**Water Resources Guide**

*This list contains programs from the various federal agencies that assist with the funding and development of clean water and wastewater project projects.*

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

*For general information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure law, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-voluntary-school-and-child-care-lead-testing-and-reduction-grant-program)*.*

*For a list of New Mexico Environment Department’s funding opportunities, click* [*here*](https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/)*.*

[**Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program**](https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf)

This program provides low-interest loans to eligible entities for a wide range of wastewater and storm water projects that protect surface water and groundwater resources. Funds may also be used for projects that control non-point source water pollution. This program is administered through the New Mexico Environment Department. Loan subsidy may be available to disadvantaged borrowers.

*For more information, click* [*here.*](https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/)

[**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program**](https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/)

This state-administered program provides assistance for infrastructure projects and other expenditures that facilitate compliance with federal drinking water regulations or that promote public health protection. States are directed to give funding priority to infrastructure projects that are needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements, protect public health, and assist systems with economic need. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) co-administers the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA). Loan subsidy may be available to disadvantaged borrowers.

*For more information from NMFA, click* [*here*](https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/drinking-water-state-revolving-loan-fund/)*.*

*For an application overview and FAQ, click* [*here*](https://www.nmfinance.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Attachment-DWSRLF-Application-Overview-and-FAQs-1.pdf)*.*

[**WIIN: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Program**](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-small-underserved-and-disadvantaged-communities-grant-program-0)

This program assists public water systems in underserved, small and disadvantaged communities meet Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements. Grants will be awarded as non‐competitive grants to states and funding will be distributed by the NMED. The grant program is designed to help public water systems in underserved communities meet and comply with SDWA requirements.

*For NMED contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/)*.*

[**WIIN: Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Program**](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-voluntary-school-and-child-care-lead-testing-and-reduction-grant-program)

This program awards funding to states, territories, and tribes to assist local and tribal educational agencies in voluntary testing for lead contamination in drinking water at schools and child care facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted in November 2021 changed the grant program to Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program and allowed grant funding for lead remediation in addition to testing.

*For New Mexico Department of Health contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/)*.*

[**Emerging Contaminants (EC) in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant (SDC)**](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/emerging-contaminants-ec-small-or-disadvantaged-communities-grant-sdc)

As part of a government-wide effort to confront PFAS pollution, EPA has invited states and territories to apply for funding to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants in drinking water, specifically in small or disadvantaged communities.

*For a list of contaminant candidates, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/emerging-contaminants-ec-small-or-disadvantaged-communities-grant-sdc)*.*

*For NMED contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/)*.*

[**Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)**](https://www.epa.gov/wifia)

The WIFIA program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/documents/wifia_program_overview_factsheet.pdf)*.*

*For a list of previously selected projects, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-selected-projects-table)*.*

[**Border Environment Infrastructure Fund - Grants for U.S.-Mexico Border Projects**](https://www.nadb.org/infrastructure-financing/grants/border-environment-infrastructure-fund-beif-pdap)

Congress provides funding to EPA for high priority water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the U.S.-Mexico border region. EPA contributes much of its annual border infrastructure appropriation to NADB for grants to construct water infrastructure on both sides of the border. EPA in turn provides these funds to two programs: (1) the Project Development Assistance Program (PDAP), and (2) Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF). The PDAP and BEIF programs are intended to identify and fund water infrastructure projects.

[**Safe Drinking Water on Tribal Lands**](https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater)

EPA works collaboratively with Tribal governments, Tribal utilities and Tribal members to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The goal of this collaboration is to improve access to safe drinking water on Tribal lands, through a number of funding streams.

*For a list of available resources, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater/epas-role-safe-drinking-water-tribal-lands-2)*.*

*For a list of previous grant allocations, click* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/tribal/tribal-drinking-water-program-fund-allotments)*.*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*For a list of New Mexico State Office Contacts, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/contactpage/new-mexico-contacts)*.*

*For a general list of USDA-RD Water & Environment programs, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs)*.*

[**Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/revolving-funds-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects/nm)

This program helps qualified nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_WaterWasteRLF.pdf)*.*

*For an application guide, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/FY22RFPAPPLICATIONGUIDE_FINAL.pdf)*.*

**[Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/nm)**

This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. The program serves rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, Tribal lands in rural areas and Colonias.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS-EmergCommWaterAssistance.pdf)*.*

*To check eligibility, click* [*here*](https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do)*.*

[**Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias)**.**

This program provides low-income communities, which face significant health risks, access to safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services. Funds may be used for construction of drinking water and waste disposal systems, including storm drainage

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_TribalWWD.pdf)*.*

[**Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD__FS_RUS_WEPDirect.pdf)

This USDA program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less, Tribal lands in rural areas and Colonias.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD__FS_RUS_WEPDirect.pdf)*.*

*To check eligibility, click* [*here*](https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do)*.*

[**Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-29)

This USDA program helps qualified, private nonprofits provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; helps applicants prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and helps associations improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_WaterWasteTA.PDF)*.*

[**Circuit Rider Program - Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems)

This program provides technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial or managerial issues. Rural water system officials may request assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, or Rural Utilities Service staff may request assistance on behalf of the system.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/508_rd_fs_rus_circuitrider_english.pdf)*.*

*For information on the New Mexico Rural Water Association, click* [*here*](https://nmrwa.org/)*.*

[**SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households**](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households)

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

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_SEARCH.PDF)*.*

**[Solid Waste Management Grants](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/solid-waste-management-grants)**

This program reduces or eliminates pollution of water resources by providing funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites. The program serves rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less.

*For a fact sheet, click* [*here*](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_SolidWasteMgmtGrants.pdf)*.*

*To check eligibility, click* [*here*](https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do)*.*

**U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

*For a list of contacts for the New Mexico State Offices, see* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/uc/aboutus/contactus.html)*.*

*To sign-up for WaterSMART program notifications, see* [*here*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urWTBhhLe02TQfMvQApUlPRTCutos_xLlgSENS6jZuFUQlo3U044UEZZWENXSkYxV0JOVkRWUFhWWS4u)*.*

[**WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants**](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/index.html)

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 and the focus is on projects that can be completed within two or three years.

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/prev.html)*.*

*For a list of FAQs, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/faq.html)*.*

[**Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects**](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/swep/index.html)

Through the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects 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 that have been 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.

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/swep/prev.html)*.*

[**Environmental Water Resources Projects**](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/ewrp/index.html)

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; 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.

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/ewrp/prev.html)*.*

[**Title XVI - Water Reclamation and Reuse**](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/index.html)

Through the Title XVI program, Reclamation identifies and investigates opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewaters and impaired ground and surface water in the 17 Western States and Hawaii. Title XVI includes funding for the planning, design, and construction of water recycling and reuse projects in partnership with local government entities.

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/prev.html)*.*

*For a list of FAQs, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/faq.html)*.*

[**Applied Science Grants**](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/appliedscience/index.html)

Through these grants, Reclamation provides funding to non-Federal entities for the development of tools and information to support water management for multiple uses. Eligible projects include the development of modeling and forecasting tools, hydrologic data platforms, and new data sets.

*For a full list of eligible projects, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/appliedscience/projecttypes.html)*.*

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/appliedscience/projects.html)*.*

[**Drought Response Program**](https://www.usbr.gov/drought/)

The Bureau of 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.

*For a list of previous grant selections, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/drought/prev.html)*.*

*For a list of FAQs, click* [*here*](https://www.usbr.gov/drought/docs/DroughtResponseProgramFAQ.pdf)*.*