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Managing Water in the West

Financial Assistance Opportunities









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Reclamation Financial Assistance

Grant Programs

MP Region

- Bay-Delta CALFED Water Use Efficiency
- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency

LC Region

Water Conservation Field Services Program

Bureau-wide

- WaterSMART Grants
 - WEEG Water Energy Efficiency Grants
 - SWEP Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects
 - CWMP Cooperative Watershed Management Prog.
 - Drought
 - Water Marketing Strategy

Reclamation Financial Assistance

General Grant Information



50% project's cost and no more than \$5 million



States, tribes, irrigation and water districts, and other entities with water or power delivery authority

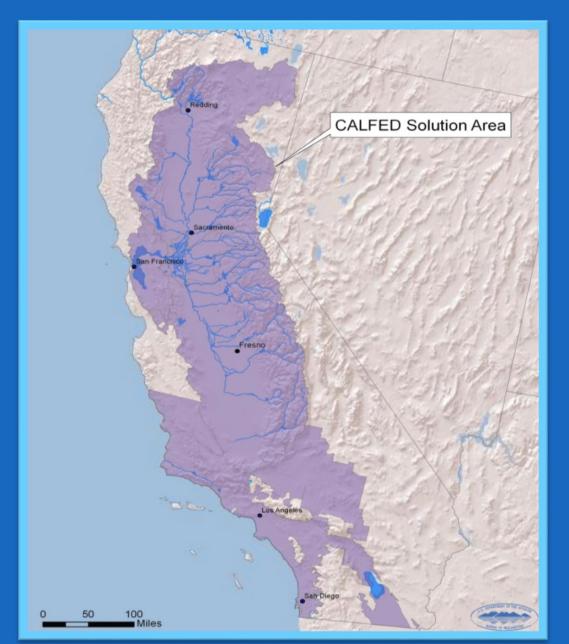


Awards made through a competitive process



Grant programs are posted on www.grants.gov

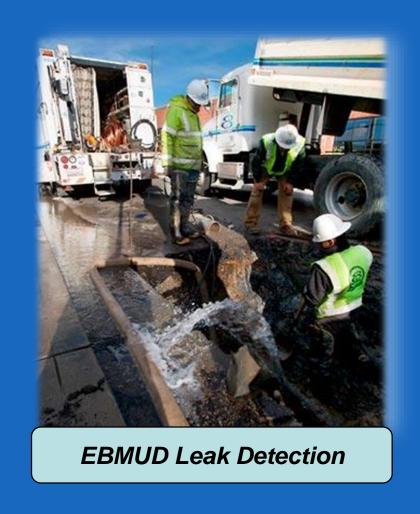
Bay-Delta CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants



Eligible applicants must be located within the CALFED Solution Area

Bay-Delta CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants

- Accelerate the implementation of cost-effective actions through water conservation
- Significant benefits to the Delta through water quality, water supply reliability, and instream flows
- From 2010 2016, Reclamation awarded 60 grants; contributed to 302,492 AF conserved or better managed



Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants

- Partnership with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) -Fostering District / Farmer Partnerships
- Focus on district projects that increase the capability of on-farm water conservation projects
- Encourage supplier / grower partnerships to identify district / regional needs and opportunities



South San Joaquin Irrigation Dist.

Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants

Reclamation Funded Project

District project that facilitate growers' project

EXAMPLE: Piping of canal

- 50% cost-share
- Reclamation funding
- 2 year projects

NRCS Funded Project

Facilitates on-farm improvement projects. Funded separately by NRCS

Future on-farm improvements

EXAMPLE: Pressurized irrigation system

- On-farm improvements *not* funded under this FOA
- Eligible for NRCS funding separately



Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants

Examples of NRCS funded On-Farm Efficiency Projects:

- Conversion to more efficient irrigation systems
- Irrigation tail water collection and reuse
- Retrofit to facilitate recycled water use where allowed by water quality and food safety regulations
- On-farm irrigation system / management evaluations
- Irrigation scheduling services, software, equipment

WaterSMART Funding Opportunities

Competed Reclamation-wide (amount dependent on budget)



https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/

Cooperative

Watershed

Program

Watershed

Restoration

WaterSMART – WEEG

Eligible projects fall into one or more "Tasks"

Task A – Water Conservation Projects

Projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings or improved water management

Task B – Hydropower Projects

Projects that increase the use of hydropower in managing and delivering water. Hydropower projects related to water management and delivery include, but are not limited to installing a small-scale hydroelectric facility that enables use of renewable energy sources (e.g., installing low-head hydrokinetic power generation units in a water system)

WaterSMART – WEEG

- Funding Group 1
 - < or = \$300,000 available per project
 - < 2 years to complete
- Funding Group 2
 - \$300,000.01 to \$1,500,000 per project
 - Funding is provided in phases as sufficient progress is shown each year
 - < 3 years to complete



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WaterSMART – Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

For projects with total cost of up to \$200,000 or less

- Eligible projects (similar to WEEG)
 - Receive up to \$75,000 in Federal funding
 - Generally, projects should be complete in two years
- Streamlined Application Process
 - Rolling Application Submission
 - Simplified Evaluation Criteria
 - Clarified necessary budget documentation

WaterSMART - CWMP



- Provides funds to develop local solutions to water management needs
 - Phase 1 Planning
 - Phase 2 Implementation
- Purpose:
 - Improve water quality and ecological resilience
 - Conserve water
 - Reduce conflicts

WaterSMART – CWMP Phase 1

- Up to \$100,000 in Federal funds with \$50,000 provided each year for up to two years for 100% of costs (non-Federal match is not required)
- Two Phase 1 "Task" types:
 - A Establishment of Watershed Group
 - B Further Development of Existing Watershed Group
- Eligible applicants include:
 - Same as above plus local governments and interstate and non-profit entities
 - Affected by water quality and quantity in a watershed
 - Capable of promoting sustainable use of water
 - Task B applicants additionally must be:
 - An existing watershed group or
 - A participant in an existing watershed group

WaterSMART – CWMP Phase 2

- Up to \$300,000 in Federal funds
- Required 50% cost share
- Limited to established watershed groups

Eligible projects:

- Improving stream structure/complexity
- Restoring/enhancing vegetation and floodplains,
- Controlling invasive species,
- Other projects that improve ecological resilience and increase water supplies for users in the watershed

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Funding Opportunity Announcement No. BOR-DO-17-F013

WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase II Grants for Fiscal Year 2017



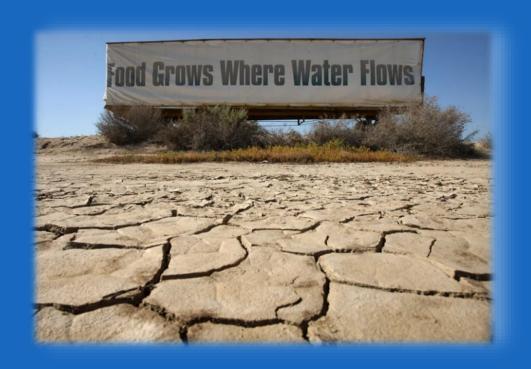


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WaterSMART – Drought Grants

- Contingency Planning up to \$200,000
- Resiliency Projects up to \$750,000



A sign on a farm trailer reading 'Food grows where water flows,' hangs over dry, cracked mud at the edge of a farm near Buttonwillow, California, April 16, 2009.

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WaterSMART – Drought Contingency Planning Grants

Drought Contingency Planning

- Develop a new drought plan or
- Update an existing drought plan

May request technical assistance from Reclamation

Required elements of drought plan (i.e., the plan will):

- Drought monitoring
- Vulnerability assessment
- Mitigation actions
- Response actions
- Operational and administrative framework
- Plan update process

WaterSMART – Drought Resiliency Project Grants

Resiliency implementation projects that help prepare for and respond to drought

- Funding Group 1
 - < or = \$300,000 available per project
 - < 2 years to complete
- Funding Group 2
 - \$300,000.01 to \$750,000 available per project
 - Funded on an annual basis
 - < 3 years to complete

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WaterSMART – Water Marketing Strategy Grants

Funding Group I: Up to \$200,000 - completed within 2 years Funding Group II: Up to \$400,000 - completed within 3 years

A "water marketing strategy" is a framework for implementation of water marketing activities. Development of a water marketing strategy may include:

- (1) Outreach and partnership building;
- (2) Planning activities (e.g., hydrologic, economic, legal and other types of analysis);
- (3) Associated pilot activities integral to the development of a strategy -e.g., the movement of water on a pilot basis in compliance with applicable laws; and
- (4) The development of a water marketing strategy document, describing how the water marketing activities will be implemented.



Quantifiable Water Savings

- Canal Lining/Piping
- Municipal Metering
- Irrigation Flow Measurement
- Landscape Irrigation Measures

Energy-Water Nexus

- Renewable energy related to water management and delivery
- · Increased energy efficiency

WaterSMART Grants

Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

Increasing Water Supply Reliability

- Water Access and Conveyance System Improvements
- · Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- Development of alternative water sources

Improved Water Management

- Modeling
- Decision support tools
 Measurement and Monitoring

Drought Resiliency Projects

Drought Response Program

WaterSMART Grants

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

Watershed Management Projects

Cooperative Watershed Management Program

Small-scale efficiency and water management projects

- Canal Lining/Piping
- Municipal Metering
- · Irrigation Flow Measurement.
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Automation.
- Landscape Irrigation Measures

WaterSMART Construction Opportunities

- Improving Stream Channel Structure and Complexity
- Restoring or Enhancing Floodplains and Riparian Vegetation
- Invasive Species Prevention/Control
- Water Conservation/Management to Improve Ecological Resilience

Title XVI Program

Title XVI of P.L. 102-575, as amended, provides authority for Reclamation's water recycling and reuse program

- Authorized Projects: Congressionally authorized Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse projects
- WIIN Projects: Water Reclamation and Reuse projects with a feasibility study approved in accordance with Reclamation Directives and Standards WTR 11-01
- Feasibility Studies: Studies to assist communities to determine whether water recycling and reuse projects are viable
- Research Studies: Funding opportunity to conduct water reclamation research under the Title XVI program

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Water Conservation Field Services Program

Demonstration Projects

Water Project Designs

- System Optimization Reviews
- Water Conservation Planning



How do I get a grant?

Checkout: www.grants.gov

Give yourself time to write the proposal!

Checkout Successful Applications: https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/applications/

How do I get a grant? -Tips

- Apply for as many grants as you feel your agency qualifies for
- If it is a large project, consider breaking it into phases
- Don't assume that the Grantor knows you
- Focus on the Grant Evaluation Criteria. Copy them into your proposal and address each one in one section of your proposal.
- Understand the 50% non-federal funding cost-share requirement state funding may help with this
- If your grant application does not get awarded, ask for a de-brief to help you prepare a better proposal the next year.

Most importantly, Ask for help!

www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare

- Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Previously Funded Projects
- Performance Measures
- Newsletter
- Water Management Planning Tools

www.usbr.gov/watersmart - has sample applications

www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/wtrcons.html

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