



Where to Start: Tapping Into Federal Funding Opportunities for Community Water Projects

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How do I use these awesome tools?

Joshua Jones answered: 13:06
You are already using one of the most awesome tools. We'll discuss the rest right away.

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Agenda

- Goal for this Session
- About WaterNow
- NLC: Overview of New Federal Funding Streams
- Steamboat Springs: A Federal Funding Roadmap
- USBR: WaterSMART Program and How to Plug In
- WaterNow Grant Application Support
- Audience Q&A



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WHO ARE WE?

WaterNow Alliance is a forum and network of local water leaders advancing sustainable, affordable, equitable and climate resilient water strategies.

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WHO WE ARE

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people across the country.



- Aging Infrastructure
- Unfunded Mandates
- Affordability and Equity
- Climate Change Impacts
- Pollution and Contamination
- Aging Workforce and Workforce Diversity
- Cybersecurity Threats



- **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions**

- All water systems must develop a lead service line inventory by Oct. 16, 2024
- Learn more – [NLC blog](#) and [EPA website](#)

- **Lead and Copper Rule Improvements – Forthcoming**

- Additional requirements for replacement, sampling, reporting, and trigger/action levels
- Potentially shorter timeframe for removing all lead pipes
- Proposed rule expected Aug. 2023; Final Rule expected before Oct. 16, 2024.

- **National Primary Drinking Water Standard for PFAS**

- Feb. 2021 – Final regulatory determination on PFOS and PFOA
- March 2022 – EPA Federalism Consultation
- Establish a Maximum Contaminant Level, treatment technique, monitoring & reporting, public notification
- [Proposed rule](#) comments due May 30; Final Rule expected Fall 2023

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – “necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.”

- Projects eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - Construct, improve, and repair wastewater treatment plants; control non-point sources of pollution; create green infrastructure; manage and treat stormwater; water reuse; protect waterbodies from pollution.
- Projects eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Build or upgrade facilities to improve water quality; transmission, distribution, and storage systems; consolidation or establishment of drinking water systems
- Cybersecurity
- Climate Change and Resilience
- Lead Service Line Replacement

Final Treasury Rule provides [additional flexibilities](#) for water and wastewater projects

- [Local Government ARPA Investment Tracker](#)
 - **Buffalo, NY (\$10M)** – Expand City’s ROLL program – replace lead service lines at additional 1,000 homes.
 - **Riverside, CA (\$500K)** – Create community gardens that also serve as stormwater filtration rain gardens to treat runoff from impervious surfaces.
 - **St. Paul, MN (\$14.5M)** – Replace 2,400 lead service line (based on current estimate of \$6,000/private side replacement).
 - **Toledo, OH (\$10M)** – Replace all private lead service lines (approx. 3,000) at no cost to homeowner. Replace many public lead service lines where co-located with private lines.
 - **Mesa, AZ (\$1M)** – Improve cybersecurity of water and sewer infrastructure management systems
 - **Laredo, TX (\$5.3M)** – Replace aging infrastructure, improve water quality and improve service reliability.

- \$11.713 billion over five years for the **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund** (traditional)
 - 49% principal forgiveness/grants
- \$11.713 billion over five years for the **Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund** (traditional)
 - 49% principal forgiveness/grants
- \$15 billion over five years for **lead pipe replacement** projects through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
 - 49% principal forgiveness/grants
- \$10 billion over five years for grants to address **emerging contaminants and PFAS** drinking water contamination
 - \$1 billion through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$4 billion through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
 - \$5 billion for underserved communities

Clean Water SRF

- **City of Wilmington, DE** - \$15M CWSRF loan to address flooding by replacing their combined sewer system with separate sanitary and stormwater collection systems.
- **City of Mariana, FL** - \$5M CWSRF loan for the installation of two solar facilities and solar arrays at wastewater treatment plant.

Drinking Water SRF

- **City of Cornelius, OR** - \$2.8M in DWSRF funding to construct an aquifer storage and recovery system and pump house facility.
- **City of Pretty Prairie, KS** - \$2.4M in DWSRF funding to construct a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant to address nitrate contamination in their source water.

- Until the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), most tax-exempt entities (such as municipalities) were not eligible for many energy tax incentives.
- Being a tax-exempt entity means that the tax liability is not there for a city need to use the incentives.
- Until IRA, the most common way to leverage tax incentives was tax equity—selling the rights to the credits to help a large taxpayer lower their tax exposure.
- **IRA Direct Pay provision makes tax-exempt entities eligible for cash back from Treasury equal to the amount of the credits**—essentially making the credits the municipality would have missed out on a payment that a municipality can receive by filing a form with the IRS.
 - **Clean Energy Production Tax Credits**
 - **Clean Energy Investment Tax Credits**
- This is a major step forward for municipalities being able to finance clean energy projects.

- **City of St. Cloud, MN** - \$16.7M in CWSRF funding for nutrient and energy recovery project.
- **City of Rome, NY** - \$10.4M in interest-free CWSRF financing to construct combined heat and power system that generates electricity with biogas.
- **City of Mariana, FL** - \$5M CWSRF loan for the installation of two solar facilities and solar arrays at wastewater treatment plant.
- **City of Taos, NM** - \$2M CWSRF funding (\$1.2M as principal forgiveness) for two solar projects at the wastewater treatment plant.
- [Inflation Reduction Act: Clean Project Eligibility for Local Governments](#)
- [How Local Governments Can Use Direct Pay on Clean Energy Projects](#) – Santa Anna, CA, Athens, OH, Madison, WI

Resilient Infrastructure Technical Assistance – **Smart Surfaces Coalition**

- Increase the adoption of reflective, porous and green surfaces (or “[Smart Surfaces](#)”) in nine metropolitan areas over three years.



EPA Environmental Finance Centers

EPA Water Technical Assistance

EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities

- Build capacity to navigate federal grant application systems

Bootcamp Registration Open Through May 31



Local Infrastructure Hub

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Bootcamp Program Offerings – Phase 3 (June–Sept.)

Rail Crossing Elimination Program and CRISI

- **\$3 billion/\$5 billion available** – provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, promoting safety and mobility for people and goods.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- **\$2.75 billion available** – financial assistance to address urgent water challenges to achieve the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Broadband Equity, Access and Development

- **\$42.25 billion available** – helps expand high-speed internet access through broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption projects and activities.

Neighborhood Access and Equity

- **\$5 billion available** – helps to reconnect neighborhoods divided by infrastructure.

Bridge Investment Program

- **\$2.36 billion available** – focuses on existing bridges to reduce the number of bridges in poor condition.

- Engage state agency to understand timeline and process
- State definition of “disadvantaged community” and “affordability criteria” – does it apply to your community?
- EPA memo to states on SRF implementation
- What are your water infrastructure projects – lead pipes, PFAS?
- How will you use other funding – ARPA, flood mitigation programs (BRIC, pre-disaster hazard mitigation) or resilience (PROTECT)
- Projects that address equity and resilience
- State municipal league/state county association

QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.

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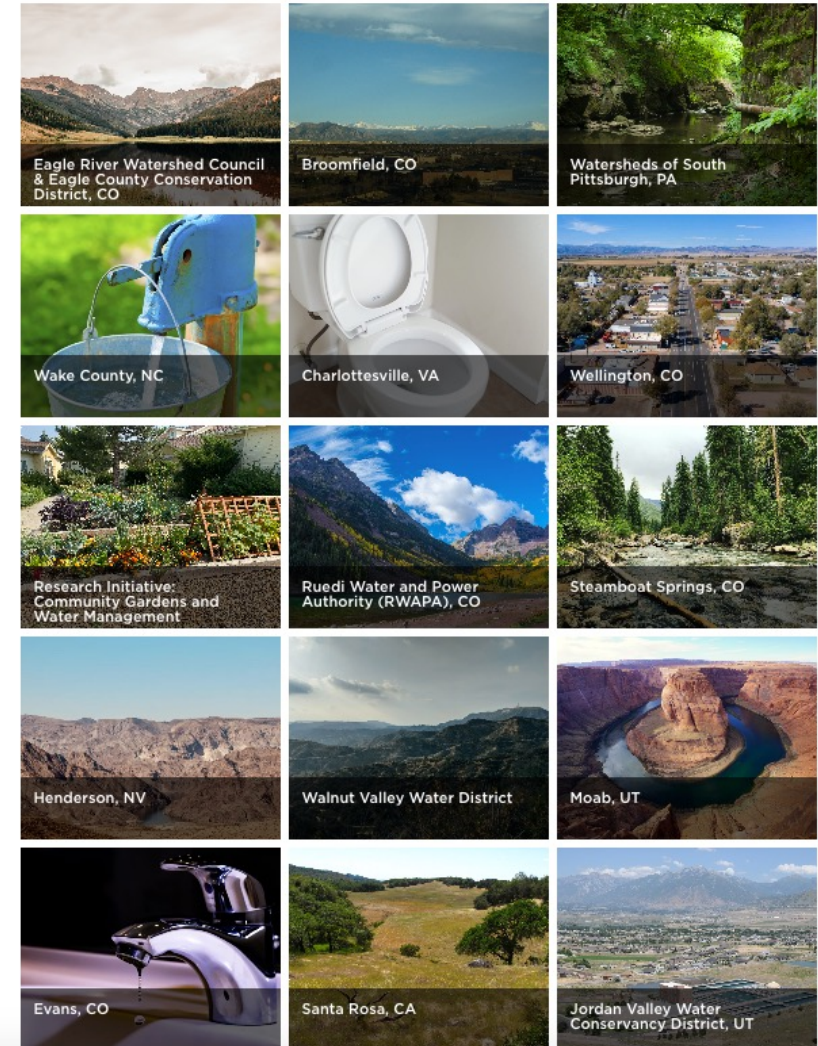
Steamboat Springs Water Resiliency and Infrastructure Funding Strategy

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PROJECT ACCELERATOR SUPPORT

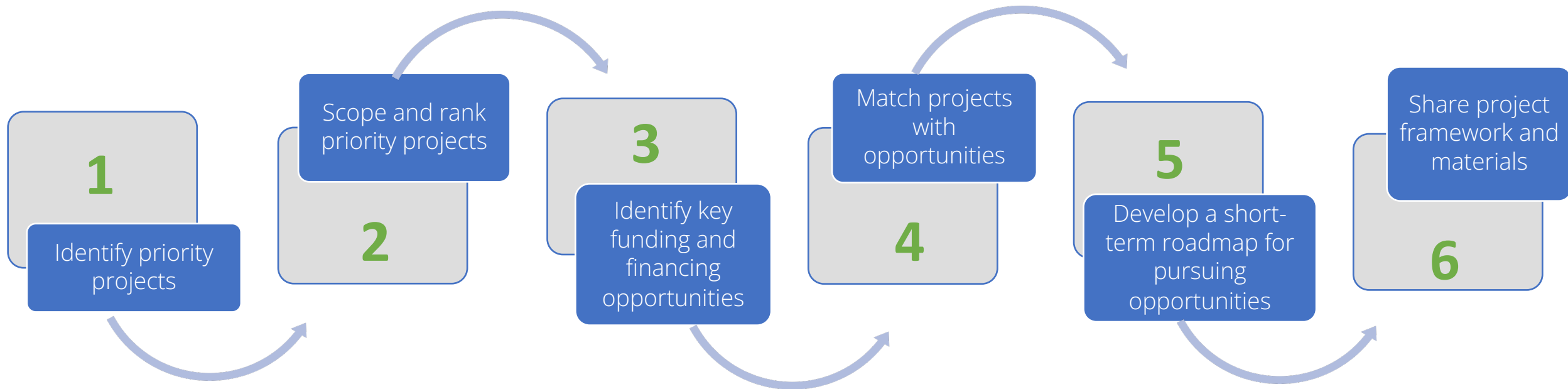
- ✓ 250 hours of **pro bono technical assistance**
- ✓ Over a **6-9 month** period
- ✓ City/Agency identified project, driven by **local priorities**
- ✓ **Jump start** innovative water management initiatives

FEATURED PROJECTS



KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

Goal: Develop a framework that supports Steamboat Springs and other Colorado communities in navigating the new BIL and ARPA funding and financing opportunities to advance their water infrastructure and resiliency goals.



Steamboat Springs, CO



Julie Baxter
Water Resources Manager



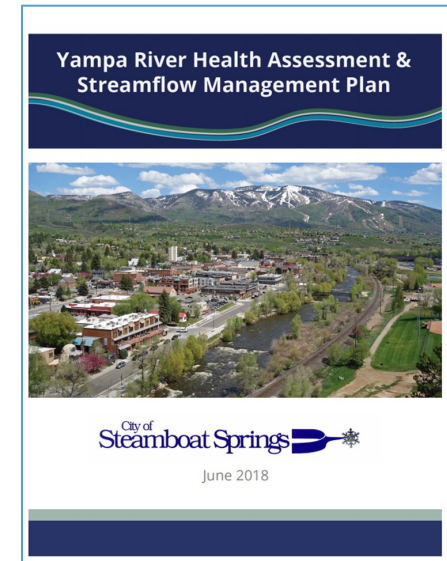
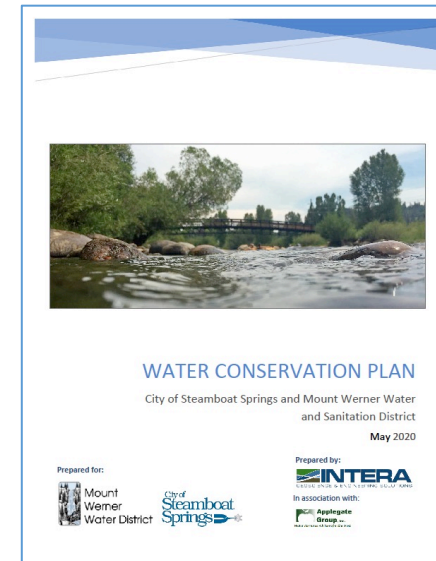
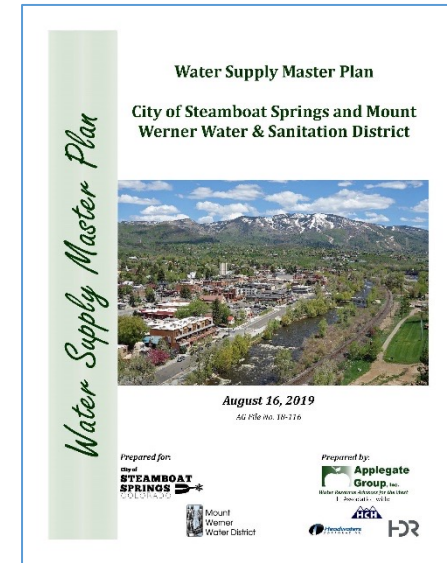
Identifying Priority Projects

1. Review Long-Range Plans, Master Plans, and CIP

- Water Supply Plan
- Water Conservation Plan
- Yampa River Health Assessment & Streamflow Management Plan
- Land & Water Restoration Opportunities
- Fish Creek Critical Community Watershed Wildfire Protection Plan
- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- Stormwater Master Plan

2. Engage Stakeholders to Scope and Prioritize

- Stream Team, Water Team, Finance Department
- Assess readiness, capacity, and highest priorities



Identifying Priority Projects

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Project	Description	Lead Agency	Plan	Relative Cost	Staff Oversight	Timeliness/Readiness	Partners
1	Construct large-scale long-term Fish Creek Water Treatment Plant facility improvements for wildfire resiliency	Identified improvements to enhance plant's resiliency to source water quality changes associated with watershed fires: pre-treatment (\$100k-\$5M), post-filtration (\$4-10M), capacity expansion (TBD). Plan also identifies medium scale improvements needed.	Public Works - Water	Fish Creek CWWPP	High	Low	High	Mt Werner Water
2	Complete ecological restoration at River Creek Park/Rotary Complex/ Williams Preserve	Biggest opportunity for river/riparian/wetlands restoration in city (City-owned land) and possibly larger river basin. Reduces non-native fish, connects floodplain, increases riparian habitat, reduces temperatures, improves flood resiliency, etc. Initial 20% design report available next week.	Public Works - Water Resources Manager or Parks and Recreation	Wetlands Restoration Feasibility Report Yampa Stream Management Plan Climate Action Plan	High	High	Medium	Colorado Parks and Wildlife Yampa Valley Sustainability Cour
3	Complete preliminary steps for the construction of the Elk River Water Treatment Plant.	Provides redundant supplies in case wildfire in Fish Creek watershed, plans for growth west side of town - large affordable housing project. Preliminary steps may include siting study, land acquisition, water quality monitoring plan	Public Works - Water	Fish Creek CWWPP Water Supply Master Plan	Low to high depending on step	High	Medium	City Managers Office Yampa Valley House Authority
4	Update Community Development Code to integrate water management with land use planning and	Strengthen standards for development, landscaping, subdivision, stormwater management to improve	Planning and Community		Low	High	High	Public Works - Wat Resources Manage

Project and Funding Opportunity Table

Program Name	WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (WEEG)	WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP)	WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects (DRP)	WaterSMART: Drought Contingency Planning (DCP)	WaterSMART: Environmental Water Resources Projects (EWRP)	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: General Supplemental Funding	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Emerging Contaminants Funding	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Lead Service Line Funding	Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund: General Supplemental Funding	Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund: Emerging Contaminants Funding	Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund: State Revolving Fund Planning Grant	Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund: State Revolving Fund Design and Engineering Grant	EPA: Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFA)	FEMA: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	ILISC Collaborative Forest Landscape
Primary Projects															
Fish Creek Water Treatment Plant			☑			✓							?	?	
Corrosion control treatment						?									
Ecological restoration at River Creek Park/Rotary Complex/Willams Preserve					☑				?				?		
Elk River Water Treatment Plant prelim construction						?									
Update Community Development Code to integrate water mgmt. with land use															
Convert wastewater treatment plant outflow from ditch to treatment wetland					?				?						
Implement capital stormwater															

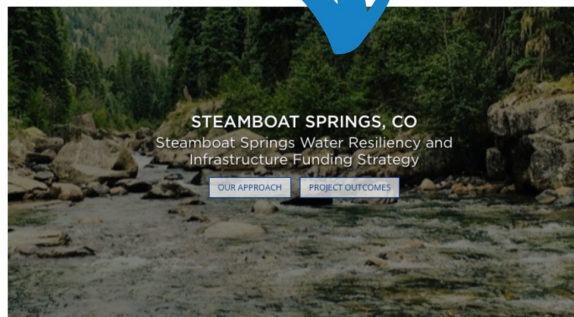
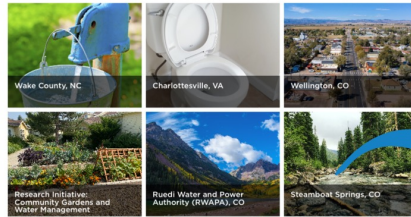
Roadmap Considerations

- Project phasing and eligibility
- Timing nonfederal match applications
- Financial policies
- Bandwidth
 - Staffing
 - Departmental project management
 - Financial and grant administration
 - Hiring capacity
 - Matching capital funding



PROJECT RESOURCES

FEATURED PROJECTS



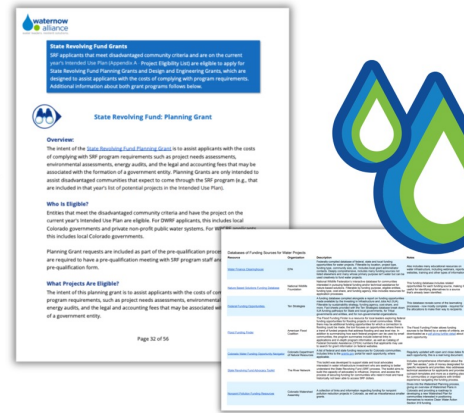
Project Goal
This project will develop a framework that supports Steamboat Springs and other Colorado communities in navigating the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and financing opportunities to advance their water infrastructure and resiliency needs.

Our Approach
The recently passed federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) present an immense opportunity to address current and emerging needs around watershed health, infrastructure improvements, and conservation programming. WaterNow and Steamboat Springs, a community of approximately 13,000 people in Northern Colorado's Yampa Valley, will be partnering to develop a strategic approach to maximize the use of IIJA and ARPA funds.

This project will research IIJA and ARPA opportunities and align them with high-priority City goals, such as: forest and watershed restoration to protect drinking water sources; improving the efficiency of park irrigation systems; establishing a stormwater utility to help fund the stormwater management program; addressing water quality and temperature.



Information and Resources: Federal Funding and Financing Opportunities



Step-by-Step Explainer: Matching Community Projects with Federal Funding and Financing Opportunities



Template: Matching Community Projects with Federal Funding and Financing Opportunities

Project Description	Anticipated Project Timeline	Project Size (million USD)	Lead Agency	Assessment Cost	Inclusion in Budget by End of Fiscal Year	Eligible for ARPA/IIJA/ARPA (Yes/No/Unknown)	Eligible for ARPA/IIJA/ARPA (Yes/No/Unknown)	Key Project Partners and Stakeholders	Timeline	Project Priority

Additional Resources

- Explainer: Aligning Federal Funding with Local Priority Projects
- Template: Community Projects and Federal Funding and Financing Opportunities
- Databases of Funding Sources for Water Projects

Step 2: Scope and Rank Priority Projects

Identify criteria for summarizing and comparing this short list of project priorities. For instance, this might include gathering information about the anticipated project timeline, estimated costs, inclusion in capital planning budgets, key project partners and stakeholders, project benefits (e.g., range of environmental, social, economic, and equity-related impacts of project), project urgency, and potential obstacles and roadblocks. This process can also identify any key considerations around staff capacity to implement and administer different funding opportunities and programs (e.g., the people, time, and money likely to be associated with both the pursuit of funding or financing and the project's implementation).

Tips and Examples

- An example of a template for summarizing and comparing this information for key projects is available [here](#).
- The scoping process provides an important opportunity to apply an equity lens and identify projects that can bring benefits to communities disproportionately affected or susceptible to environmental and health impacts. This can look like including projects with key equity-related outcomes, and/or integrating a meaningful equity lens into localized water infrastructure planning and programs, by:
 - Measuring community disparities
 - Providing local planners, public officials, community organizations, and foundations with the tools they need to engage marginalized populations and advocate for equity objectives
 - Transforming equity goals into targeted discussions on disparities to be tackled
 - Initiating and executing a visible public planning process
 - Developing specific measurable objectives and achievable action items
 - Eliminating barriers to participation by bridging language and cultural barriers, expanding programs to multi-family homes, creating flexibility for customers with late or overdue payments

Additional resources and frameworks for utilizing an equity lens in project planning are available [here](#).

A 10-step, high-level decision-making framework on WaterNow's [Tap into Resiliency](#) Toolkit walks through the steps for deploying localized water infrastructure strategies, such as green infrastructure, rebate programs for efficient appliances and turf conversion, and turf placement programs – at larger scale.

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WaterSMART Program

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Agenda

- WaterSMART Overview
- WaterSMART Programs
- Application Tips
- WaterSMART Tools and Resources



WaterSMART Program Grants

Building a Foundation

Planning

- Drought Contingency Plans
- Cooperative Watershed Management Program
- Water Marketing Strategy Grants
- Water Conservation Field Services Program
- Basin Studies
- Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Projects
- Water Recycling and Desalination Planning

Science and Tools

- Applied Science Tools
- Reservoir Operations Pilots
- Water Management Options Pilots
- Drought Resiliency Projects
- Basin Studies

On-the-Ground Projects

- Drought Resiliency Projects
- Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
- Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects
- Environmental Water Resources Projects
- Title XVI
- Large Scale Water Recycling
- Water Desalination
- Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Projects

WaterSMART Program Basics

➔ **Most WaterSMART activities are grant programs**

➔ **Generally a 50% non-Federal cost share is required for grants under WaterSMART**

➔ **Applicants include entities such as states, tribes, cities, water districts, irrigation districts, watershed groups, non-profits, and flood control districts within the 17 Western United States and Territories, AK, HI, and Puerto Rico**

➔ **Funding is allocated through annual competitive processes**



WaterSMART Grants

Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

Eligible Project Types

- Water Conservation Projects
 - Canal lining/piping
 - Municipal metering
 - Irrigation flow measurement
 - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition and Automation (SCADA)
 - Landscape irrigation measures
 - High-Efficiency Indoor Appliances and Fixtures
 - Commercial Cooling Systems
- Renewable Energy Projects
 - Hydropower
 - Solar, wind energy

Funding

- Funding Group I: Up to \$500k in 2 years
- Funding Group II: Up to \$2 million in 3 years
- Funding Group III: Up to \$5 million in 3 years
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater

Funding Opportunity Anticipated July 2023



Criteria focus
on quantifying
water savings



WaterSMART Grants

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

Eligible Project Types

- Canal lining/piping
- Municipal metering
- Irrigation flow measurement
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition and Automation (SCADA)
- Landscape irrigation measures
- High-Efficiency Indoor Appliances and Fixtures
- Commercial Cooling Systems

Funding

- Up to \$100k in Reclamation funds
- Maximum total project costs of \$225k per project
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater

Evaluation Criteria

- Simplified evaluation criteria
- Benefits to applicant
- Previous planning efforts supporting the project

Funding Opportunity Anticipated August 2023



Drought Response Program

Drought Resiliency Projects

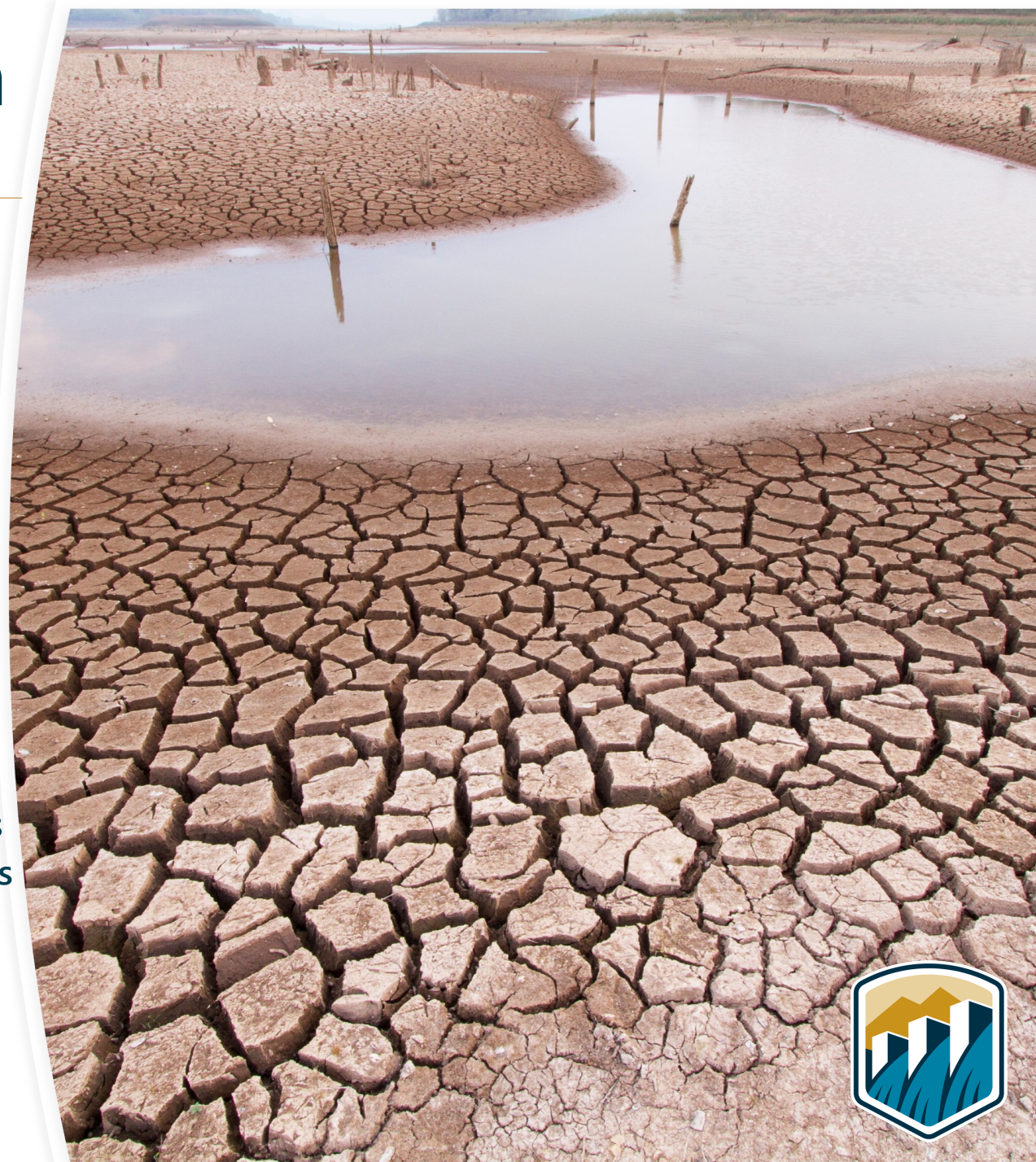
Eligible Project Types

- Infrastructure Improvements
- New conveyance system components
- Additional water storage
- Recharge facilities
- Capture and treat alternative supplies
- Decision Support Tools & Modeling
- Environmental Protection

Funding

- Funding Level I: \$500k, projects completed in 2 years
- Funding Level II: \$2 million, projects completed in 3 years
- Funding Level III: \$5 million, projects completed in 3 years
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater

Funding Opportunity Anticipated June 2023



Environmental Water Resources Projects

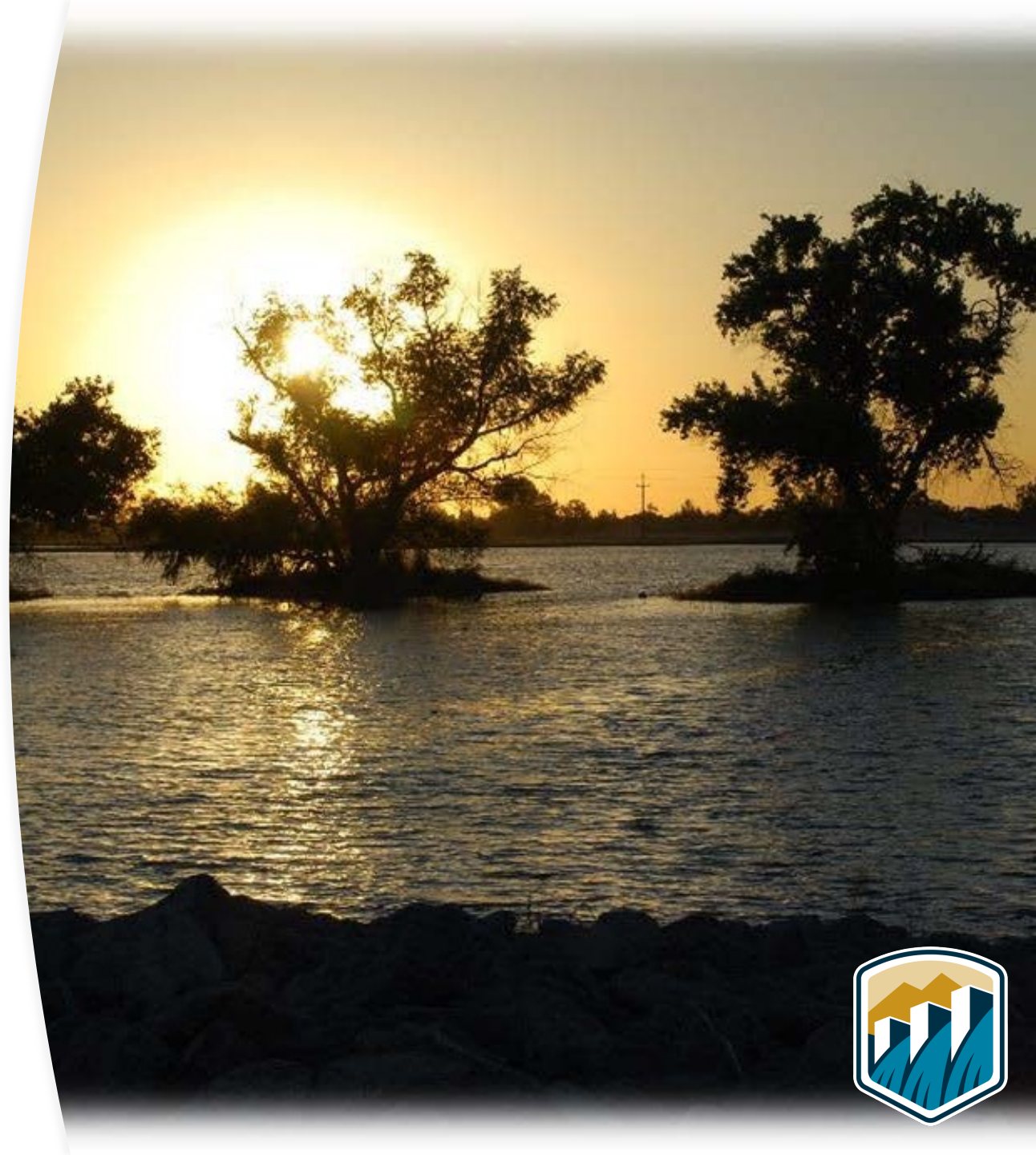
Eligible Project Types

- Water conservation and efficiency projects that increase reliability for ecological values or watershed health
- Water management and Infrastructure Improvements to benefit ecological values and watershed health
- Watershed management or restoration projects benefitting ecological values or watershed health
- Projects to improve the condition of a natural feature or nature-based feature

Funding

- Non-Federal Cost Share: 25% to 50%
- Funding Level: Up to \$3 million 3 years

****Section 40907 of the BIL (Multi-Benefit Projects to Improve Watershed Health) will be implemented through the EWRP starting in FY23****



Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects

Eligible Project Types

- Funds the study, design, and construction of large-scale aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects
- Projects should improve habitat or fish passage, including through the removal or bypass of fish barriers
- Prioritizes projects that provide regional benefits (across multiple basins), are a component of an aging infrastructure strategy, or benefit an underserved community

Two Phases

- Planning and Design
- Construction

Currently open on grants.gov. Applications due June 1, 2023.



Planning & Project Design

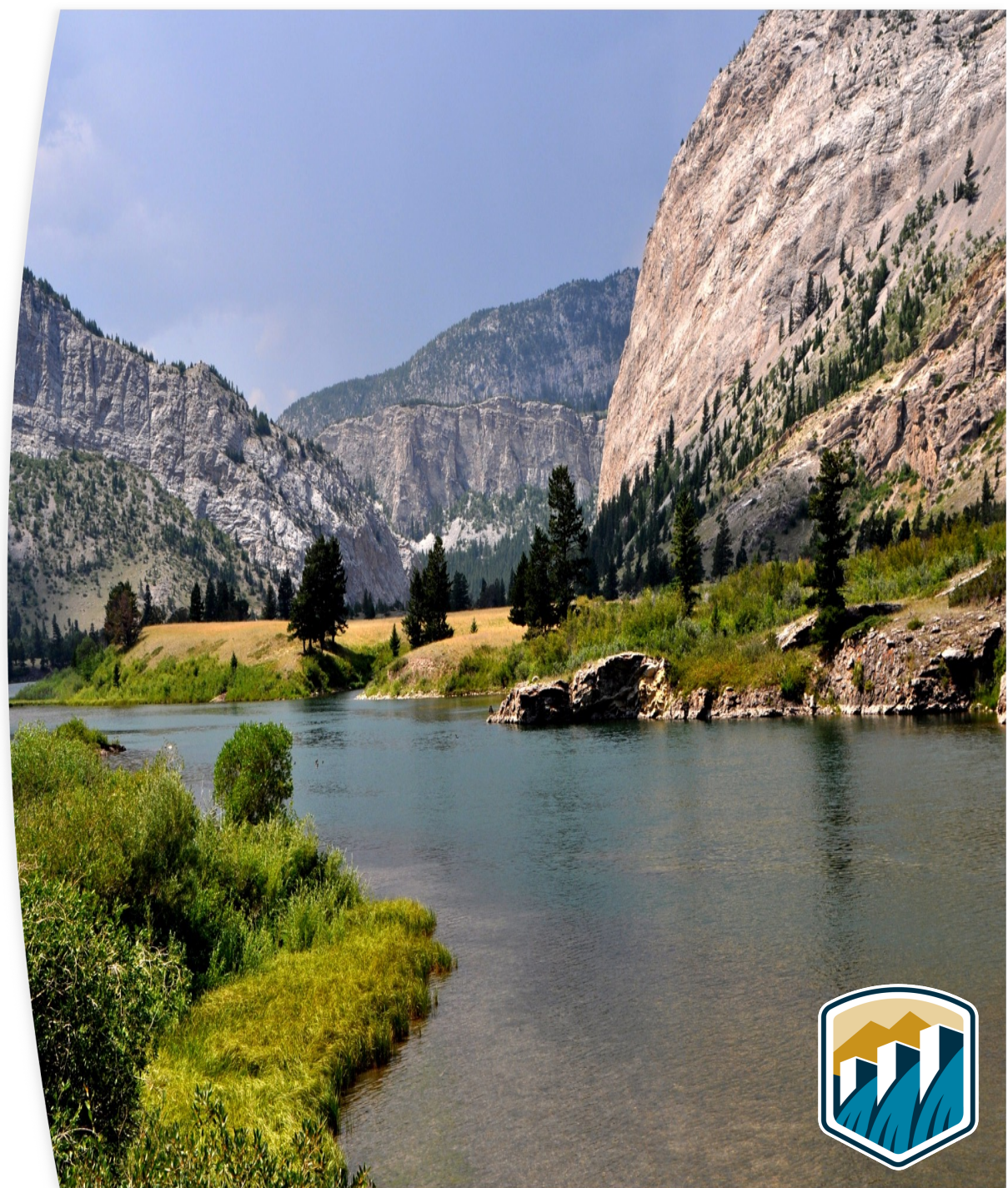
Eligible Projects

- **Water Strategy Grants**
 1. Water Marketing Strategies
 2. Water Supply Strategies
 3. River Restoration Strategies
- **Drought Contingency Planning**
- **Project Design Grants**
 1. Environmental Water Resources Projects
 2. Water Management and Conservation Projects
 3. Drought Resiliency Projects

Funding

- Up to \$400,000 for projects that can be completed in 2-3 years
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 25% to 50%, dependent on project type

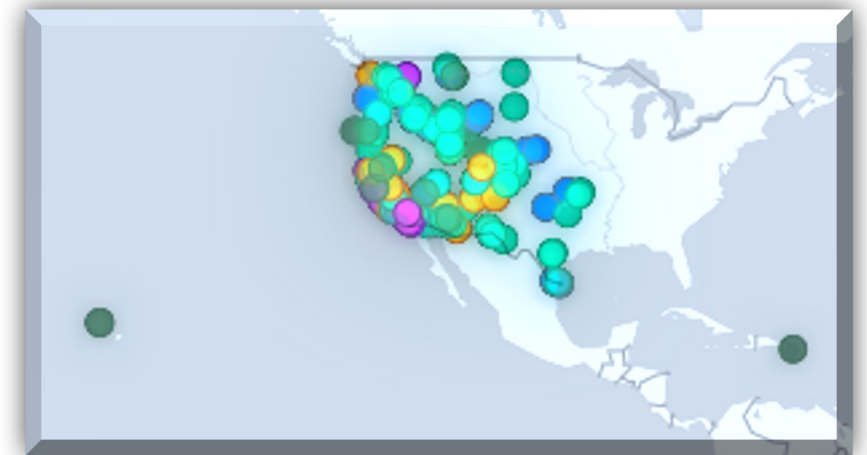
Funding Opportunity Anticipated June 2023



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding for WaterSMART

WaterSMART Programs Receiving Infrastructure Funding

Program Area	Funding Amount (Over Five Years)	Activities Funded
WaterSMART Grants	\$400 million	Water conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, natural and nature-based features, drought, water scarcity
Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program	\$550 million	Water Recycling
Cooperative Watershed Management Program	\$100 million	Watershed planning and restoration projects for watershed groups
Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration and Protection Projects	\$250 million	Aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects to improve habitat
Multi-Benefit Projects to Improve Watershed Health	\$100 million	Restoration projects to improve watershed health



BIL Funded Projects to Date

208 Projects

\$553.8M in BIL Funds

\$1.9B in total Project Costs

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Reservoir Operation Pilots

Applied Science Grants

Cooperative Watershed Management Program

WaterSMART

The American West faces serious water challenges. Wide-spread drought, increased populations, aging infrastructure, and environmental requirements all strain existing water and hydropower resources. Adequate and safe water supplies are fundamental to the health, economy, and security of the country. Through WaterSMART, Reclamation will continue to work cooperatively with states, tribes and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and avoid potential water conflicts.

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You may complete this [form](#) to receive WaterSMART program notification from the Bureau of Reclamation.

WaterSMART Project Selections Overview

Since January 2021, Reclamation has selected 255 projects to be funded with \$500 million in WaterSMART funding, in conjunction with \$314.3 million in non-Federal funding, across the western states.



OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

None at this time

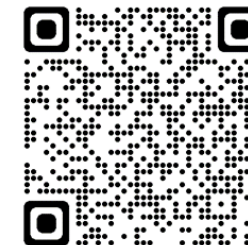
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR



Click [here](#) to view a detailed status of all current and upcoming WaterSMART funding opportunities.



Reclamation partnered with grants.gov to host a [webinar](#) to help familiarize you with the site and to provide an opportunity to submit a grant [view the Powerpoint](#)





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Questions?

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GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT & HELP DESK

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WaterSMART Grants

WaterSMART Grant Application Support & Help Desk

Established in 2010, the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau for Tomorrow) Program provides technical assistance to water utilities in the Western United States. The WaterSMART Program is a key component of the program that implements actions to advance water conservation and efficiency.

Click through the sub-sections to learn more about [WaterSMART funding, programs, and projects](#), [Water Efficiency Projects](#), [Energy Efficiency Projects](#), [Contingency Planning](#), [WaterSMART Application Support and Help Desk](#).

What is WaterSMART?

Eligibility & Application

Program Notifications & Updates

Water & Energy Efficiency

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

WaterNow is available to provide pro-bono support to Colorado communities applying for WaterSMART funding opportunities. Our support services include, but are not limited to:

- 1-on-1 calls to discuss available grant opportunities and strategize next steps
- Targeted research tasks related to your application
- Application and budget templates that follow the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Editing and detailed review of your application (*Please note that WaterNow is not able to write/draft WaterSMART applications at this time*)
- And more! We'll work with you to determine what kind of support would be most useful to your utility or organization.

If you're interested in applying to a WaterSMART funding opportunity and would like WaterNow's assistance, fill out [this short form](#) and we'll be in touch.

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1,129 AF per year. Greeley had submitted an application for WaterSMART funding in FY2019 but were not successful in receiving funding, so they requested support from WaterNow on strengthening their application.

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