to control livestock impacts to water quality (e.g., off-stream watering troughs, fencing), agricultural improvements

to reduce runoff of nutrients and pesticides to surface and ground water (e.g., cover crops, filter strips, edge-of-field bioreactors, and sediment retention basins), rural road improvements to reduce the impacts of sedimentation and erosion, riparian and streambank restoration to reduce legacy timber harvest and other hydromodification impacts to water quality, and programs to reduce boat anti-fouling paint discharges to marinas.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$4.5 million.
- Minimum/Maximum Award:

The minimum/maximum award amount is based on the project type. Please refer to the table below.

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Minimum Award</b>	<b>Maximum Award</b>
Implementation of practices to improve impaired waters	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
Implementation of practices to protect or improve high-quality waters	\$250,000	\$400,000
Implementation of practices for post-fire recovery	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
Planning	\$50,000	\$250,000

**Terms/dates:**

- Funding available annually.
- Applications open: September 26, 2024.
- Application submission deadline: December 15, 2023.
- Expected awards: May 2024. The NPS fundable list will be made available online after the recommended project list has been approved by the State Water Board.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Public agency.
- Non-profit Section 501(c)(3) organization.
- Federally recognized Tribe. Federally recognized Tribes must provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purpose of grant enforceability.

- State agency.
- Public college.
- Federal agency.

Eligible projects: The majority of NPS Grant Program funding is awarded to implementation proposals for impaired waters, or projects that implement practices to improve impaired waters. Some funding will be awarded to planning proposals, as well proposals for post-fire recovery and for protection of high-quality waters.

Ineligible uses include:

- Private entities other than 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Projects necessary to satisfy an enforcement or civil settlement or judicial order.
- Projects that directly support the production of cannabis.
- Projects or activities that are required by or that implement a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or an order applicable to regulated stormwater discharges under CWA section 402(p).
- Projects that convert or upgrade individual septic systems are ineligible. However, large-scale upgrades or conversion of an entire community, or portion of a community, that address a common impairment to the same waterbody and are part of one grant project, may be supported as long as the project meets all other eligibility requirements.
- Projects that are entirely or primarily education and outreach.
- Research studies and pilot projects.

**How to apply:** Currently, the application is not available on the [FAAST website](#). The application period for the "2025 Nonpoint Source – Clean Water Act section 319(h) will open early fall 2024.

**Website:** [Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Funding](#)

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## Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program

**Purpose:** Grants and loans are available to assist small business UST owners and operators to come into compliance with UST regulatory requirements by replacing, removing, and upgrading USTs.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant and Loan.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum/Maximum Award:

The minimum/maximum award amount is based on the funding type – grant or loan. Please refer to the table below.

Funding Type*	Minimum Award	Maximum Award
Grant	\$3,000	\$70,000
Loan	\$10,000	\$750,000

\*Note: For grants funded projects: Up to 100 percent of the costs necessary to upgrade, remove, or replace tanks to comply are eligible.

For loan funded projects: May be used to finance up to 100 percent of the costs necessary to upgrade, remove, or replace project tanks, including corrective actions.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Application submission deadline: Single-walled tank closure deadline is December 31, 2024.
- Expected awards: Continuous.
- Sunset date: January 1, 2026 (UST Cleanup Fund).

### Eligibility requirements:

Grant applicants must be the UST owner and/or operator. The following requirements must be met:

- The applicant is a small business that employs fewer than 20 full-time and part-time employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation.



- The grant applicant's principal office and its officers must be domiciled in California.
- All tanks owned and operated by the loan applicant, with the exception of the project tanks, must be in compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, and implementing regulations.
- The project facility has sold at retail less than 1.5-million gallons of gasoline annually for each of the two years preceding the submission of the grant application.
- Unless the applicant meets the grant waiver requirements, the project facility meets either of the following: The project tanks are in compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, and implementing regulations; OR all of the following requirements are met: The project tanks are in compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, and implementing regulations. The grant applicant submitted the grant application no more than 180 days after the applicable regulatory agency notified the grant applicant that the project tanks are not in compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, or any implementing regulation. The project tanks are not currently red tagged pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25292.3, and the project facility, at the time of the grant application, is not or subject to any enforcement action seeking to impose administrative civil liability, civil liability, or criminal liability pursuant to Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, or any implementing regulation, unless the underlying violations that are the subject of that enforcement action have been corrected.

Eligible RUST loan applications include loan applicants must be the UST owner and/or operator. The following requirements must be met:

- The loan applicant is a small business that employs fewer than 500 full-time and part-time employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation;
- The loan applicant's principal office and officers must be domiciled in California;
- All tanks owned and operated by the loan applicant, with the exception of the project tanks, must be in compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, and implementing regulations;

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- The project tanks must be in compliance, or will be in compliance, after the completion of the project with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 (commencing with section 25280), section 41954, and implementing regulations;
- The loan applicant must be in compliance with the financial responsibility requirements specified in Health and Safety Code sections 25292.2 and 25299.31 and with subchapter IX (commencing with section 6991) of chapter 82 of title 42 of the United States Code and regulations implementing that subchapter; and
- The loan applicant must provide financial and legal documents necessary to demonstrate the ability to repay the loan and availability of adequate collateral to secure the loan.

Eligible projects include:

- Removing and replacing single-walled USTs and/or piping with double-walled USTs and/or piping.
- UST upgrades including installing containment sumps, under-dispenser containment boxes/pans, and electronic monitoring systems, and conducting enhanced leak detection tests.

**How to apply:** RUST applications are accepted via the [FAAST website](#). Completed applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis and in the order received.

**Website:** [Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks \(RUST\) Program](#)

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## Technical Assistance Funding Program

**Purpose:** Technical assistance (TA) is available to support small communities with capacity building and developing capital improvement projects for drinking water and wastewater.

Demand for drinking water and wastewater TA is extremely high. Not all eligible requests can be accommodated through the TA Funding Program.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant through technical assistance providers.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award\*: None.
- Maximum award\*: None

*\*There is no minimum or maximum limits. Funding is counted towards the maximum grant/principal forgiveness that a community may receive over a five-year period per the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund IUPs. Each TA project is allocated funds on a case-by-case and needs-based basis.*

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Application submission deadline: Continuous.
- Expected awards: Continuous.

**Eligibility requirements:**

TA is available to small communities. Wastewater TA recipients also must be disadvantaged communities.

Eligible TA types include capacity building and coordination and development of capital improvement projects, such as the following:

- Engineering and environmental analysis.
- Legal assistance.
- Compliance audits.
- Financial analysis.
- Technical, managerial, and financial assessments.
- Board or operator training.
- Energy audits.
- Circuit riders.

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- Revolving bridge loans for interim construction financing (San Joaquin Valley only)
- Emergency fund (San Joaquin Valley only).

### **Important information:**

Priority is given to small (fewer than 3,300 service connections or less than 10,000 population), DACs with an MHI of less than 80 percent statewide MHI, and to projects addressing compliance issues or for consolidation.

**How to apply:** To apply for TA, please visit the website below and click on the "Request Technical Assistance" tab. TA requests are accepted on a continuing basis.

**Website:** [Technical Assistance Funding Program](#)

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## **Wastewater Funding Programs**

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program
- Small Community Wastewater (SCWW) Program
- Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFPP)

## **Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program**

**Purpose:** This program provides financing for eligible projects to restore and maintain water quality in the state.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Loan/Principal Forgiveness.
- Total funding available: Yearly funding will range between 90 and 125 percent of \$600 million.
- Cost share: None.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: The maximum per project funding limits is established in each year's Clean Water IUP. The funding limit for FY 2023–2024 is \$50 million per new project. This limit only applies to loan projects, not principal forgiveness. Refer to the [IUP available online](#).

*Note: Given the ongoing high demand on the CWSRF though, the State Water Board will not be able to fund all the projects currently requesting funding in FY 2023–2024. Applicants whose projects are not on the Fundable List are encouraged to evaluate the CWSRF's finances and competing demands on the program as described in this IUP and any updates during the year and evaluate all viable, alternative financing options for their projects considering any deadlines they must meet.*

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Application submission deadline: None.
- Expected awards: Continuous.
- Other dates: The application for readiness scoring ended on December 31, 2022. The schedule for IUP development for FY 2023–2024 is:
  - September 6, 2023 – State Water Board adoption of FY 2023–2024 IUP including the fundable project list.
  - After September 6, 2023 – 2023–2024 IUP Implementation.

The schedule for IUP development for FY 2024–2025 is:

- December 31, 2023 – Deadline for scoring consideration for the 2024–2025 IUP including the fundable list.
- Summer 2024 – State Water Board adoption of FY 2024–2025 IUP including the fundable project list.
- Summer 2024 IUP Implementation.

**Eligibility requirements:**

A project must be on the fundable list to receive financing. Placement of an application on the fundable list does not guarantee financing. A financing agreement will be executed for a project on the fundable list only if the application meets all applicable eligibility requirements. The State Water Board will sort and rank projects from highest priority score to lowest priority score for potential placement on the fundable list.

Eligible applicants include:

- Cities.
- Counties.
- Districts.
- Joint power authorities.
- Nonprofit organizations.
- Private entities (select categories and sources).
- State agencies.
- Tribes.

Eligible projects include:

- Wastewater and water recycling projects: wastewater treatment, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water reclamation facilities.
- Non-point source (NPS) projects identified in California’s NPS plan, estuary projects, stormwater reduction, and treatment facilities.

Ineligible projects include operation and maintenance costs.

**Other information:** CEQA Plus Requirements

CEQA documents must meet all State and federal environmental review requirements.

CEQA documents must have been adopted less than five years before the accepted date of the financing agreement. If the CEQA documents is more than five years old, the applicant must reevaluate the project’s environmental conditions in an updated environmental document.

**How to apply:** CWSRF Planning Applications and CWSRF Construction Applications are submitted online via the [FAAST website](#).

The CWSRF Planning Application is comprised of the FFAST application which includes the following:

- General Information Package Form and Attachments
- Technical Package Form and Attachments

The CWSRF Construction application is comprised of the FFAST application which includes the following:

- General Information Package Form and Attachments
- Technical Package Form and Attachments
- Environmental Package Form and Attachments
- Financial Security Package Form and Attachments

**Website:** [What is Clean Water State Revolving Fund?](#)

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For small, disadvantaged communities:

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## Small Community Wastewater Program

**Purpose:** The SCWW Program helps finance communities with the most need, helping those that cannot afford a loan or similar financing to move forward with water quality improvements.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant and Principal Forgiveness (PF) Loan.
- Total funding available: \$454 million. (For FY 2023–2024, there is approximately \$206 million in grant/PF funds from the CWSRF and approximately \$248 million in grant from the 2021 Budget Act Infrastructure Appropriation. All new DAC applicants will be added automatically to the fundable list.)
- Cost share: None.

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- Minimum award: None.

Maximum award:

Planning: No maximum grant/PF amount.

Construction: Maximum grant/PF amount is based on residential connections. For treatment system and/or collection system improvements, the maximum grant/PF per residential connection is \$45,000.

For septic-to-sewer or regionalization projects, the maximum grant/PF per residential connection is \$125,000. Projects are eligible for 100 percent grant/PF.

For septic-to-sewer projects serving a large DAC or a small non-DAC, the maximum grant amount is \$25 million or \$75,000 per residential connection. Wastewater rates need to be greater than or equal to 1.5 percent of their MHI. Projects are eligible for 50 percent grant/PF of the total project cost.

The maximum grant/PF is based on all planning, TA, and construction funding the applicant receives in a five-year period. If an applicant receives a planning grant/PF for their project, the amount disbursed under planning will be subtracted from the maximum eligible construction grant/PF.

- If grant/PF funds available for the State Water Board to encumber are not adequate to fund all the projects with complete applications, the Deputy Director is authorized to set a maximum grant/PF amount.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Application submission deadline: Continuous.
- Expected awards: Continuous.
- Other deadlines: Per the 2021 Budget Act Infrastructure Appropriation; June 30, 2024 (grant must be committed by date), and June 30, 2026 (liquated by date).

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Public agencies.
- Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.



- Federally and State-recognized Tribes that are small DACs: population less than 20,000, and MHI is less than 80 percent of the statewide MHI based on the latest United States census data.

For septic to sewer projects, eligible applicants include large DACs and small non-DACs.

Eligible planning/design and construction of wastewater infrastructure projects include:

- Wastewater treatment.
- Septic to sewer conversions.
- Regionalization.
- Local sewers.
- Sewer interceptors.
- Wastewater reclamation and distribution.
- Stormwater treatment.
- Combined sewers.
- Landfill leachate treatment.

Ineligible uses include operation and maintenance costs, and commercial and/or industrial uses.

**Other information:**

CEQA Plus Requirements:

- CEQA documents must meet all State and federal environmental review requirements.
- CEQA documents must have been adopted less than five years before the accepted date of the financing agreement. If the CEQA documents is more than five years old, the applicant must re-evaluate the project's environmental conditions in an updated environmental document.

Priorities:

- Because of limited grant/PF availability, the State Water Board will prioritize grant/PF for SCWW projects. Public health projects, projects that address violations of waste discharge requirements and NPDES permits, projects that connect previously unsewered areas or join communities to regionalize wastewater treatment works, and other projects identified as priority by the

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Regional Water Quality Control Boards are considered priority for grant/PF funding (priority projects).

**How to apply:** Applications are accepted via the [FAAST website](#). Look for “Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) – Planning” or “Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) – Construction.”

**Website:** [Small Community Wastewater \(SCWW\) Funding Program Basics](#)

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## Water Recycling Funding Program

**Purpose:** This program promotes use of treated municipal wastewater to augment or offset State/local fresh-water supplies.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: Approximately \$6.36 million in construction grant funds. The State Water Board also has authority to commit approximately \$17.3 million in planning grants.

DFA anticipates that all available WRFPP grant funds can and will be committed by June 30, 2025, with a combination of eligible water recycling projects on the Fundable List.

A project must be on the fundable list to receive financing. Placement of an application on the fundable list does not guarantee financing. A financing agreement will be executed for a project on the fundable list only if the application meets all applicable eligibility requirements. The State Water Board will sort and rank projects from highest priority score to lowest priority score for potential placement on the fundable list.

- Cost share: 50 percent local cost share.

- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award:
  - A planning grant can cover 50 percent of the eligible planning costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$75,000.
  - A construction grant can cover 35 percent of construction costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$15 million.
  - *Note: The Deputy Director may reduce the maximum grant amount provided per project based on actual or anticipated availability of grant funding and demand for such funds.*

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Application submission deadline: Continuous.
- Expected awards: Continuous.
- Other dates: The application for readiness scoring ended on December 31, 2023. The schedule for IUP development for FY 2024–2025 is:
  - June 15, 2024 – State Water Board adoption of FY 2024–2025 IUP including the fundable project list.
  - July 1, 2024 – 2024–2025 IUP Implementation.

The schedule for IUP development for FY 2025–2026 is:

- December 31, 2024 – Deadline for scoring consideration for the 2025–2026 IUP including the fundable list.
- June 15, 2025 – State Water Board adoption of FY 2025–2026 IUP including the fundable project list.
- July 1, 2025 – 2025–2026 IUP Implementation.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Public agencies.
- Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
- Federally and State-recognized Tribes that are small DACs: population less than 20,000, and MHI is less than 80 percent of the statewide MHI based on the latest United States census data.
- Mutual water companies.

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Eligible projects include:

- Recycled water treatment.
- Recycled water storage.
- Distribution.
- Pumping.
- Groundwater recharge.
- Indirect potable reuse.
- Surface water augmentation.

Ineligible projects include operation and maintenance costs.

### **Other information:**

CEQA Plus Requirements:

- CEQA documents must meet all State and federal environmental review requirements.
- CEQA documents must have been adopted less than five years before the accepted date of the financing agreement. If the CEQA documents is more than five years old, the applicant must reevaluate the project's environmental conditions in an updated environmental document.

**How to apply:** Apply online via [FAAST website](#).

- Planning Grants: Select the "Water Recycling Funding Program – Planning Grant Application" RFP.
- Construction Funding: Select the "the "Water Recycling Funding Program – Construction Application" RFP.

### Facilities Planning Grant Program Application

- Application Form
- Authorizing Resolution – A resolution by the local agency authorizing the grant application.
- Study Scope – The Study describes the nature and scope of the proposed facilities planning study and must include the components listed in the Water Recycling Funding Program Guidelines.
- Compliance Certifications

## Construction Financial Assistance Application

- General Information Package Form and Attachments
- Technical Package Form and Attachments
- Environmental Package Form and Attachments
- Financial Security Package Form and Attachments

**Website:** [Water Recycling Funding Program \(WRFP\)](#)

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## **State Water Board Resources**

### **Definitions/Acronyms**

#### **Drinking Water**

- DAC: MHI less than 80 percent statewide MHI.
- SDAC: MHI less than 60 percent statewide MHI.
- Small Community: less than 3,300 connections or less than 10,000 people.
- Expanded Small Community: 3,300 to 6,600 connections or 10,000 to 20,000 people.
- Medium Community: 20,000 to 100,000 people or 6,600 to 30,000 connections.
- Consolidation: joining two or more public water systems, State small water systems, or affected residences not served by a public water system, into a single public water system.
- Incentive Project: a drinking water construction project that solely benefits a receiving water system.
- POU and POE.

#### **Clean Water**

- Small community: population of less than 20,000.
- Large community: population more than 20,000.

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- DAC: a community that has an MHI of less than 80 percent of the statewide MHI.
- SDAC: MHI less than 60 percent of the statewide MHI.
- Waste discharge requirements.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

### **Division of Financial Assistance (DFA):**

To learn in more detail about the various funding grant and loan programs offered at the State Water Board, please visit the [DFA's webpage](#).

### **Email Subscription/Mailing Lists**

The State Water Board makes funding announcements via email subscription mailing lists. To subscribe to one or more email subscriptions mailing lists, please visit the [Email Subscription Mailing Lists webpage](#).

### **Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):**

- Web-based interface accessible 24 hours a day.
- Most funding programs at the State Water Board use FAAST.
- Must have a FAAST account to apply for funding.
- Web Address: [FAAST Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool](#).
- Help Desk:  
Email: [FAAST\\_Admin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:FAAST_Admin@waterboards.ca.gov)  
Phone: 1-866-434-1083  
Available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# California Strategic Growth Council (SGC)

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) works collaboratively with public agencies, communities, and stakeholders to achieve sustainability, equity, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all. SGC administers a suite of grant programs funded through California Climate Investments —

a statewide initiative that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while providing a variety of other benefits. SGC's programs fund affordable housing and transportation investments, agricultural land easements, community-led development and infrastructure projects, climate-related research investments, and technical assistance to increase capacity of local communities to compete for climate funding.



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**Website:** [California Strategic Growth Council](https://www.calstrategicgrowthcouncil.org/)

**SGC Listserv sign-up:** [SGC Newsletter, Press Releases, and Program Updates](#)

## Contact:

- Email: [info@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:info@sgc.ca.gov)
- Phone: 916-324-9775

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## SGC Grant Programs

- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program
- Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
- Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program
- Community Resilience Centers Program
- Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program

## Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

**Purpose:** Increasing the supply of affordable homes and transportation options near jobs, stores, schools, and other daily needs. The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) reduces emissions from personal vehicle use by funding projects that make it easier for residents to get out of their cars and walk, bike, or take public transit. Funded by auction proceeds from California's cap-and-trade emissions-reduction program, AHSC is administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan and Grant.
- Total funding available: Varies round to round, depending on cap-and-trade auction proceeds. For Round 8, \$650 million was available for AHSC projects. Round 9 amount to be determined closer to the release of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which will take place in January 2025.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: \$10 million.
- Maximum award: \$50 million.

### Terms/dates:

- Funding available annually.
- Applications open: Winter – Guidelines released in December and NOFA released in January.
- Application submission deadline: 60 days after NOFA release – estimated March 2025.
- Expected awards: Summer – estimated August 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include housing developers, local jurisdictions, and transit agencies. Some non-federally recognized Tribes are eligible as well. See program guidelines for the full list of applicant types and details.

Eligible projects include a combination of the following costs, with a requirement that at least 50 percent go to housing-related expenses:

- **Affordable Housing Development:** Loan funding for construction of affordable housing.
- **Housing-Related Infrastructure:** Grant funding for infrastructure required as a condition of approval for the affordable housing development (e.g., sewer, water, streets, electric).
- **Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure:** Grant funding for infrastructure that enables mode-shift (e.g., new transit vehicles, sidewalks, bike lanes).
- **Transportation-related Amenities:** Grant funding for improvements that are publicly accessible and provide supportive amenities to pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders (i.e., bike parking, bus shelter, benches, street trees).

**Programs:** Grant funding for programs that encourage residents to walk, bike, and use public transit.

**How to apply:** Please see the [AHSC Guidelines webpage](#) for more resources and information on how to apply.

**Website:** [Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program](#)

**Contact information:**

- AHSC Program  
Email: [AHSC@SGC.ca.gov](mailto:AHSC@SGC.ca.gov)

## Regional Climate Collaboratives Program

**Purpose:** To create new and support existing regional climate collaboratives across the state that will assist under-resourced communities to access funding for climate change mitigation, resilience, and adaptation projects. As a capacity-building grant program, the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program (RCC) enables cross-sector partners to deepen relationships and strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and access to critical resources to drive and sustain climate action.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$8.5 million for Round 2 with two funding tracks. The small grant track ranges from \$500,000 to \$999,999. The large grant track ranges from \$1 million to \$1.75 million.

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- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: \$500,000.
- Maximum award: \$1.75 million.

### **Terms/dates:**

- For Round 2, pre-proposals were due on September 6, 2023, and full proposals are due on December 6, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST. To submit a full proposal, a pre-proposal is required.
- Applications open: July 2023 – December 2023.
- Application submission deadline: December 6, 2023.
- Expected awards: February 2024.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include California Native American Tribes, community-based organizations and non-profits, local government agencies, small businesses, and other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach and technical assistance.

Eligible projects include:

- Partnership development.
- Project and plan development and implementation.
- Establishment of technical assistance programs or hubs to pursue climate-related funding, data collection, training and education.

RCC is not able to fund infrastructure-based projects.

**Website:** [Regional Climate Collaboratives Resources](#)

### **Contact information:**

- Ena Lupine  
Email: [CACE@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:CACE@sgc.ca.gov)

## **Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**

**Purpose:** The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) supports agricultural land conservation, economic growth, and sustainable development by providing grants for three types of projects:

1. Land Use Planning grants that support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land.
2. Agricultural Conservation Acquisition grants to permanently protect croplands, rangelands, and lands utilized for the cultivation of traditional resources from conversion to non-agricultural uses.
3. Capacity and Project Development grants to expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: Varies round to round, depending on cap-and-trade auction proceeds.
- Cost share: Acquisition and planning grants: 10 percent match; Capacity grants: no match required. Projects that provide priority population benefits, or are for a tribal applicant, may receive 100 percent funding.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: Acquisition grants: no maximum; Planning grants: \$500,000 maximum; Capacity grants: \$250,000 maximum.

**Terms/dates:**

- Funding available annually. Continuously appropriated through cap-and-trade, with funding until 2030.
- Applications open: Fall 2024.
- Application submission deadline: Summer 2025.
- Expected awards: Fall 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Acquisition Grants and Capacity Grants:
  - California Native American Tribes.
  - Cities.
  - Counties.

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- Resource conservation districts.
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
- Regional park or open-space districts or authorities.
- Planning Grants:
  - California Native American Tribes.
  - Cities.
  - Counties.
  - Resource conservation districts.
  - Special districts.
  - Local agency formation commissions.

Eligible projects include:

- Planning grants to support the development of local and regional land use policies, economic development strategies, and plans to protect critical agricultural land.
- Agricultural Acquisition grants to permanently protect agricultural lands through conservation easements or fee title purchase.
- Capacity and Project Development grants to expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects.

For ineligible expenses, please refer to the program guidelines.

**Other information:** For technical assistance, please email [salcp@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:salcp@conservation.ca.gov).

**How to apply:** Refer to the SALC website for application submittal requirements.

**Website:** [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program](#)

**Contact information:**

- Shanna Atherton-Bauer  
Email: [salcp@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:salcp@conservation.ca.gov)

## Community Resilience Centers Program

**Purpose:** The Community Resilience Centers Program (CRC) funds planning, development, construction, and upgrades of local facilities to serve as community resilience centers, providing shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies. The program also funds ongoing year-round community services and programs that build overall community resilience.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: No funding available at this time.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, community-based organizations, local governments, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations and foundations, faith-based organizations, coalitions, community development finance institutions, community development corporations, joint powers authorities, councils of governments, and California Native American Tribes.

Eligible projects include:

- CRC Planning Grants are intended to help communities in initial stages of CRC project development by funding planning and pre-development, community engagement and coordination, site preparation, and other activities necessary to prepare for future CRC rounds of funding and other related funding opportunities.
- CRC Project Development Grants are intended to bridge support for communities developing shovel-ready projects. Project Development Grants will fund pre-development and basic infrastructure activities that advance community-serving facilities' capability to serve as a future Community Resilience Center and prepare grantees for future CRC rounds of funding and other related funding opportunities.
- CRC Implementation Grants are intended to fund new construction and upgrades of neighborhood-scale facilities as Community Resilience Centers, bridging physical and social infrastructure investments to build climate and community resilience. Implementation Grant activities include pre-development, community engagement, construction, services and programs, and evaluation.

For more details on eligible and ineligible expenses, please refer to the program guidelines.

**Website:** [Community Resilience Centers](#)

**Contact information:**

- Email: [CRC@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:CRC@sgc.ca.gov)

## **Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program**

**Purpose:** The Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program is a new grant program that provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American Tribes to build staff capacity to advance Tribes' climate-related work. Administered by the SGC, the goal of the pilot program is to assist Tribes in developing long-term capacity to secure funding and implement tribal-led climate solutions. The pilot program will fund staff salaries and activities that include planning, securing funding for, and implementing projects related to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. Tribes will work with a technical assistance provider and receive no-cost, flexible support that will respond to each Tribe's needs. Support could include trainings, grant application and management assistance, planning and implementation support, partnership building, peer learning, and staff and economic development.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$1.5 million: \$1 million is available for Tribal grant awards and \$500,000 is available for the technical assistance provider contract. Awarded Tribes may receive funding between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for the two-year grant term.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: \$150,000 for Tribal grants.
- Maximum award: \$250,000 for Tribal grants.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications open: Early November 2023 – estimated November 1.
- Application submission deadline: Early February 2024 – estimated February 5.
- Expected awards: Spring 2024 – estimated late April 2024.



**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include: All California Native American Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Contact List, including federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribes, are eligible. A non-federally recognized Tribe is eligible to apply if they are registered with the California Secretary of State as a nonprofit, a for-profit corporation, or a limited liability company.

Eligible projects include climate-related activities that incorporate planning, securing funding for, and implementing projects related to climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.

**How to apply:** Please see the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program webpage (link below) for more resources and information on how to apply. The NOFA and application will be posted on the webpage in early November 2023.

**Website:** [Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program](#)

**Contact information:**

- Nancy Cheng

Email: [CACE@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:CACE@sgc.ca.gov)

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## Federal Agencies

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program**



# U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), is the largest wholesaler of water in the United States, bringing potable water to more than 31 million people and irrigation water to more than 10 million acres of farmland in the 17 westside states. Reclamation is also the second largest producer of hydropower in the U.S., annually providing more than 40-billion kilowatt hours of electricity.



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Reclamation assists customers, States, and Native American Tribes in meeting the increasing—and competing—water demands of the West, while protecting the environment and the public’s investment in these structures and assets. Reclamation brings together a variety of interests and insights to fulfill and balance its obligations to provide power and to deliver, conserve, recycle, and reuse water.

Throughout the year, Reclamation posts to the [Grants website](#) notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) for various activities and projects that promote water conservation, reuse, recycling, and savings. Usually, the financial assistance document is a grant, but it may be a cooperative agreement.

Each NOFO describes or lists eligibility requirements, eligible uses, ineligible uses, funding limits, terms, and dates.

A NEPA-compliance determination is required prior to a successful applicant using federal funds to conduct any ground-disturbing activity. If an application is successful, Reclamation will work with the applicant during the NEPA compliance process.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

### **Contact information:**

Each funding program has its own specific contact information.

- **Northern California:** For general information about funding programs applicable to projects located within Northern California, please contact:

## Reclamation

- Gene Lee: [Glee@usbr.gov](mailto:Glee@usbr.gov)
- Anna Sutton: [ASutton@usbr.gov](mailto:ASutton@usbr.gov)
- David T. White: [DWhite@usbr.gov](mailto:DWhite@usbr.gov)
- Kevin Clancy (Native American Affairs): [Kclancy@usbr.gov](mailto:Kclancy@usbr.gov)
- **Southern California:** For general information about funding programs applicable to projects located within Southern California, please contact:
  - Troy Thompson: [tthompson@usbr.gov](mailto:tthompson@usbr.gov)

## Reclamation Grant Programs

- WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants
- WaterSMART: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects
- WaterSMART: Basin Studies
- WaterSMART: Cooperative Watershed Management Program
- WaterSMART: Drought Program
- WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resources Projects
- WaterSMART: Project Design Grants
- WaterSMART: Reservoir Operations Pilots
- WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects
- WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
- WaterSMART: Water Conservation Field Services Program
- WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination
- WaterSMART: Water Strategy Grants
- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants
- CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants
- Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program

## WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants

**Purpose:** Through the Applied Science Grants program, Reclamation provides cost-shared financial assistance for projects to develop hydrologic information and water management tools and improve modeling and forecasting capabilities. Increased access to information and improved modeling and forecasting capabilities will meet a variety of water management objectives, including support for water supply reliability, management of water deliveries, water marketing activities, drought management activities, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, water rights administration, ability to meet endangered species requirements, watershed health, conservation and efficiency, and other water management objectives.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Stephanie Micek: [smicek@usbr.gov](mailto:smicek@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects

**Purpose:** The Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program (AERP) provides funding to support projects that restore or protect aquatic ecosystems. Through the AERP, Reclamation leverages federal and non-federal funding to work with States, Tribes, and other entities as they study, design, and construct aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and result in the improvement of the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration and improved fish passage.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Avra Morgan: [aomorgan@usbr.gov](mailto:aomorgan@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Cooperative Watershed Management Program

**Purpose:** Reclamation conducts baseline water assessments to develop water supply and demand information, guidance, and tools needed to conduct planning activities across Reclamation’s mission areas. Baseline water assessments support reservoir operations planning, appraisal and feasibility studies, basin studies, drought contingency planning and environmental analyses.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Robin Graber: [rgraber@usbr.gov](mailto:rgraber@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination

**Purpose:** Water recycling and desalination are essential tools for stretching limited water supplies in the western United States. Reclamation provides cost-shared funding on a competitive basis for planning, design, and construction of water recycling and desalination projects. Funding is made available for projects through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program, the Desalination Construction Program, and the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Maribeth Menendez: [mmenendez@usbr.gov](mailto:mmenendez@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Basin Studies

**Purpose:** Through these studies, Reclamation provides technical assistance and tool development and brings together competing interests within river basins to help identify collaborative solutions. The studies are focused on areas with willing State and local partners that provide 50 percent of the study costs. Although each basin study is tailored to the specific hydrology and issues in the basin and the needs of the partners, they all include four basic elements:

1. The development of projections of future water supply and demand, including the impacts of climate change, drought, population growth, and any other stressors present in the basin.



2. An analysis of how existing water and power infrastructure and operations will perform given current and future water supply and demand imbalances, including an analysis of the extent to which changes in the water supply may impact Reclamation operations and facilities.
3. The development of appropriate strategies to meet current and future water demands.
4. A trade-off analysis of the strategies identified.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Stephanie Micek: [smicek@usbr.gov](mailto:smicek@usbr.gov)

### **WaterSMART: Drought Response Program**

**Purpose:** Reclamation's Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing assistance to water managers to develop and update comprehensive drought plans and implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Sheri Looper: [slooper@usbr.gov](mailto:slooper@usbr.gov)

### **WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resources Projects**

**Purpose:** WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects is a category of funding to support projects focused on environmental benefits and projects that are part of a collaborative process designed to help carry out an established strategy that increases the reliability of water resources.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Avra Morgan: [aomorgan@usbr.gov](mailto:aomorgan@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Project Design Grants

**Purpose:** Project Design Grants offers cost sharing with Reclamation for the site-specific final design of medium and large-scale, on-the ground water supply construction (including domestic water supply projects for Tribes, insular areas, and disadvantaged communities), water management construction, and restoration projects. It is expected that Project Design Grant applicants, prior to applying for the grant, will have already performed some general planning work and preliminary studies that led to the identification of a specific location for project design. Project Design Grants should result in a final design package at approximately 60% design level.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Nickie McCann: [nmccann@usbr.gov](mailto:nmccann@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Reservoir Operations Pilots

**Purpose:** Through the Reservoir Operations Pilot Initiative, Reclamation uses modeling and forecasting tools to identify ways to increase flexibility in reservoir operations to support optimal water management.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Sean Kimbrel: [skimbrel@usbr.gov](mailto:skimbrel@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

**Purpose:** Through the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects program, Reclamation provides 50/50 cost-share funding to irrigation and water districts, Tribes, States, and other entities with water or power delivery authority for small-water efficiency improvements identified through previous planning efforts. Projects eligible for funding include installation of flow measurement or automation in a specific part of a water delivery system, lining of a section of a canal to address seepage, or other similar projects that are limited in scope.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Nickie McCann: [nmccann@usbr.gov](mailto:nmccann@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

**Purpose:** Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, Tribes, States and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the production of hydropower, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. Projects are selected through a competitive process, with a focus on projects that can be completed within two or three years.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Josh German: [jgerman@usbr.gov](mailto:jgerman@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Water Conservation Field Services Program

**Purpose:** Funding is used to make cost-shared financial assistance available on a competitive basis at the area and regional office levels, as well as for technical assistance from Reclamation staff. Funding may be used to develop water conservation plans, identify water management improvements through system optimization reviews, design water management improvements, and to improve application of water conservation technologies through demonstration activities.

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Sheri Looper: [slooper@usbr.gov](mailto:slooper@usbr.gov)

## WaterSMART: Water Strategy Grant

**Purpose:** Through Water Strategy Grants, Reclamation provides financial assistance for water supply projects, water marketing activities, water management projects or activities, and river restoration activities. This includes planning projects to restore a natural feature or to use a nature-based feature to reduce water supply and demand imbalances or the risk of drought or flooding, and projects that otherwise mitigate against the impacts of climate change to fish and wildlife habitats. Planning projects that will provide benefits to multiple sectors, such as agricultural, municipal, Tribal, or recreation water uses are also included.

## Reclamation

**Website:** [Reclamation WaterSMART](#)

**Contact information:**

- Irene Hoiby: [ihoiby@usbr.gov](mailto:ihoiby@usbr.gov)

## Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants

**Purpose:** These agricultural projects conserve and use water more efficiently and have on-farm benefits.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Cost share: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Minimum award: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Maximum award: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Terms/dates:**

- Funding is usually available annually.
- Applications open: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Application submission deadline: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Expected awards: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Other deadlines: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Eligibility requirements:**

- Eligible applicants: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Eligible projects: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Important information/Additional requirements/Other information:**

Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**How to apply:** Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Website:** [Water Conservation in the CGB Region](#)

**Contact information:**

- David T. White: [dwhite@usbr.gov](mailto:dwhite@usbr.gov)

## CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants

**Purpose:** These projects conserve and use water more efficiently in agricultural and urban settings.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Cost share: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Minimum award: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Maximum award: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Terms/dates:**

- Funding is usually available annually.
- Applications open: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Application submission deadline: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Expected awards: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Other deadlines: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Eligible applicants: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Eligible projects: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Important information/Additional requirements/Other information:**

Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**How to apply:** Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Website:** [Water Conservation in the CGB Region](#)

### **Contact information:**

- Anna Sutton: [asutton@usbr.gov](mailto:asutton@usbr.gov)

## **Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program (TAP)**

**Purpose:** Reclamation's Native American Affairs TAP provides technical assistance to assist Indian Tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. Project activities have included water needs assessments, improved water management studies, water quality data collection and assessments, water measurement studies, and project design/engineering and implementation.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grants or cooperative agreements.
- Total funding available: Varies per fiscal year, please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Cost share: No cost share required.
- Minimum award: None.
- Maximum award: Varies per fiscal year, please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Terms/Dates:**

- Funding is available annually.
- Applications open: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Application submission deadline: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Expected awards: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Other deadlines: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Eligible applicants include federally recognized Tribes; please refer to the applicable NOFO.
- Eligible projects: Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

### **Important information/Additional requirements/Other information:**

Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**How to apply:** Please refer to the applicable NOFO.

**Website:** [Native American Affairs Program](#)

### **Contact information:**

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# USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development has 70 programs to support investments in infrastructure, housing, and economic and community development projects throughout rural California. USDA's loan, grant, and loan guarantee programs work in partnership with State and local sources to help build stronger rural communities.



**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

## **Rural Development**

**Website:** [USDA Rural Development](#)

### **Contact Information:**

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## USDA Grant Programs

- Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias
- Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)
- Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants
- Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant
- Community Facilities Guarantee Loan
- Community Facilities Disaster Repair Grants (Calendar Year [CY] 2023)

## Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

**Purpose:** This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan and grant
- Minimum/Maximum award: N/A for loans. Grants limited to 45 percent and 75 percent of project cost based on alleviating health and sanitary violations and keeping rates affordable.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis. The loan term is up to a 40-year payback period, based on the useful life of the facilities, and 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.

**Eligibility requirements:**

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.

Funds must be used for projects serving rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, Tribal lands in rural areas, and Colonias in rural areas.

Funds can 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 case, funding also may be available for related activities, such as legal and engineering fees; land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment; start-up operations and maintenance; interest incurred during construction; purchase facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service; other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project.

Ineligible uses include projects not modest in size, design, and cost; loan or grant finder fees; rental for use of equipment or machinery owned by applicant; projects serving non-rural areas.

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed for each project.

**Website:** [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in California](#)

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## Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

**Purpose:** This program helps eligible communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Emergency events include a variety of disasters, such as drought or flood; earthquake; tornado or hurricane; disease outbreak; chemical spill, leak, or seepage; and other disasters. A federal disaster declaration is not required under this program.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Maximum award: \$1 million for water source grants, \$150,000 for water transmission grants.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible projects must be in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. The area to be served must also have a median household income of less than the State's median household income for non-metropolitan areas based on latest U.S. Census data.

Water transmission line grants are available to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distributions lines, and addresses related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply.

Water source grants available to construct a water source, intake, or treatment facility.

Privately owned wells are not eligible.

**Additional requirements:** A streamlined NEPA environmental review is required for each project.

**Website:** [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

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**Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias**

**Purpose:** This program provides low-income communities, that face significant health risks, access to safe, reliable drinking water and water disposal facilities and service.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Minimum/maximum award: Determined on an annual basis for Tribal set-asides. There are no established maximum or minimum grant amounts for Colonia set-asides, but grant amounts are limited to funding availability.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include State and local governmental entities serving eligible areas, nonprofit organizations, utility districts serving Colonias, federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible areas are federally recognized Tribal lands; areas recognized as Colonias before October 1, 1989; rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less. Residents of the area to be served must face significant health risks resulting from a lack of access to, or use of adequate, affordable water or waste disposal. Areas not located in a Colonia must meet per capita income and unemployment rate requirements.

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Eligible uses include construction of basic drinking water and waste disposal systems including storm drainage. Utility districts may also be able to provide grants to individual households to install indoor plumbing and connect to the system.

Ineligible uses include projects that are not modest in size, design, and cost; loan or grant finder fees; rental for use of equipment or machinery owned by applicant; and projects serving non-rural areas.

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of the grant application.

**Website:** [Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias](#)

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## Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

**Purpose:** This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance on proposed water and water disposal projects.

### Funding availability:

- **Type:** Grant.
- **Maximum award:** \$30,000 per application.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, nonprofits, federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible areas are those with a population of 2,500 or less and a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income based on latest U.S. Census data.

Eligible Uses include those to pay predevelopment planning cost, including:

- Feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects.
- Preliminary design and engineering analysis.
- Technical assistance for the development of an application for financial assistance.

The predevelopment planning cost must be related to a proposed project that meets the following requirements:

- Construct, enlarge, extend, or improve rural water sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities.
- Construct or relocate public buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities and to make other public improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of facilities.
- Relocate private buildings, roads bridges, or utilities, and other private improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of facilities.

Ineligible uses include construction activities.

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of grant application.

**Website:** [Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households \(SEARCH\)](#)

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## Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants

**Purpose:** CY 2022 Disaster Water Grants help eligible communities handle expenses related to incidents (Presidentially declared disasters) that damaged water systems.

For the purposes of this program, the term “water” refers to all water resource infrastructure, including drinking water, wastewater, storm drainage, and solid waste facilities.

### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant
- Minimum award: N/A
- Maximum award: N/A

### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis until funds are exhausted.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Municipalities, counties, districts, authorities, or other political subdivisions of a State, commonwealth, or territory.
- Nonprofit organizations.
- Federally recognized Tribes.
- Community-based prefabricated home organizations.

Eligible areas are rural areas including Rural areas and towns with population of not more than 35,000, federally recognized Tribal lands, and Colonias.

Funds can be used to develop water infrastructure system capacity and resiliency to reduce or eliminate long-term risks from hazards resulting from (Presidentially declared) disasters during CY 2022.



Ineligible uses include projects that are not modest in size, design, and cost; loan or grant finder fees; rental for use of equipment or machinery owned by applicant; and projects serving non-rural areas.

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of the loan/grant application.

**Website:** [Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program in California](#)

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## Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant

**Purpose:** This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community located in and primarily serving a rural area.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Loan and grant.
- Total funding available: Funding for grants and loans is limited to funding availability.
- Minimum award: None for loan applications.
- Maximum award: None for loan applications, maximum \$50,000 per grant application.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible areas are rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including federally recognized Tribal lands with a population of 20,000 or less based on the latest U.S. Census data.

**Eligible Uses:**

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements.
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing.
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment.
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools.
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance-learning equipment.
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses.

**Ineligible Uses:**

Ineligible use of loans funds may be found in Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1942.17(d)(2), and ineligible use of grant funds may be found in Title 7 CFR, Section 3570.63(a).

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of the loan/grant application.

**Website:** [Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant](#)

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**Community Facilities Guarantee Loan**

**Purpose:** This program provides loan guarantees to eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community located in and primarily serving a rural area.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Government Guarantee of Lender Loan.
- Minimum award: N/A for loan applications.
- Maximum award: N/A for loan applications.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible areas are rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including federally recognized Tribal lands with a population of 50,000 or less based on the latest U.S. Census data.

The lender may be located anywhere in the U.S.

**Eligible Uses:**

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay-related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements.
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing.
- Public safety services, such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment.
- Educational services, such as museums, libraries, or private schools.
- Utility services, such as telemedicine or distance-learning equipment.
- Local food systems, such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses.

**Ineligible Uses:**

Ineligible use of loans funds are explained in Title 7 CFR, Section 5001.115, 5001.116, and 5001.122.

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of the loan guarantee application.

**Website:** [Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant](#)

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## Community Facilities Disaster Repair Grants (Calendar Year 2023)

**Purpose:** USDA Rural Development offers Community Facilities (CF) Disaster Grants to help repair essential community facilities damaged in incidents named as CY 2023 Presidentially declared disasters.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: 25 percent cash match required (75 percent of project cost maximum grant).
- Minimum award: N/A for grant applications.
- Maximum award: N/A for grant applications.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis until funds are exhausted.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized Tribes.

Eligible areas are rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including federally recognized Tribal lands with a population of 20,000 or less based on the latest U.S. Census data.

### Eligible Uses:

Grants can be used to repair community facilities damaged in incidents named as CY 2022 and CY 2023 Presidentially declared disasters.

Funds also can be used to replace damaged equipment or vehicles, to purchase equipment necessary to make repairs to damaged facilities, and to pay eligible project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements.
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing.

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- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment.
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools.
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance-learning equipment.
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses.

### **Ineligible Uses:**

Ineligible use of loans funds may be found in Title 7 CFR, Section 1942.17(d)(2), and ineligible use of grant funds may be found in Title 7 CFR, Section 3570.63(a).

**Additional requirements:** A NEPA environmental review must be completed as part of the loan/grant application.

**Website:** [Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants in California](#)

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# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) [Brownfields Program](#) provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and State agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities. An annual request for applications is typically available in September and applications due in 60 days via [grants.gov](#). Information on funding is available on the EPA's [Brownfields Program Type of Funding webpage](#).



**Website:** [EPA Region 9 Brownfields and Land Revitalization](#)

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## EPA Brownfields Grants and Programs

- Community-Wide Assessment Grant
- Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes
- Assessment Coalition Grant
- Cleanup Grant
- Multipurpose Grant
- Revolving Loan Fund Grant
- Job Training Grant
- Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program

## Community-Wide Assessment Grant

**Purpose:** A Community-Wide Assessment Grant is appropriate for communities that are beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for communities that have ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse. Funding can be used to assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances comingled with petroleum), and/or petroleum. This grant can provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments (Phase I/II), and community outreach.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$30 million nationally.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$500,000.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications available annually. Applications open: September 2024.
- Application submission deadline: Approximately 60 days after apps are open.
- Expected awards: Spring 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, nonprofits 501(c)(3), general purpose unit of local government (city, county, school district, etc.), and qualified community development agencies.

**How to apply:** Apply at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Website:** [Brownfields Assessment Grants](#)

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## Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes

**Purpose:** This funding is available only to States, Tribes, and eligible native corporations in Alaska to address brownfield sites throughout their entire jurisdiction. Funding can be used to assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances comingled with petroleum), and/or petroleum. This grant can also provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments (Phase I/II), and community outreach.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$50 million nationally.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$2 million.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications available annually.
- Applications open: September 2024.
- Application submission deadline: Approximately 60 days after apps open.
- Expected awards: Spring 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include only States, Tribes, and eligible native corporations in Alaska to address brownfield sites throughout their entire jurisdiction.

**How to apply:** Apply at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Website:** [Brownfields Assessment Grants](#)

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## Assessment Coalition Grant

**Purpose:** Assessment Coalitions are designed for one “lead” eligible entity to partner with two to four eligible entities that do not have the capacity to apply for and manage their own EPA cooperative agreement and otherwise would not have access to Brownfields Grant resources. Additionally, EPA strongly encourages coalitions to include eligible community-based nonprofit organizations as nonlead members to help promote strong local engagement and to ensure the community’s concerns and vision for revitalization are incorporated into the project. The lead entity of the coalition must be a State, county government, Indian Tribe other than in Alaska, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation, an Alaska Native Village Corporation, the Metlakatla Indian community, regional council established under a governmental authority (e.g., regional planning commissions), or a regional council of government to function as a single legal entity with authority to enter into binding agreements with the federal government. This grant can provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments (Phase I/II), and community outreach.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$40 million nationally.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$1.5 million.

### Terms/dates:

- Applications available annually. Applications open: September 2024.
- Application submission deadline: Approximately 60 days after apps open.
- Expected awards: Spring 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include counties, States, regional councils of government.

**How to apply:** Apply at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Website:** [Brownfields Assessment Grants](#)

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**Cleanup Grant**

**Purpose:** Cleanup Grants provide funding for eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites such as the remediation, regulatory oversight fees, and redevelopment planning. An applicant must own the site for which it is requesting funding.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$20 million; \$35 million; \$40 million nationally.
- Cost share: N/A – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding allows EPA to waive cost share for this grant cycle.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$500,000; \$2 million, \$5 million.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications available annually.
- Applications open: September 2024.
- Application submission deadline: Approximately 60 days after apps open.
- Expected awards: Spring 2025.
- Other deadlines: Applicants must submit a draft of their cleanup grant for community notification with a public comment period of at least two weeks before submitting their application.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, nonprofits 501(c)(3), general purpose unit of local government (city, county, school district, etc.), and qualified community development agencies.

**How to apply:** Apply at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

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## Multipurpose Grant

**Purpose:** Multipurpose grants provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area. A Multipurpose Grant is appropriate for communities that have identified, through community engagement efforts, a discrete area (such as a neighborhood, a number of neighboring towns, a district, a corridor, a shared planning area or a census tract) with one or more brownfield sites. The target area may not include communities located in distinctly different geographic areas. Multipurpose Grant funds provide funding for communities to carry out a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities, including planning and additional community engagement activities. The Multipurpose Grant must result in:

- One Phase II environmental site assessment.
- One brownfield site cleanup.
- An overall plan for revitalization that includes a feasible reuse strategy for one or more brownfield sites if no plan is already in place.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: \$20 million nationally.
- Cost share: N/A – BIL funding allows EPA to waive cost share for the time being.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$1 million.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications available annually.
- Applications open: September 2024.

- Application submission deadline: Approximately 60 days after apps open.
- Expected awards: Spring 2025.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, nonprofits (501(c)(3)), general purpose unit of local government (city, county, school district, etc.), and qualified community development agencies.

**How to apply:** Apply at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Website:** [Brownfields Multipurpose Grants](#)

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## Revolving Loan Fund Grant

**Purpose:** *\*Not available for the FY 2024 grant cycle\**

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Total funding available: N/A.
- Cost share: N/A – BIL funding allows EPA to waive cost share for the time being.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: N/A.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications open: N/A.
- Application submission deadline: N/A.
- Expected awards: N/A.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, nonprofits 501(c)(3), general purpose unit of local government (city, county, school district, etc.), and qualified community development agencies.

**How to apply:** N/A.

**Website:** [Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant](#)

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**Job Training Grant**

**Purpose:** Brownfields Job Training Grants provide funding for a grant recipient to deliver training to unemployed and underemployed residents from communities impacted by brownfields. Students develop skills needed to secure full-time employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental field, including sustainable cleanup and reuse, and chemical safety.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Grant.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: \$500,000.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications available annually.
- Applications open: June 2025.
- Application submission deadline: August 2025.
- Expected awards: Spring 2026.
- Other deadlines: N/A.



**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include governments, nonprofits (501(c)(3)), and Tribes.

**How to apply:** [Brownfields Job Training Fact Sheet](#)

**Website:** [Brownfields Job Training Grant](#)

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**Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program**

**Purpose:** EPA provides contractor assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling, and identify potential environmental concerns. Eligible applicants can access up to \$100,000 worth of technical assistance for eligible properties. All questions in this application must be answered to receive consideration for assistance. Privately owned properties can be assessed under this program if they are sponsored by an eligible applicant. EPA accepts applications on a rolling basis.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Free Assistance.
- Total funding available: N/A – Free contractor assistance valued between \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- Cost share: N/A.
- Minimum award: N/A.
- Maximum award: N/A.

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications (online application process) accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Applications open: Year-round.
- Application submission deadline: N/A.
- Expected awards: Notified of project selection two to six weeks after application submission.
- Other deadlines: N/A.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include States, Tribes, nonprofits (501(c)(3)), general purpose unit of local government (city, county, school district, etc.), and qualified community development agencies. Privately owned sites *can* be assessed with a signed access agreement form from the property owner.

**Eligible projects:** EPA is focusing on funding projects in underserved communities with environmental justice concerns.

**How to apply:** [Online Application Form](#)

**Website:** [Targeted Brownfields Assessment Application](#)

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## Technical and Other Assistance

**California State Library – Grants Portal**

**Rural Community Assistance Corporation**

**Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Justice40 Initiative,  
and Federal Environmental Justice Scorecard**



# California State Library – Grants Portal



The [California Grants Portal](#) provides a centralized location to find State grant opportunities. Grant seekers can see all current grant and loan opportunities that are offered on a competitive or first-come basis and can search and filter their results. To make all State grant opportunities searchable, State grantmaking agencies input and update their funding information, including summaries of each of their grant or loan opportunities, information about how to apply, and links that grant seekers can follow for more details, along with post award information for each grant once it is awarded.

The California Grants Portal was created by the California State Library as a result of the [Grant Information Act of 2018 \(Assembly Bill \[AB\] 2252, Stats. 2018, Chapter 318\)](#). [AB 132](#) expanded the Grants Portal mission, requiring State grantmakers to submit post-award data for all grants closing on or after July 1, 2022. The California State Library worked with State agencies and various grant seekers to develop the California Grants Portal but is always open to feedback and suggestions. To offer feedback or suggestions for improving the site, please [contact us](#).

## **2024 California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair**

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# Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

Founded in 1978, RCAC provides training, technical, and financial resources and advocacy to help rural communities achieve their goals and visions. RCAC provides a wide range of community development services for rural and Native communities, and community-based organizations in 13 western states and Pacific Islands.



RCAC was certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in 1996 and finances affordable housing, community facilities, utility infrastructure, and small businesses in rural communities. As a certified CDFI, RCAC fills financing gaps and serves unconventional markets.

For help with loans, please contact a loan officer (contact details below).

RCAC works with rural water, wastewater, and solid waste systems to make them sustainable. Our environmental services are directed to small, low-income communities in rural areas and Indian country to ensure that they comply with State and federal regulations. RCAC is a Rural Community Assistance Partnership member.

For help with technical assistance, please [request technical assistance](#).

**Website:** [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans](#)

## Contact information:

- Cody Bruner (Northern California)  
Phone: 1-855-979-7322
- Barbara Roesner (Southern California)  
Phone: 1-855-979-7322

## Social Media



## RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans

- Feasibility Loan
- Construction Loan
- Revolving Line of Credit Construction Loan
- Intermediate Term Loan
- Long-Term Loan

### Feasibility Loan

**Purpose:** A loan to obtain items necessary to prove out a project's feasibility including funding items, such as a preliminary engineering report or environmental report.

#### **Funding availability:**

- Type: Loan.
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$50,000.\*

#### **Terms/dates:**

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- 5.5-percent interest rate.
- Up to 36-month term.
- 1-percent loan fee.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- The median household income of the service area must be less than either the county median household income or State non-metropolitan median household income.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** The [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan](#) application and required materials are available online (click on the “Feasibility” tab). Contact the loan officer for your region of California for details on how to submit your application.

## Pre-Development Loan

**Purpose:** A loan to provide funds necessary to complete pre-development work prior to construction including funding items like engineering, preparing construction plans and specifications, legal, bond counsel, or soliciting project bids.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan.
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$1 million.\*

### Terms/dates:

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- 5.5-percent interest rate.
- Up to 36-month term.
- 1-percent loan fee.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- The median household income of the service area must be less than either the county median household income or state non-metropolitan median household income.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** The [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan](#) application and required materials are available online (click on the “Pre-Development” tab). Contact the loan officer for your region of California for details on how to submit your application.

## Construction Loan

**Purpose:** A loan to provide funds for construction of new or improved infrastructure.

**Funding availability:**

- Type: Loan
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$6 million.\*

**Terms/dates:**

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- 5.5-percent interest rate.
- Up to 36-month term.
- 1.125-percent loan fee.

**Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- The median household income of the service area must be less than either the county median household income or state non-metropolitan median household income.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** The [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan](#) application and required materials are available online (click on the "Construction" tab). Contact the loan officer for your region of California for details on how to submit your application.

## Revolving Line of Credit Construction Loan

**Purpose:** A loan to provide funds to pay contractors and vendors while awaiting reimbursement from State or federal grant programs.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan.
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$6 million.\*

### Terms/dates:

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- 5.5-percent interest rate.
- Up to 36-month term.
- 1.5-percent loan fee.

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- The median household income of the service area must be less than either the county median household income or state non-metropolitan median household income.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** The [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan](#) application and required materials are available online (click on the "Construction" tab). Contact the loan officer for your region of California for details on how to submit your application.

## Intermediate Term Loan

**Purpose:** A loan for smaller capital needs that will be paid off over several years.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$200,000.\*

### Terms/dates:

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- 5-percent interest rate.
- Up to 20-year term.
- 1-percent loan fee (or 1.125 percent if construction is involved).

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- The median household income of the service area must be less than either the county median household income or state non-metropolitan median household income.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** The [RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan](#) application and required materials are available online (click on the “Intermediate Term” tab). Contact the loan officer for your region of California for details on how to submit your application.

## Long-Term Loan

**Purpose:** A loan for larger capital projects to be repaid over a number of years. Typically used when system improvements are needed, and the system does not qualify for more favorable funding sources.

### Funding availability:

- Type: Loan
- Total funding available: Normally not more than \$6 million.\*

### Terms/dates:

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Interest rate set at the time of close at 1 percent above the secondary market rate.
- Up to 30-year term.
- 1-percent loan fee, 1-percent guarantee fee on guaranteed portion of the loan (80 percent).

### Eligibility requirements:

Eligible applicants include:

- Non-profits, public bodies, or federally recognized Tribes.
- Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- Must meet the requirements of the USDA Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan Program.
- Cannot be used for public body applicants who would issue tax exempt obligations as security.

Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater facilities.

**How to apply:** Please contact the loan officer for your region for details on how to apply for this loan.

*\*Amounts given for funding available are loan policy limits; higher amounts may be approved.*



# Low-Cost Infrastructure Funding

for small water systems in rural,  
Indigenous, or disadvantaged  
communities

## Historic, low-cost funding is available, but won't last forever!

EPA has more funding available for water infrastructure than at any single moment in our nation's history:

**Nearly \$50 billion** in additional funds through 2027.

### This funding can help pay for:

- Work in communities supporting environmental justice
- Repairing inadequate infrastructure
- Eliminating lead from drinking water
- Understanding the spread of PFAS and how to begin remediation
- Building resiliency and sustainability



Rural Community Assistance Corporation received financial support from the EPA under an Assistance Agreement.



## Who we are

With more than 40 years of experience supporting rural and Indigenous communities, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is one of a select number of Environmental Finance Centers —and we take pride in connecting communities to these resources.

We will support you on the path, as leaders providing expert technical assistance, and capacity building through targeted training.

Learn more about our EFC work at: [bit.ly/45SHkYJ](https://bit.ly/45SHkYJ)

## We can help

To request assistance, scan the code below or visit [bit.ly/3r4USkY](https://bit.ly/3r4USkY)



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# Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Justice40 Initiative Information and Links, and Federal Environmental Justice Scorecard

The \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (passed in November 2021) is a once-in-a-generation commitment to improving roads, bridges, transit, water and wastewater systems, broadband, energy, and other infrastructure areas. The law will provide funding for 375 different federal programs that will subsidize projects in states and communities nationwide. The White House has made a BIL guidebook, [\*A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and Other Partners\*](#), available online.

Complementary to BIL is the federal [Justice40 Initiative](#), which directs 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments in seven key areas to disadvantaged communities that have been overburdened by pollution and historic underinvestment. The seven key areas are climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, the remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of critical clean water infrastructure.

A geospatial [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) with interactive maps highlighting disadvantaged communities (DACs) that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution is in beta format. The function of the tool is to employ indicators for the purpose of identifying communities that exhibit conditions of underinvestment in energy, transit, housing and water infrastructure, disproportionate pollution burden, and job training and employment. Federal agencies will use the tool to guide program investments in the areas noted above under the Justice40 Initiative. The beta site was released as Version 1.0 on November 22, 2022. More information on Justice40 is available on the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) website.

Below is an excerpt from the White House Justice40 website regarding Justice40 covered programs:

In January 2023, the White House issued [additional guidance](#) to federal agencies on how to use the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#), which is a mapping tool that helps identify disadvantaged communities.

A “Justice40 covered program” is a federal government program that falls in the scope of the Justice40 initiative because it includes investments that can benefit disadvantaged communities across one or more of the following seven areas: climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure. Many existing and new programs created by President Biden’s [Investing in America](#) agenda that make investments in any of these categories are considered Justice40 covered programs.

All Justice40 covered programs are required to engage in stakeholder consultation and ensure opportunities for local community members to be meaningfully involved in determining program benefits. Covered programs are also required to report data on the benefits flowing to disadvantaged communities.

Agencies that have released their covered programs under the Justice40 Initiative include:

- [Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program](#)
- [Corporation for National and Community Service / AmeriCorps](#)
- [Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Department of Energy](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [Department of the Interior](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Department of Labor](#)
- [Department of Transportation](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Appalachian Regional Commission](#)

The full list of Justice40 covered programs is available online in a PDF titled [Justice40 Initiative Covered Programs List](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received \$3 billion in appropriations to provide grants and technical assistance for activities advancing environmental and climate justice. EPA will continue to uphold the Justice40 Initiative goals by ensuring funds to communities that have been unable to access resources because of high barriers to entry.

For up-to-date information about environmental justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice Listserv by sending a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov). Follow EPA on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](https://twitter.com/EPAEnvJustice).

## Example Resources Enhanced by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Justice40 Funding

**EPA Water Infrastructure Technical Assistance** — As part of EPA's efforts to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the [Water Infrastructure Technical Assistance website](#) has been updated. Updates focus on new and existing EPA water and technical assistance programs. The updates include a factsheet with an overview of water technical assistance resources and a simple water technical assistance request form.

**EPA Environmental Finance Centers** – [Environmental Finance Centers](#) (EFCs) help communities across the country access federal funding for infrastructure projects that improve public health and environmental protection. The EFCs will deliver targeted technical assistance to local governments, States, Tribes, territories, and nongovernmental organizations to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and advance environmental justice.

The [Environmental Finance Center Network](#) (EFCN) is a university- and nonprofit-based organization creating innovative solutions to the difficult how-to-pay issues of environmental protection and environmental infrastructure. The EFCN works collectively and independently (as individual EFCs) to address these issues across the U.S, including the *five* territories and the Navajo Nation. The EFCN aims to assist public and private sectors through training, direct professional assistance, production of durable resources, and innovative policy ideas.

**EPA Water Finance Clearinghouse** — The [Water Finance Clearinghouse](#) is a web-based portal to help communities locate information and resources that assist in making informed decisions for their drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs. The Water Finance Clearinghouse has two searchable databases: one contains available funding sources for water infrastructure, and the second contains resources on financing mechanisms and approaches that can help communities access capital for their water infrastructure.

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow (WaterSMART) Environmental Water Resources Projects** – [WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects](#) is a category of funding to support projects focused on environmental benefits and that have been developed as part of a collaborative process to help carry out an established strategy to increase the reliability of water resources. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes additional authority for Reclamation to provide funding for multi-benefit projects that improve watershed health. Applicants are invited to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on environmental water resources projects, including water conservation and efficiency projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings and benefit ecological values or watershed health; water management or infrastructure improvements to benefit ecological values or watershed health; and watershed restoration projects benefitting ecological values or watershed health that have a nexus to water resources or water resources management. To learn more about eligibility and apply, visit the [WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects](#) website.

Please see the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation section on page 95 for more information.

**Other Grant Seeker Resources:**

[California Climate & Energy Collaborative](#)

[California Climate Investments – Funding Workbook for All California Tribes](#)

[Community Infrastructure Center](#)

[Pre-Development Guide to Advance Your Community Infrastructure Project](#)

## Federal Environmental Justice Scorecard

The Environmental Justice Scorecard was created at the direction of President Biden to assess the federal government’s progress on advancing environmental justice, to provide transparency for the public, and to increase accountability for federal agencies. The Phase One Scorecard reports on the progress of 24 federal agencies in the following areas:

- Advancing President Biden’s [Justice40 Initiative](#).
- Implementing and enforcing environmental and civil rights laws.
- Embedding environmental justice throughout the federal government.

Links to the 24 federal agencies’ Phase One Scorecard reports are available online at the [Environmental Scorecard website](#). As an example, [this scorecard page](#) links to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Phase One Scorecard, and their accompanying Environmental Justice Overview is provided on this [USACE environmental justice webpage](#).

To see examples of guidebook and workbook resources for federal funding, please use the Justice40 Initiative links in the “Useful Web Links” chapter of this handbook. The links are under the “Justice40 Initiative” heading on page 161.

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

AB	Assembly Bill
AERP	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program
AHSC	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program
APGP	Adaptation Planning Grant Program
BIL	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
BRIC	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
BWFS	Bottled Water for Schools Grant Program
CAA	Cleanup and Abatement Account
CAP6	Continuous Application of Process Group 6
Cal OES	California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
CalRecycle	California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery
CDFI	Community Development Financial Institution
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CF	community facility
CFCC	California Financing Coordination Committee
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CRC	Community Resilience Centers Program
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWSRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund
CY	calendar year
DAC	disadvantaged community
DDW	Division of Drinking Water
DFA	Division of Financial Assistance
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
EBCRP	Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program
EDWG	Expedited Drinking Water Grant
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FAAST	Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool
FMA	Flood Mitigation Assistance
FY	fiscal year

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

GHG	greenhouse gas
GRanTS	Grants Review and Tracking System
HM	hazard mitigation
HMA	hazard mitigation assistance
HMGP	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
IBank	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank
ICARP	Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program
IUP	intended use plan
LEA	local education agency
LHMP	local hazard mitigation plan
LSLR	lead service line replacement
MHI	median household income
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MTBE	methyl tert-butyl ether
MZ	management zone
NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NOFA	notice of funding availability
NOFO	notice of funding opportunity
NOI	notice of intent
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	nonpoint source
OPR	Governor's Office of Planning and Research
OSCF	Orphan Site Cleanup Fund
O&M	operation and maintenance
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
PCE	perchloroethylene
PF	principal forgiveness
POE	point of entry
POU	point of use
Reclamation	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
RCC	Regional Climate Collaboratives Program

Regional Water Board	Regional Water Quality Control Board
RFA	request for application
RFP	request for proposal
RRGP	Regional Resilience Grant Program
RUST	Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks
SALC	Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation
SCAP	Site Cleanup Subaccount Program
SCG	small community grant
SCWW	small community wastewater
SDAC	severely disadvantaged community
SEARCH	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Household
SGC	California Strategic Growth Council
SHE	Self-Help Enterprises
State smalls	State small water systems
State Water Board	California State Water Resources Control Board
TA	technical assistance
TAP	Technical Assistance Program
TCE	trichloroethene
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
UST	underground storage tank
VC	vinyl chloride
Water Boards	California Water Boards
Water Code	California Water Code
WaterSMART	Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow
WRFP	Water Recycling Funding Program

Acronyms and Abbreviations

# Useful Web Links

## State Agencies

### **California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC)**

<https://www.cfcc.ca.gov/>

### **California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle)**

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/>

CalRecycle Funding Programs

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/funding>

### **California Department of Water Resources (DWR)**

<https://water.ca.gov>

Dam Safety and Enhancements Grant Program

<https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Dam-Safety-and-Enhancements-Program>

Grants and Loans

<https://water.ca.gov/Work-with-us/Grants-and-loans>

Grants Review and Tracking System (GRanTS)

<http://www.water.ca.gov/grants/>

Riverine Stewardship Program: Grants

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Riverine-Stewardship-Program/Riverine-Stewardship-Grants>

Water Desalination Grant Program

<https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Desalination-Grant-Program>

## Useful Web Links

### **California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch (HMA)**

[www.caloes.ca.gov/home](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/home)

Cal OES Community Portal

<https://engage.caloes.ca.gov/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Listserv

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CALOES/signup/31457>

Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/hazard-mitigation/flood-mitigation-assistance/>

### **California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)**

<https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/>

Adaptation Planning Grant Program

<https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/adaptation-planning-grant.html>

California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

<https://opr.ca.gov>

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program

<https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/>

Public Resource Code 71350–71360

(Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program)

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=71354.&lawCode=PRC](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=71354.&lawCode=PRC)

Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program

<https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/regional-resilience-grant.html>

Urban Island Heat Effect

<https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/reduce-urban-heat-island-effect>

## **California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank)**

<http://www.ibank.ca.gov>

Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Intake Form

<https://ibank.ca.gov/isrf-intake-form/>

Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program

<https://ibank.ca.gov/loans/infrastructure-loans/>

## **California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)**

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>

Bottled Water for Schools

<https://www.rcac.org/environmental/agua4all/bottled-water-for-schools/>

CAA Cleanup or Abatement Projects

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/cleanup\\_and\\_abatement.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/cleanup_and_abatement.html)

CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs Application (Download)

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/dw\\_drought\\_fund/docs/udwn\\_application.docx](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/dw_drought_fund/docs/udwn_application.docx)

CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs Projects

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/urgent\\_water\\_needs.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/urgent_water_needs.html)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program and Complimentary Programs Intend Use Plan

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/docs/2023/2023-24-cwsrf-iup.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/docs/2023/2023-24-cwsrf-iup.pdf)

Community Water Center Sign Up

<https://sites.google.com/communitywatercenter.org/central-coast-regional-bottled/sign-up-here>

County-Wide and Regional Funding Programs

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/funding\\_solicitation.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/funding_solicitation.html)

## Useful Web Links

County-Wide and Regional Funding Program Application and Funding Process Overview  
<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/docs/2022/application-and-funding-process-overview-accessible.pdf>

Direct Operation and Maintenance Funding Application Form  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/docs/direct\\_om\\_application\\_form.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/docs/direct_om_application_form.pdf)

Direct Operation and Maintenance Funding Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/direct-operation-maintenance.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/direct-operation-maintenance.html)

Domestic Water Wells and State Small Programs  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/caa/drinking\\_water\\_well.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/drinking_water_well.html)

Drinking Water Assistance for Households  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/drought\\_assistance.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/drought_assistance.html)

Drinking Water for Schools  
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/programs/community-development/drinking-water-for-schools/>

Drinking Water for Schools – Round 2  
<https://www.rcac.org/environmental/agua4all/drinking-water-for-schools-round-2/>

Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/schools/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools/)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/DWSRFIUP.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/DWSRFIUP.html)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/DWSRF\\_Policy.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/DWSRF_Policy.html)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Forms and Instructions  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRFForms.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRFForms.html)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Links  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRF.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html)



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and Complimentary Programs Intend Use Plan

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/docs/2023/2023-24-dwsrf-iup.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/docs/2023/2023-24-dwsrf-iup.pdf)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and Complimentary Programs Intend Use Plan, Appendix I: Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Supplemental Intended Use Plan

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/docs/2023/2023-24-supp-iup-lslr.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/docs/2023/2023-24-supp-iup-lslr.pdf)

Electronic Claim Application User Guide

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/fund\\_gto/claim\\_app\\_user\\_guide.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/fund_gto/claim_app_user_guide.pdf)

Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program Guidelines

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/2023/mar/030823\\_7\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2023/mar/030823_7_guidelines.pdf)

Expedited Drinking Water Grant Program

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/expedited-grant-funding.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/expedited-grant-funding.html)

Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/lead-service-line-funding.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/lead-service-line-funding.html)

Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant Funding

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html)

Orphan Site Cleanup Fund

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/oscf.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/oscf.html)

Orphan Site Cleanup Fund Application

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/oscf/oscf\\_application\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/oscf/oscf_application_instructions.pdf)

## Useful Web Links

Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.html)

Rural Community Assistance Corporation  
<https://www.rcac.org/>

SelfHelpEnterprises.org  
<https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/>

Site Cleanup Subaccount Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/scap/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/scap/)

Small Community Wastewater (SCWW) Funding Program Basics  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/scww.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/scww.html)

State Water Resources Control Board  
<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>

State Water Resources Control Board Email Subscription Mailing Lists  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/)

Technical Assistance Funding Program  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/tech\\_asst\\_funding.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/tech_asst_funding.html)

Technical Assistance Request Form  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/proposition1/docs/ta\\_request\\_form.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/ta_request_form.pdf)

Tule Basin Water Foundation  
<https://www.tulemz.com/forms/>

Valley Water Collaborative  
<https://valleywaterc.org/>

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFPP)  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/water\\_recycling/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/water_recycling/)

What is Clean Water State Revolving Fund?

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/)

## **California Strategic Growth Council**

<http://www.sgc.ca.gov>

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Guidelines

<https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/ahsc/resources/guidelines.html>

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/>

California Strategic Growth Council Listserv

<http://sgc.ca.gov/e-lists.html>

Community Resilience Centers

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/community-resilience-centers/>

Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/recovery-directorate/hazard-mitigation/flood-mitigation-assistance/>

Regional Climate Collaboratives Resources

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/resources/rcc/>

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALCP>

Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tribal/capacity-building/>

## Federal Agencies

### **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

<https://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/index.html>

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart>

Native American Affairs Program

<https://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/TAPprogram.html>

Notices of Funding Opportunity

<https://www.grants.gov/>

Water Conservation in the CGB Region

<https://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/index.html>

WaterSMART Programs and Grant Programs

*(Basin Study Program, Cooperative Watershed Management Program, Desalination Construction, Drought Response Program, Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, Title XVI Program, Water Conservation Field Services Program, Water and Energy Efficiency Grants, Water Marketing Strategy Grants)*

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/>

### **USDA Rural Development (USDA Rural)**

[www.rd.usda.gov/ca](http://www.rd.usda.gov/ca)

Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program in California

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/calendar-year-2022-disaster-water-grants-program/ca>

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ca>

Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants in California

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-program-disaster-repair-grants/ca>

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/ca>

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH)

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households/ca>

Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias/ca>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in California

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ca>

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program**

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

Application Request

<https://www.grants.gov/>

Assessment Grants

*(Community-wide Assessment Grant, Site-specific Assessment Grant, Assessment Coalition Grants, Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes)*

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-assessment-grants>

Brownfields Job Training Fact Sheet

[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Program%20Overview\\_JT.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Program%20Overview_JT.pdf)

Cleanup Grants

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-cleanup-grants>

EPA Region 9 Brownfields and Land Revitalization

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/r9#:~:text=The%20Brownfields%20Program%20in%20Region,Islands%20and%20148%20tribal%20nations>

## Useful Web Links

### Job Training Grant

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-jt-grants>

### Multipurpose Grants

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-multipurpose-grants>

### Revolving Loan Fund Grants

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund-rlf-grants>

### Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program Application Form

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/pacific-southwest-region-9-targeted-brownfields-assessment-tba-application>

### Type of Funding

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-funding#c>

## Technical and Other Assistance

### **California State Library Grants Portal**

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/>

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/contact-us/>

### Assembly Bill 132 Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB132](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB132)

### Grant Information Act of 2018 (Assembly Bill 2252)

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2252](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2252)

### **Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)**

<https://www.rcac.org/>

### RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loan

<https://www.rcac.org/lending-2/environmental-loans/>

### Technical Assistance

<https://www.rcac.org/contact-us/request-for-assistance/>

## **Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>

A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and Other Partners

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/guidebook/>

## **Justice40 Initiative**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>

Additional Guidance to Federal Policies related to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/M-23-09\\_Signed\\_CEQ\\_CPO.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/M-23-09_Signed_CEQ_CPO.pdf)

Appalachian Regional Commission

<https://www.arc.gov/>

California Climate & Energy Collaborative

<https://eecoordinator.info/>

California Climate Investments – Funding Workbook for All California Tribes

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55a6b117e4b002796fd89798/t/65e7a196826b107d02081b0f/1709679008442/CCI\\_FundingWorkbookForTribes\\_2024.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55a6b117e4b002796fd89798/t/65e7a196826b107d02081b0f/1709679008442/CCI_FundingWorkbookForTribes_2024.pdf)

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

Community Infrastructure Center

<https://www.communityinfrastructurecenter.org/>

Corporation for National and Community Service / AmeriCorps

<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/press-release/americorps-announces-programs-join-biden-harris-administrations-justice40>

Environmental Finance Center Grant Program

<https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efcn>

## Useful Web Links

Environmental Finance Center Network

<https://efcnetwork.org/>

Investing in America

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/invest/>

Justice40 Initiative Covered Programs List

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Justice40-Covered-Programs-List\\_v1.4\\_04-20-2023.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Justice40-Covered-Programs-List_v1.4_04-20-2023.pdf)

Pre-Development Guide to Advance Your Community Infrastructure Project

[https://assets-global.website-files.com/627e860469c34c477993f2a0/64c03c169a4329d0107b8207\\_Milken\\_Institute\\_EDA\\_Final\\_Report%5B550711%5D.pdf](https://assets-global.website-files.com/627e860469c34c477993f2a0/64c03c169a4329d0107b8207_Milken_Institute_EDA_Final_Report%5B550711%5D.pdf)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program

[https://www.army.mil/article/259455/army\\_civil\\_works\\_announces\\_programs\\_covered\\_under\\_the\\_biden\\_harris\\_administrations\\_justice40\\_initiative](https://www.army.mil/article/259455/army_civil_works_announces_programs_covered_under_the_biden_harris_administrations_justice40_initiative)

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/ewrp/index.html>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/06/24/usda-announces-next-steps-biden-harris-administration-initiative>

U.S. Department of Energy Justice40 Covered Programs

<https://www.energy.gov/diversity/doe-justice40-covered-programs>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/06/24/hhs-announces-programs-to-join-president-bidens-justice40-initiative.html>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency

<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20220715/fema-announces-programs-included-biden-harris-administrations-justice40>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

[https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_22\\_132](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_22_132)



U.S. Department of the Interior  
<https://www.doi.gov/justice40-initiative>

U.S. Department of Labor  
<https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osec/osec20220818>

U.S. Department of Transportation  
<https://www.transportation.gov/equity-Justice40>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40-epa>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Listserv  
[join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Water Infrastructure Technical Assistance  
<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-waterta>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Water Finance Clearinghouse  
<https://clearinghouse.epa.gov/ords/wfc/f?p=wfc:12>

## **Federal Environmental Scorecard**

Environmental Scorecard Website  
<https://ejscorecard.geoplatform.gov/scorecard/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Justice Webpage  
<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Justice/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Phase One Scorecard  
<https://ejscorecard.geoplatform.gov/scorecard/u.s.-army-corps-of-engineers/>

Useful Web Links

# CALIFORNIA FINANCING COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CFCC)

## COMMON FUNDING INQUIRY FORM

**Instructions:** An electronic copy of this form can be obtained at: [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov)

Please provide the information below and e-mail the completed form to: [ibank@ibank.ca.gov](mailto:ibank@ibank.ca.gov)

If completing a hard copy of this form, attach responses where applicable and fax to 916-322-6314.

Name of Applicant or Official System Name:

County:

Check the box that best describes the applicant's organization:

Municipal entity

Private entity, for profit

Private entity, nonprofit

**Project OR problem description.** Describe the problem or the need for the project, the purpose of the project, the basic design features of the project and what the project will accomplish. (Attach documentation, if available)

**Estimated Project Schedule.** Provide a timeline that illustrates the estimated start and completion dates for each major phase or milestone of project development, construction and/or acquisition (including, for example, feasibility study, land acquisition, preliminary engineering, environmental review, final design and construction commencement and completion).

Financing is needed for (check all that apply):

Feasibility Study

Rate Study

Engineering/Architectural

Land Acquisition

Project Construction and Administration

Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Total Project Costs \$

Estimated amount of funding requested \$

Multiple funding sources anticipated:

Yes

No

For water/sewer projects only:

System ID No.:

Service Area Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Service Connections: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Median Household Income  
of service area: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the California Financing Coordinating Committee?

All correspondence regarding this inquiry will be sent to the individual named below. You will receive a written acknowledgement of the receipt of this inquiry form and be contacted by staff of the appropriate CFCC member agencies to pursue additional assistance.

Printed Name of Inquirer

Title

Date

Mailing Address (street)

City/State

Zip code

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Phone Number

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FAX Number

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Date Responded to Applicant Inquiry:





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## Federal, State, and Local Agencies



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