



No-Cost, Hands-On Assistance to Apply for WaterSMART Drought Contingency Planning Grants

FY 2022 Grants Are Now Open!

Grant deadline: April 14, 2022

WaterNow Alliance offers Western water providers pro-bono, hands-on assistance to apply for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Contingency Planning Grants. Over the last few years, we've worked to get the word out about these programs and to provide application support for communities looking to leverage these integral funding opportunities.

WaterNow's Support Services Include:

- 1-on-1 call to discuss grant opportunities and to strategize next steps
- Assistance navigating USBR's website and grants.gov
- Targeted research tasks related to your application
- Guidance on USBR grant submission processes
- 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. In addition,

- Applicants must be able to commit to 50% or more cost-sharing of total project costs
- Plans must be completed within 2 years
- Applicants must participate in a technical consultation with Reclamation Drought Coordinator before developing a proposal

Applicable Projects for Drought Contingency Planning Grants Include:

- Projects to develop a new Drought Contingency Plan, or to update to an existing plan.

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

USBR Synopsis: WaterSMART Water Drought Contingency Planning Grant

Synopsis

Federal Agency Name:	Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Water Resources & Planning Office
Funding Opportunity Title:	WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Contingency Planning Grants for Fiscal Year 2022
Announcement Type:	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Funding Opportunity Number:	R22AS00178
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:	15.514
Dates: (See NOFO Sec. D.4)	Application Due Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time
Eligible Applicants: (See NOFO Sec. C.1)	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States including Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. In addition, applicants must also participate in a Reclamation technical consultation prior to submission of an application.
Recipient Cost Share: (See NOFO Sec. C.2)	In general, 50 percent or more of total project costs. In exceptional circumstances, a reduction or waiver of the non-Federal cost share may be considered.
Federal Funding Amount: (See NOFO Sec. B)	Up to \$200,000 per agreement for a project that can be completed within two years.
Estimated Number of Agreements to be Awarded: (See NOFO Sec. B)	Approximately 5-10 projects per application submittal period 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) .