# **RECLAMATION** Managing Water in the West

**Financial Assistance Opportunities** 





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### **Reclamation Financial Assistance**

#### **Grant Programs**



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#### **General Grant Information**



### **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



**EBMUD** Leak Detection

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### **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.

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### **Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants**



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#### **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

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- On-farm irrigation system / management evaluations
- Irrigation scheduling services, software, equipment

### WaterSMART Funding Opportunities

#### **Competed Reclamation-wide** (amount dependent on budget)



#### 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</li>
  - < 2 years to complete</li>
- 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</li>



Ivanhoe Irrigation Dist. 69 Main Project

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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

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- 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

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



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December 2016

#### 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.

David McNew/Getty Images

#### 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</pre>
  - < 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.



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WaterSMART Grants: Water Marketing Strategy Grants for Fiscal Year 2017



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### **Title XVI Program**

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

- <u>Authorized Projects</u>: 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.

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#### 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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# **Questions?**

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