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FEDERAL

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Development, Water & Environmental Programs (WEP):

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-environmental-programs>

The WEP allows rural communities to obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems.

Full Listing of Rural Based Development Notices of Solicitation of Applications:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF): <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>

This is a federal-state partnership that provides communities low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF): <https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf>

The DWSRF program is another federal-state partnership to help ensure safe drinking water for communities. Under the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), it provides financial support to water systems and to state safe water programs.

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Grants:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-grants>

WIIN addresses, supports, and improves America's drinking water infrastructure. There are three new drinking water grants that promote public health and the protection of the environment that are outlined within the above link.

Water Research Grants: <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/water-research-grants>

The EPA funds water research grants to develop and support the science and tools necessary for communities to develop sustainable solutions to current water resource problems that can ensure water quality and availability in order to protect human and ecosystem health.

Source Water Protection (SWP): <https://www.epa.gov/sourcewaterprotection/source-water-protection-funding>

The above link provides a comprehensive break of the variety of programs that can be used to provide funding to protect sources of drinking water at the local, state, and federal level.

Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center:

<https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter>

This resource provides documents that highlight successful financial tools to help inform local water infrastructure investment decisions. The information helps local decision makers:

- Identify what is needed for financial planning,
- Determine how to fund and finance a project, and
- Consider which strategic approaches can be used to protect local investments

Grants.gov

Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>

This is essentially a google search engine for all federal grants. It can be navigated by keyword search, type of organization seeking funding, open application periods, etc. It is a treasure trove of information for all kinds of funding that might otherwise get lost along the way.

STATE

New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC)

Engineering Planning Grant Program: <https://www.efc.ny.gov/EPG>

The goal of the EFC planning grant is to advance water quality projects to construction so successful applicants can use the engineering report funded by the grant to seeking financing through the CWSRF program or other funding entities to further pursue the identified solution. This award is available under the NYS Consolidated Funding Application, established by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2011 under the newly formed Regional Economic Development Councils provided to each region throughout NYS. A link to the CFA can be found [here](#).

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA): <https://www.efc.ny.gov/WIIA>

Established under the Clean Water Infrastructure Act, the WIIA provides grants to assist municipalities in funding a range of water quality infrastructure projects. WIIA grants are available for both drinking water and sewage treatment works (clean water) projects.

NYS Empire State Development (ESD): <https://esd.ny.gov/>

NYS Empire State Development is a great general resource and partner to help assist and direct state-based funding questions for larger municipal projects. The ESD mission is to promote a vigorous and growing stat economy, encourage business investment and job creation, and support diverse, prosperous local economies across NYS through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing and other forms of assistance.