



# Status of WaterSMART Program Funding Opportunities

Program	Eligible Applicants	Federal/Non-Federal Cost Share	Funding	Current Status
<p><b>Water and Energy Efficiency Grants</b></p> <p>On-the-ground water management improvement projects, including projects that conserve water and address water supply reliability.</p>	<p>Category A Applicants: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority.</p> <p>Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described above.</p>	<p>Up to \$500,000 for projects to be completed within two years; up to \$2 million for projects to be completed within three years; and <b>up to \$5 million for large projects.</b></p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>	<p>Reclamation's FY 2022 spend plan for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding includes \$160 million for grants through the six funding opportunities described on this page.</p>	<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity applications received by November 3, 2021 are currently under review. Selections are expected this spring.</p> <p>A Funding Opportunity to allocate FY23 appropriations and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is anticipated for mid-April 2022.</p>
<p><b>Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects</b></p> <p>Small water efficiency improvements that have been identified through previous planning efforts.</p>	<p>Applicants must be located in the Western United States or United States Territories specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (the "17 Western States"), Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>Up to \$100,000 for projects to be completed within two years. Total project costs should generally be less than \$225,000.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>	<p>Consistent with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$40 million of that amount will be designated for Environmental Water Resources Projects that improve natural infrastructure.</p>	<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on February 24, 2022. Applications are due April 28, 2022.</p>
<p><b>Water Marketing Strategy Grants</b></p> <p>Planning activities to develop water marketing strategies that establish or expand water markets or water marketing activities between willing participants.</p>	<p>Applicants must be located in the Western United States or United States Territories specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (the "17 Western States"), Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>Up to \$200,000 for projects to be completed within two years; or up to \$400,000 for projects to be completed within three years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>	<p>\$18 million available for cooperative watershed management projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will also be allocated through the Environmental Water Resources Projects funding opportunity.</p>	<p>FY21 selections were announced July 1, 2021.</p> <p>The next Funding Opportunity is expected in fall or winter 2022.</p>
<p><b>Drought Resiliency Projects</b></p> <p>Funding for on-the-ground projects and modeling tools that will increase water reliability and improve water management.</p>	<p>Applicants must be located in the Western United States or United States Territories specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (the "17 Western States"), Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>Up to \$500,000 for projects to be completed within two years; up to \$2 million for projects to be completed within three years; and <b>up to \$5 million for large projects to be completed within three years.</b></p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>	<p>These funding opportunities will also be used to allocate available FY22 and FY23 appropriations.</p>	<p>FY22 selections were announced January 30 and March 17, 2022.</p> <p>A Funding Opportunity to allocate FY23 appropriations and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding was posted to grants.gov on March 24, 2022. Applications are due June 15, 2022.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Water Resources Projects</b></p> <p>Environmental Water Resources Projects, including water conservation and efficiency projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings and benefit ecological values; water management or infrastructure improvements to mitigate drought-related impacts to ecological values; and watershed management or restoration projects benefitting ecological values that have a nexus to water resources or water resources management.</p>	<p>Applicant eligibility is as described above with the addition of Category C Applicants as described below.</p> <p>Category C Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations submitting an application for a project to improve the condition of a natural feature without a category A partner must demonstrate that entities described in Category A in the applicable service area have been notified of the project and do not object.</p>	<p>Up to \$2 million for a project to be completed within three years; and <b>up to \$5 million for large projects to be completed within three years.</b></p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 25 - 50%</p>	<p>Each funding opportunity includes further details.</p>	<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity applications received by December 9, 2021, are currently under review. Selections are expected in late spring.</p> <p>A Funding Opportunity to allocate FY23 and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is anticipated in June 2022.</p>
<p><b>Applied Science Grants</b></p> <p>Projects to develop hydrologic information and water management tools and to improve modeling and forecasting capabilities.</p>	<p>States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, universities, non-profit research institutions, organizations with water or power delivery authority, or non-profit organizations located in the 17 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>Up to \$200,000 per agreement for a project that can be completed within two years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>		<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted on grants.gov on February 16, 2022. Applications are due April 14, 2022.</p>

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<p><b>Cooperative Watershed Management Program - Phase I</b></p> <p>Watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design.</p>	States, Indian tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts), local governmental entities, and non-profit organizations that are located in the 17 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.	<p>Up to \$200,000 may be awarded to an applicant per year, for a period of up to two years.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: No non-Federal cost-share required.</p>	The FY22 Funding Opportunity is being used to allocate FY22 appropriations once enacted.	FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on January 24, 2022. Applications are due March 31, 2022.
<p><b>Title XVI Authorized Projects</b></p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of specific congressionally authorized water recycling and reuse projects</p>	Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects specifically authorized for funding under Title XVI of P.L. 102-575.	<p>Typically, between \$1 million and \$6 million per applicant.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p>	These FY22 Funding Opportunities are being used to allocate FY22 appropriations once enacted and \$245 million included for the Title XVI Program in the FY22 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Spend Plan.	<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on January 14, 2022.</p> <p>Applications received by March 15, 2022 are currently under review.</p>
<p><b>Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects</b></p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of WIIN Act water recycling and reuse projects</p>	<p>Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects with completed feasibility studies that have been submitted to Reclamation for review.</p> <p>Entities must be located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.</p>	<p>Typically, between \$1 million - \$6 million per applicant.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p>		<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on January 14, 2022.</p> <p>Applications received by March 15, 2022 are currently under review.</p>
<p><b>Desalination Construction</b></p> <p>Funding for planning, design, and construction of WIIN Act brackish groundwater and ocean desalination projects</p>	Sponsors of desalination with completed feasibility studies that have been submitted to Reclamation for review. Entities must be located in the 17 western states, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.	<p>Typically between \$1 million - \$6 million per applicant.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 75% or greater.</p>	The FY22 Funding Opportunity is being used to allocate FY22 appropriations once enacted and \$15 million included for Desalination Projects in the FY22 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Spend Plan.	<p>FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on January 14, 2022.</p> <p>Applications received by March 15, 2022 are currently under review.</p>
<p><b>Drought Contingency Planning</b></p> <p>Funding for development, or update, of comprehensive drought plans</p>	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.	<p>Up to \$200,000.</p> <p>Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.</p>	The FY22 Funding Opportunity is being used to allocate FY22 appropriations once enacted. Depending on available funds, Reclamation anticipates \$1-2 million for new drought contingency plans.	FY22 Funding Opportunity was posted to grants.gov on February 15, 2022. Applications are due April 14, 2022.
<p><b>Drought Emergency Response Actions</b></p> <p>Emergency response actions undertaken by Reclamation to minimize losses and damages resulting from drought.</p>	States and Indian tribes located in the 17 Western States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.	Funding availability is dependent on appropriations. No cost-share is required.		Reclamation will accept emergency assistance requests on an on-going basis.