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| North American Wetland Conservation Act Small Grants Program | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | All States | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) | Federal | The Act was passed in part to support activities under the North American Wetlands Management Plan, an international agreement that provides a strategy for the long-term protection of wetlands and associated uplands habitats needed by waterfowl and other migratory birds in North America. In December 2002, Congress reauthorized the Act and expanded its scope to include the conservation of all habitats and biota associated with wetlands ecosystems. | The Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. | \$60 million (annually) for 24 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) projects for US Standard Grants no more than \$250,000. Requires minimum 1:1 match | October 12, 2023, 11:59pm ET | http://www.fws.gov/education/na-wetlands-conservation-act-small-grants-act/ | Rodica McKnight (703) 358-2266 or Anya Rushing (703) 358-2032 |
| Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grants | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | Great Lakes Basin States | NOAA | Federal | The principal objective of NOAA's Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity is to provide federal financial and technical assistance to fish passage through the removal of dams and other in-stream barriers for native migratory or anadromous fish. Funding will be used for fish passage that results in productive and sustainable fisheries, contributes to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, enhances watershed health, promotes resilient ecosystems and communities, especially in underserved communities, and improves economic vitality, including local employment. | Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with applicants who are eligible to apply. Applicants must propose work in areas that benefit United States migratory fish as defined in the Program Objective Section I.A. Eligible applicants for Great Lakes projects must propose work within one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states (New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota), within the Great Lakes basin. | Minimum: \$100,000 Maximum: \$200,000 Total funding: \$75,000,000 | October 16, 2023 | https://www.fishbase.org/funding-opportunity/barrier-removal-grants | Melanie Gange, Competition Manager Phone: 301-427-8664 E-mail: fish_passage_grants@noaa.gov |
| Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Forest Restoration | Environmental & Education | Great Lakes Basin States | U.S. Forest Service | Federal | The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore one of the largest systems of fresh surface water in the world—the Great Lakes. As one of 16 GLRI regional working group members, the U.S. Forest Service awards competitive grants to assist organizations and communities who are taking creative approaches to improve habitats and water quality. Project areas are: 1) Mitigate forest insect and disease impacts 2) Reduce runoff from degraded sites through green infrastructure 3) Restore and connect coastal and riparian forest habitat | State agencies, Tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and local governments that work within the Great Lakes Basin of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. | Anticipated funds will be distributed across three Program Areas. The minimum and maximum Federal funding requests vary depending on Program Area, with an overall range of \$50,000 to \$300,000. | October 23, 2023, 6:00 pm ET | http://www.fs.fed.us/gar/2023/working_group_grants/2023-23293088/ | support@grants.gov 1-800-518-4726 |
| Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Grants | Environmental & Education | All States | USDA | Federal | USDA is offering grants for up to 40 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption. | Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas. | Renewable Energy System Grants: \$2,500 to \$1 ml. Energy Efficiency Grants: \$1,500 to \$500,000. Grants cover up to 50% of total eligible project costs. | Less than \$20,000 Oct 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Grant: March 31 | http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency | For Minnesota: Ron Orman, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 602-7796 Ron.Orman@rds.usda.gov Otherwise, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/REAP_StateEnergyCoordinator.pdf |
| Rural Energy for America Program - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency - Loans | Environmental & Education | All States | USDA | Federal | USDA is offering loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption. | Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations, and small businesses in eligible rural areas. | The maximum loan amount is \$25 million, up to 75% of total project cost. Fees include an initial 1% of the guaranteed amount and a guarantee retention fee of 0.25% of the principal paid annually. | Less than \$20,000 Oct 31 or March 31 Unrestricted Loan: March 31 | http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency | For Minnesota: Ron Orman, USDA Rural Development 375 Jackson St., Suite 410 St. Paul, MN 55101 (651) 602-7796 Ron.Orman@rds.usda.gov Otherwise, contact the state rural development coordinator: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/REAP_StateEnergyCoordinator.pdf |
| Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) | Public Works | WI | WI Emergency Management | Non-Federal | EMPG grant funding shall be used by county/tribal emergency management programs to complete a plan of work that accomplishes all State of Wisconsin statutory and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and WEM program requirements. It is important that county/tribal emergency management programs provide the opportunity for all facets of government and the whole community to participate in the emergency management process to promote resilience in their communities. | County emergency management programs on behalf of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) may submit applications on behalf of multi-county or regional projects. However, one county LEPC must be designated as the lead to serve as the fiscal agent in order to assure paperwork and grant criteria are completed properly. Multi-county applications do not have to adhere to WEM region boundaries. | Total anticipated funding \$4,259,035. 50% cost share requirement | October 31, 2023 | https://dhsa.wisconsin.gov/DHS/EMPG/grants/available-grants | Kristina Page (608) 733-0265 kristina.page@dhsa.gov |
| Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grants | Natural Resources/ Habitat Protection | WI | WI Dept. of Administration | Non-Federal | The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone – all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. WCMP grants are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. | Local units of governments, state agencies, colleges and universities, school districts, regional planning commissions serving coastal areas, tribal units of government and private, nonprofit organizations | Approximately \$1.5 million available. WCMP Grant projects totaling \$60,000 or less require a 50% match. Projects with a total budget larger than \$60,000 require a 60% match. | November 5, 2023 | http://dhsa.wisconsin.gov/Pages/LocalGrants/CoastalGrants.aspx | coastat@wisconsin.gov |
| Environmental Education Grants Program | Environmental & Education | All States | US EPA | Federal | Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$1.5 million in grant funding per year. | Eligible applicants include local education agencies, colleges or universities, state education or environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities. | A total of approximately \$3 million is expected to be available. Maximum grant awards of \$100,000. 25% match required and 25% of grant award must be distributed as sub-grants of no more than \$5,000. | November 6, 2023 | http://www.epa.gov/grants/education/environmental-education-grants | Megan Gavin, U.S. EPA, Region 5 Grants Management Section (417-180) 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507 gavin.megan@epa.gov |
| Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Competitive Grants | Brownfields | All States | US EPA | Federal | These brownfields grants provide federal financial assistance authorities for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan funds. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, Tribal Nations, communities, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. | Assessment Grant: Local units of government and government entities. Non-profit organizations are not eligible. Cleanup Grant: Local units of government, government entities, and non-profit organizations. | Multi-purpose Grants up to \$1,000,000 Community-wide grants up to \$500,000 for site-specific grants and Brownfields Cleanup Grants up to \$5,000,000 | November 12, 2023 | http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-assessment-of-and-reuse-of-grants-and-loans | Jerry Minor/Gordon brownfields@epa.gov |
| Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grants | Recreation | WI | WI DNR | Non-Federal | There are grants available for park land and development, conservation/land acquisition, county forest acquisition, recreational boating facilities, state properties, and snowmobiling/ATV trails. | Local units of government, nonprofit conservation organizations, school districts (parkus types of projects) | Level of assistance is varied by program. See website for specific program details: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Stewardship/GrantHome | All year. County forest grant: Non-profit conservation: November 1, 2023 Local government: May 1, 2024 Recreational boating facilities: February 1, 2024 Friends Grant: November 15, 2023 Motorized Stewardship Grant: April 15, 2024 | https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Stewardship/GrantHome | DNR contacts listed by county: http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Files/PDF/Public/1/P029.pdf |
| Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants | Water Quality | Great Lakes Basin States | Department of Commerce | Federal | Projects selected through this funding opportunity will have a transformative impact for coastal communities and tribes across the country. They will help sustain our nation's fisheries, make significant strides in the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and help protect coastal communities and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change. They will support efforts such as reconnecting rivers to their historic floodplains, outplanting corals to rebuild reefs, building living shorelines that protect coasts from erosion and sea level rise, and more. | Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, foreign public entities and foreign organizations, and state, local, and Indian tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with state, non-governmental organizations, municipal and county governments, conservation corps organizations and others that are eligible to apply. | Total funding available: \$240 ml Maximum award: \$2 ml Minimum award: \$1 ml | November 17, 2023 | http://www.fishbase.org/funding-opportunity/coastal-resilience-grants | Natalie McLellan Phone: (405) 814-3192 nclellan@noaa.gov |
| Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) | Water Quantity | All States | USACE | Federal | Long-term, low-cost loans from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enable local investment in projects that enhance community resilience, promote economic prosperity, and improve environmental quality. Projects must be non-federally owned, operated, and maintained. Projects can include: 1) flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration, coastal or inland harbor navigation improvement, or inland and intra-coastal waterways navigation improvement and 2) Acquisition of real property or an interest in real property. The acquisition must either be integral to the project or would mitigate the environmental impacts of water resources infrastructure projects otherwise eligible for CWIFP credit assistance. | Prospective borrowers can be a corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, state or local governmental entity, agency or instrumentality, a tribal government or consortium of tribal governments, or a state infrastructure financing authority. | Current appropriations enable the CWIFP to provide up to \$7.5B in loans for maintaining, upgrading and repairing dams for any non-Federal borrowers. The program is open to projects or bundles of projects that have a total cost of \$20M or more. | December 19, 2023 | https://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/0/documents/cwifp/ | Aaron Snyder, Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Team (612) 518-0335, CWIFP@usace.army.mil |

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| National Fish Passage Program Base Funding | Natural Resources/Habitat Protection | All States | Fish and Wildlife Service | Federal | The National Fish Passage Program (NPPF) is a voluntary program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic organism passage and aquatic connectivity for the benefit of Federal trust resources. NPPF funds a variety of project types including, but not limited to, dam removal, culvert replacements, Reservoir restoration, and the installation of fishways. | State governments, independent school districts, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Other (see text field entitled "Additional Information or Eligibility" for clarification) individuals, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) | \$9.2 million available. Grants can range from \$500 to \$2 million | December 31, 2023 11:59pm | Search Grants GRANTS.GOV | Shannon Boyle shannon_boyle@fw.gov |
| Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program | Natural Resources/Habitat Protection | All States | USDA | Federal | Land acquisition program to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits (clean air, water, and wildlife habitat), education, and recreation. Eligible lands should be at least five acres and at least 75% forested. | Federally Recognized Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native Corporations), local governmental entities, or qualified nonprofit organizations that are qualified to acquire and manage land. Individuals are not eligible to receive funds through this program | Approx. \$2 million available. Maximum grant awards of \$600,000. 50% non-federal match required. | January 12, 2024 | Home Forest Service Department of the Interior U.S. Department of Agriculture | Email questions or comments to DM.FS.CFP@usda.gov |
| National Ground-Water Monitoring Network | Groundwater | All States | USGS | Federal | The Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program of the USGS is offering an opportunity to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. The USGS is working with the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) and its Subcommittee on Ground Water (SGOW) to develop and administer a National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN). This funding opportunity is to support data providers for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network. | State and local water resource agencies City or township governments State governments | Individual applications are restricted to a maximum annual funding level of \$300,000. Minimum funding \$5,000 | January 18, 2024 4:00 pm ET | www.water.usgs.gov/groundwater/monitoring-network/groundwater-monitoring-network/">www.water.usgs.gov/groundwater/monitoring-network/groundwater-monitoring-network/ www.funding.usgs.gov/landandwater/groundwater/groundwater-monitoring-network/">www.funding.usgs.gov/landandwater/groundwater/groundwater-monitoring-network/ | Sara Roer (703) 648-7357 sroer@usgs.gov |
| Municipal Dam Grant Application | Water Quantity | WI | WI DNR | Non-Federal | The Municipal Dam grant program provides a cost-sharing opportunity for eligible engineering and construction costs for dam maintenance, repair, modification or abandonment and removal up to a maximum of \$400,000. Funding sources outside the applicant's own resources can be used toward the local match for this grant. We encourage interested, eligible parties to begin work now on documents that must be submitted with your grant application. | Cities, towns, villages, counties, tribes, and public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts (lake districts) may apply for grants to conduct dam maintenance, repair, modification or removal or removal of dams that they own. Private dam owners are not eligible to apply. Dams that are inspected, approved and licensed by a federal agency under 18 CFR Part 12 are not eligible to receive funding. 804.335.002(b) | *50 percent of the first \$1,000,000 of eligible project costs, *25 percent of the next \$2,000,000 of eligible project costs, and *100 percent of the first \$1,000,000 of eligible project costs. | March 1, 2024 | http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/dam/grant/program.html | Uliah Monday - State Dam Safety Engineer uliah.monday@wisconsin.gov Wendy Peich - Grant Manager Wendy.Peich@wisconsin.gov |
| Municipal Flood Control Grant | Water Quantity | WI | WI DNR | Non-Federal | Assistance is provided with items such as the acquisition of property, vacant land, structure removal, flood proofing, administrative supports and others. | Eligible applicants include cities, villages, towns, tribes, and metropolitan sewerage districts | Maximum funding cap on eligible applicant is \$380,000. The next application period will tentatively open in late October 2024 with a deadline of eligible costs. | | http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/dam/flood-control.html | Elisabeth Eliu Kulis 608-267-5129 |
| Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program | Water Quality | WI | WI DNR | Non-Federal | Program to control nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Grants reimburse costs for agriculture or urban runoff management practices in targeted critical geographic areas with surface water or groundwater quality concerns. Eligible projects include implementation of BMPs for croplands or livestock facilities defined as "new", point source pollution control projects, construction site erosion control, new development/permit construction structural BMPs, dredging/dredging/floating projects unrelated to water quality, dredging of harbors, lakes, rivers, and ditches. | Cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments and special purpose lake, sewerage and sanitary districts. | Large-scale project grants are limited to \$600,000; small-scale project grants are limited to \$225,000. Maximum cost share rate is up to 70% of eligible expenses (up to 90% for economic hardship). | April 15, 2024 | http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/dam/runoff.html | Josanna Griffin Runoff Management Grants Program Coordinator 608-264-8953 |
| Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program | Water Quality | WI | WI DNR | Non-Federal | Grants reimburse costs of planning or construction projects controlling urban nonpoint source and storm water runoff pollution. Eligible projects include storm water management planning for urban areas, preparation of local ordinances affecting storm water discharge, evaluating alternatives for local financing of urban runoff control programs, administrative costs for initial establishment of local storm water management funding programs, illicit discharge detection and elimination program planning, public information and education activities. Eligible projects for grant funding include operation and maintenance of urban best management practices and projects associated with new construction or development. | Cities, villages, towns, counties, regional planning commissions, tribal governments and special purpose lake, sewerage or sanitary districts. Eligible areas are urban lands with population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile or non-permitted commercial or municipal open industrial use. Projects may be in areas that are expected to become urban within 20 years. | The maximum cost share rate is up to 50% of eligible expenses, with a maximum award amount of \$150,000 for construction grants, \$85,000 for planning grants, and \$50,000 for land acquisition. | April 15, 2024 | http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/dam/urban.html | Josanna Griffin Runoff Management Grants Program Coordinator 608-264-8953 Caitline Johnson Nonpoint Source Program Grant Manager Caitline.Johnson@wisconsin.gov (608) 730-0120 |
| Recreational Trails Program | Recreation | WI | WI DNR | Federal | Two federal programs are available (and administered by the DNR): 1) Land and Water Conservation Fund, and 2) Recreational Trails Act | Local units of government. | Eligible sponsors may be reimbursed for up to 80% of eligible project costs. Funds from this program may be used in conjunction with funds from other state grant programs that also fund trail projects. | May 1 each year | http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/dnr/RTT.html | Bobbie Winford Department of Natural Resources (920) 461-2595 |
| Wisconsin Harbor Assistance Program | Transportation | WI | Wisconsin Department of Transportation | Non-Federal | The Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) assists harbor communities along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River in maintaining and improving waterborne commerce. Past projects typically include dock reconstruction, mooring structure replacement, dredging, and the construction of facilities to hold dredged material. | An eligible applicant must first be a county, municipality, town or agency thereof, a board of harbor commissioners organized under s.30.37, Wis. Stats., a federally recognized tribal governing body or a private owner of a harbor facility, and second must have had a three-year Harbor Statement of Intentions formally endorsed by the appropriate governing body or board of directors and submitted to WisDOT on or before each April 1st prior to the application date. To be eligible for funding: -The project must benefit facilities that are used for cargo transfer, ship building, commercial fishing or regular ferry service -The applicant must be a local unit of government or a private owner of a harbor facility -The project must pass a rigorous benefits-cost analysis. -The project must have been identified in a current Three-Year Harbor Development Plan | Harbor Assistance Program grant funds may be used to finance up to 80 percent of eligible project costs or, if U.S. Army Corps of Engineers financing is involved, up to 90 percent of the total share of eligible project costs | August 1, 2024 | http://wisconsin.gov/Programs/Wisconsin%20Department%20of%20Transportation/Harbor%20Assistance%20Program.html | Mike Heibel Harbors & Waterways Program Specialist Wisconsin Department of Transportation 608-266-8426 mike.heibel@dot.wis.gov |
| Midwest Climate and Energy Grants | Environmental & Education | MN, WI, IA | McKnight Foundation | Non-Federal | The McKnight Foundation funds projects related to transforming the energy sector, decarbonizing transportation, decarbonizing buildings, protecting/improving natural and working lands, and strengthening the democratic participation. | Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations to be eligible for a grant. Government entities, including state, county, and municipal, may apply for funding for innovative projects. We generally will not fund activities that are traditionally the sole responsibility of the government. | Total funding available is \$32 million | All year on a rolling basis. It is recommended to submit a request by September 1. | http://www.mcknight.org/programs/midwest-climate-energy-how-to-apply/ | ljohnson@mcknight.org 612-331-4200 |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program | Water Quality | All States | USDA NRCS | Federal | The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land. | Agricultural producers and forest landowners | Submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding pool opportunities. | EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation | http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/newsroom/press-releases/national/eqip-application/ | Brenda Tom, Program Specialist Phone: 651-602-7883 Email: brenda.tom@usda.gov |
| Special Opportunity Grant Program | Natural Resources/Habitat Protection | All States | Freshwater Future | Non-Federal | The Special Opportunity Grants Program (Emergency Grants) is for the aquatic habitat protection efforts that may not coincide with the application timeline or grant period for the Project Grants Program. Freshwater Future realizes that many grassroots projects can be completed for under \$500 USD, therefore we maintain a reserve to support urgent projects or those that present a special, time-limited opportunity. Although the eligibility, overarching goal, priority program areas, and evaluation criteria are the same as the regular grants program, Special Opportunity Grant (SOG) requests are processed differently to ensure quick turnaround. | Eligible applicants include Tribes, townships, cities, counties, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, or joint powers board whose members are townships, cities, or counties. | Typically \$500 or less. Maximum of \$750 | Applications accepted all year as long as funding is available | http://freshwaterfuture.org/special-opportunity-grants/ | Laurie Isaroff@freshwaterfuture.org |
| Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program | Water/Wastewater | All States | USDA | Federal | This 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. The project funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water (sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution, sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal, solid waste collection, disposal and closure, stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal). | This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include: -Most state and local governmental entities in rural towns of 10,000 or less -Private nonprofits -Federally recognized tribes | Long term, low-interest loans If funds are available, a grant may be combined with a loan if necessary to keep user costs reasonable. | Applications accepted all year. | http://www.rfd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/ | Contact Local RD State Offices: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices |



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| Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) | Water/Wastewater | All States | EPA | Federal | Federal credit program for water and wastewater projects. Eligible projects include: - Projects that are eligible for the Clean Water SRF; notwithstanding the public ownership clause - Projects that are eligible for the Drinking Water SRF - Enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities - Backwash or sewerage desalination, aquifer recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling projects - Drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects - Acquisition of property if it is integral to the project or will mitigate the environmental impact of a project - A combination of projects secured by a common security pledge or submitted under one application by an SRF program | Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities Partnerships and joint ventures Corporations and trusts Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs | \$30 million. Minimum project size for large communities, \$5 million. Minimum project size for small communities (population of 25,000 or less). 45 percent. Maximum portion of eligible project costs that WIFIA can fund. Total federal assistance may not exceed 80 percent of a project's eligible costs. | All year | What is WIFIA? US EPA | wifa@epa.gov |
| Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs | Public Works | All States | Economic Development Administration | Federal | These grants are designed to support the economic development activities most useful to a community based on its needs and circumstances. EDA funds community or regionally generated ideas and assists communities to advance to the next level of economic development. EDA supports bottom up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and jobless. EDA encourages its grantees throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. | City or township governments, County governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, Private institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education | Award range from \$100,000 to \$30,000,000 | All year | Economic Development Administration Grants.gov | http://www.eda.gov/contact/ |
| Regional Conservation Partnership Program | Water Quality | All States | USDA NRCS | Federal | The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. RCPP projects may include a range of on-the-ground conservation activities implemented by farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. These activities include: Land management/land improvement/restoration practices Land rentals Soil health assessments United States held easements Public works/watersheds A single RCPP project application can propose to employ any combination of these eligible activity types as part of an RCPP project. | Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Institutions of higher education State governments County governments Special district governments City or township governments Agricultural or silvicultural producer association Farmer cooperative Water district, irrigation district, rural water district or association | \$300 million in funding available. Award ceiling is \$10,000,000. Award floor is \$250,000. | Contact | Regional Conservation Partnership Program Natural Resources Conservation Service | rcpp@usda.gov or state coordinator |
| National Water Quality Initiative Source Water Protection Area Program | Water Quality | All States | NRCS | Federal | NWQI Source Water Protection Area projects focus on addressing specific agriculturally related source water protection needs by channeling NRCS conservation program funding to agricultural producers in identified watersheds to implement practices that help to protect sources of drinking water. FY2020 funding may be used to continue currently approved watersheds and source water protection areas, request new watersheds for the implementation and readiness phases of NWQI, request to withdraw current NWQI watersheds. | State conservationists proposing priority watersheds (12-digit HUCs) with impaired or threatened water bodies in collaboration with the state water quality agency and other partners. | \$30 million allocated | Contact | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/water/?cid=cp24104761 | John Bullough Conservation Initiatives Coordinator john.bullough@usda.gov |
| Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program | Water Quantity | All States | NRCS | Federal | The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention (WPFP) Program helps units of federal, state, local and federally recognized tribal governments (project sponsors) protect and restore watersheds. | State, local governments and tribal organizations. Agricultural benefits, including rural communities, must be a 20% of the total benefits for the project | \$500 million available annually until expended. 1:1 cost share is required | Estimated application opening dates are the first quarter of each year. Contact for more information. | Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations - National Wildlife Federation Nature based Learning Database (nfdp.org) | Contact local USDA Service Center https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-usda/service-center-locator |