

WaterSMART Program Funding Opportunities –Proposed for Fiscal Year 2018

Program Title	Description	Eligible Applicants	Federal Funding Amount / Non-Federal Cost Share	Current Status
Water Conservation Field Services Program	Funding is provided for pre-project activities such as planning and design to support water conservation and water efficiency programs. The four categories of pre-project activities are performing System Optimization Reviews, designing water management improvements, demonstration of innovative technologies, and development of water management plans.	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States	Up to \$100,000 for projects to be completed within two years.	Status of the FOA FOA to be posted in October 2017 and Applications around Mid-December 2017.
WaterSMART Grants	<u>Water and Energy Efficiency Grants</u> Projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy and improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, or carry out other activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States	Up to \$300,000 for projects to be completed within two years; or Up to \$1,000,000 for projects to be completed within three years Cost Share: 50% or greater	Status of the FOA FOA to be posted in November-December 2017 and Applications will be due in January 2018.
	<u>Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects</u> This new funding category will be used to support small-scale water management projects that have been identified through previous planning efforts; Reclamation is working to develop a streamlined selection and review process to make the process as simple as possible for applicants.	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States	Up to \$75,000 for projects to be completed within two years; Cost Share: 50% or greater	Status of the FOA FOA to be posted in November-December 2017 and Applications will be due in January 2018..

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	<p><u>Grants for Water Marketing Activities</u> Support for entities exploring actions that can be taken to develop or facilitate water marketing that could provide a mechanism for willing participants to buy, sell, lease, or exchange water.</p>	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States	Two funding groups, one for proposals seeking up to \$200,000 in federal funds and another for proposals seeking up to \$400,000; Cost Share: 50% or greater	<p><u>Status of the FOA</u> FOA posted February 14, 2017. Applications due April 19. Announcements expected in August.</p>
Cooperative Watershed Management Program	Funding will be provided for Phase I activities, including the establishment or expansion of an existing watershed group	States, Indian tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts), local governmental entities, and non-profit organizations that are located in the western United States	Up to \$50,000 may be awarded to an applicant per year, for a period of up to two years Cost Share: No non-Federal cost-share required for Phase I activities	<p><u>Status of the FOA</u> FOA will be posted in early fall (October 2017). Applications will be due in December 2017.</p>
	Funding will be provided for Phase II activities, for watershed management projects.	Established watershed groups that represent a diverse group of stakeholders, have completed a watershed restoration plan, and are capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources.	Up to \$100,000 for projects Cost Share: 50% or greater	<p><u>Status of the FOA</u> FOA will be posted in Spring (March 2018).</p>
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	Applied science projects that enhance the management of natural and cultural resources and have a nexus to water resource management in a changing climate within the Desert and Southern Rockies LCCs boundaries	States (including state agencies), tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, organizations with water or power delivery, universities, non-profit research organizations, and non-profit organizations	Up to \$100,000 for projects to be completed within two years Cost Share: 50% or greater	<p><u>Status of the FOA</u> TBD.</p>

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Basin Studies	Through the Basin Studies, Reclamation works with States, Indian tribes, local partners, and other stakeholders in a cooperative manner to evaluate the ability to meet future water demands within a river basin and to identify adaptation and mitigation strategies to address the potential impacts of climate change	States, tribes, water districts, cities, and other local governmental entities with water delivery or management authority located in the western United States	Basin Studies are not a financial assistance program Reclamation Cost Share: 50% Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater	<u>Status of the FOA</u> Request for Letters of Intent is usually sent out in November and due in January 2018.
Title XVI	Funding for planning, design, and construction of congressionally authorized water recycling and reuse projects	Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects specifically authorized for funding under Title XVI of Public Law 102-575	Typically up to \$4,000,000 per applicant Cost Share: 75% or greater	<u>Status of the FOA</u> TBD in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018
	Funding for development of new Title XVI feasibility studies	Entities with water delivery authority, all located within the 17 western States or Hawaii	Up to \$150,000 for feasibility studies to be completed within 18 months; or up to \$450,000 for feasibility studies to be completed within 3 years Cost Share: 50% or greater	<u>Status of the FOA</u> TBD in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018
	Funding for Title XVI water reuse research	Entities with water delivery authority, all located within the 17 western States or Hawaii	Up to \$75,000 for planning related research, \$150,000 for research at existing facilities, and \$300,000 for research at new locations. Cost Share: 75% or greater	<u>Status of the FOA</u> TBD in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.

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Title XVI (cont)	Funding for planning, design, and construction of WIIN water recycling projects	Sponsors of water recycling projects with completed feasibility studies that have been included in a list of eligible applicants provided to Congress.	Cost Share: 75% or greater	Status of the FOA TBD in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.
Drought Response Program	<u>Drought Contingency Plans</u> Reclamation will provide financial assistance through cooperative agreements to develop or update drought contingency plans. Plans must include input and participation by multiple stakeholders and identify potential drought mitigation and response actions to build long-term resilience to drought.	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Reclamation States or Hawaii.	Up to \$200,000 to develop a drought contingency plan or to update an existing plan Cost Share: 50% or greater	Status of the FOA FOA posted November 15, 2016. Applications were due on February 14, 2017. Announced on June 30, 2017.
	<u>Drought Resiliency Projects</u> Reclamation will provide financial assistance to implement projects that build long-term resiliency to drought.	States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States or United States Territories.	Up to \$750,000 to implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought Cost Share: 50% or greater	Status of the FOA FOA posted November 15, 2016. Applications were due on February 14, 2017. Announced on June 30, 2017.
	<u>Emergency Drought Response Actions</u> Reclamation will continue to fund emergency drought response actions to address ongoing drought emergencies contingent on available funding.	Same as above. In addition, the applicant needs an existing drought contingency plan on file or a state governor or tribal leader drought declaration. Assistance must be requested in writing.	Up to \$100,000 in Federal funds will be made available for each emergency response action. A non-Federal cost-share is not required; however, requests that include a non-Federal cost-share contribution will receive additional points in the evaluation criteria	Assistance is available through written request.