



No-Cost, Hands-On Assistance to Apply for WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects

FY 2022 grants are now open!

Grant Deadline: October 5th, 2021

WaterNow Alliance offers Western water providers pro-bono, hands-on assistance to apply for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects grants. We work closely with the Bureau of Reclamation to get the word out about these opportunities and to provide insight and updates to communities looking to leverage these integral funding opportunities.

WaterNow's Support Services Include:

- 1-on-1 call to discuss grant opportunities, project ideas, and to strategize next steps
- Direct connections to USBR grant officers
- Targeted research tasks related to your application (e.g., how will the project build long-term resilience to drought, how to characterize your project's nexus to Reclamation)
- Guidance on USBR grant submission processes
- Application and budget templates
- Editing and detailed review of your application
- And more! We'll work with you to determine what kind of support would be most useful to your utility.

**Please note that WaterNow is not able to write/draft WaterSMART applications.*

Who's Eligible to Apply?

WaterSMART grants are open to states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts or other organizations with water or power delivery authority in the Western US.

- Applicants must be able to commit to 50% or more cost-sharing of total project costs
- Projects must be completed in 2-3 years
- Proposed projects that are supported by an existing drought plan are prioritized. This prioritization will help ensure that projects funded under this NOFO are well thought out, have public support, and have been identified as the best way to address vulnerabilities to drought.

Applicable Projects for Drought Resilience Include:

- Constructing stormwater capture and reuse systems, including green stormwater infrastructure solutions such as rain gardens, cisterns, and bioswales
- Installing residential greywater and rain catchment systems

More details from Reclamation about this grant are available [here](#).

WaterNow provides free advice to organizations applying for WaterSMART grants. **If you're interested in our support, please complete this [form ASAP](#). We will review submissions on a rolling basis, but please note that we are only able to accommodate requests to review full grant applications until September 14, 2021.**

USBR Synopsis: WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects

Synopsis

Federal Agency Name:	Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Water Resources and Planning Office
Funding Opportunity Title:	WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022
Announcement Type:	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Funding Opportunity Number:	R22AS00020
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:	15.514
Dates: (See NOFO Sec. D.4)	Application due date: 10/5/2021 at 4 p.m. MDT
Eligible Applicants: (See NOFO Sec. C.1)	<p>Category A: States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; state, regional, or local authorities whose members include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and other organizations with water or power delivery authority.</p> <p>Category B: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A.</p> <p>All applicants must be located in the Western United States or United States Territories, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.</p>
Recipient Cost Share: (See NOFO Sec. C.2)	50 percent or more of total project costs
Federal Funding Amount (See NOFO Sec. B.2)	<p>Funding Group I: Up to \$500,000 per agreement for a project that can be completed within two years.</p> <p>Funding Group II: Up to \$2,000,000 per agreement for a project that can be completed within three years. Projects in this group may be funded on an annual basis. Funding for the second and third years of the project is contingent upon future appropriations.</p>
Estimated Number of Agreements to be Awarded: (See NOFO Sec. B)	Approximately 15 to 21 projects contingent upon available Federal appropriations.
Intergovernmental Review: (See NOFO Sec. D.5)	This NOFO is subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." A list of states that have elected to participate in the intergovernmental review process is at Intergovernmental Review (SPOC List) The White House (archives.gov) .