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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF) (water)	The DWSRF program is available to drinking water systems to finance infrastructure improvements. The program also emphasizes providing funds to small and disadvantaged communities and to programs that encourage pollution prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water.	Contact the DWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water 202-564-4700 For regional specific contact see this map: https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf
	Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside Program (water)	EPA's Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant – Tribal Set Aside (DWIG TSA) Program provides resources to assist tribes in improving water system infrastructure. Community water systems and non-profit non-community water systems serving tribal populations are eligible for project funding. Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, projects for technical training and operator certification are now eligible to receive funding through DWIG TSA.	Contact the Regional DWIG TSA coordinator in your area for information on how to apply.	https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater/tribal-set-aside-program-drinking-water-infrastructure-grant	Samuel Russell russell.sam@epa.gov 202-564-4012 For regional specific contact see this map: https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater/regional-tribal-drinking-water-coordinators
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) (wastewater, sewer)	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program funds water quality protection projects for wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management.	Contact the CWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water State Revolving Fund 202-564-4700 For regional specific contact: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/forms/contact-us-about-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf#state
	Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Program (wastewater)	The Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Grant Program (CWISA) provides funding to Indian tribes and Alaska Native Villages for wastewater infrastructure. The CWISA program is administered in cooperation with the Indian Health Service (IHS). EPA uses the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System priority lists to identify and select projects for CWISA program funding.	To be considered for CWISA program funding, tribes must identify their wastewater needs to the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System.	https://www.epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/clean-water-indian-set-aside-program	Matthew Richardson richardson.matthew@epa.gov 202-564-2947 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Mailcode 4101M Washington, District of Columbia 20460



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Training and Technical Assistance for Small Systems Funding (water, wastewater)	EPA's Fiscal Year 2017 appropriation directs the Agency to competitively award funding to non-profit organizations to provide training and technical assistance to small public water systems, small wastewater systems and private well owners, located in urban and rural communities throughout the U.S. and its territories. The funding will help provide water and wastewater system staff and private well owners with training and tools to enhance system operations and management practices, and support EPA's continuing efforts to protect public health and promote sustainability in small communities.	The Request for Applications (RFA) is made available on the grants.gov website. Register for updates on their website for immediate notification of the posting of the RFA.	https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/training-and-technical-assistance-small-systems-funding	Leslie Temple temple.leslie@epa.gov 202-564-4734 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Mailcode 4606 M Washington, District of Columbia 20460
	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (water, wastewater)	The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (WIFIA) established the WIFIA program, a federal credit program administered by EPA for eligible water and wastewater infrastructure projects. The WIFIA program offers loans with low, fixed interest rates and flexible financial terms. The minimum project size for small communities, population of 25,000 or less, is \$5 million.	The WIFIA application process is three phases. Prospective borrowers must submit a letter of interest for their project to the WIFIA program by July 6, 2018. If EPA selects the projects, the prospective borrower is invited to submit an application.	https://www.epa.gov/wifia	Karen Fligger wifia@epa.gov 202-564-2992 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Mailcode 4201T Washington, District of Columbia 20460
USDA Rural Development	Waste and Water Disposal Direct Loans and Grants (water, sewer)	The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste disposal systems in rural areas with populations less than 10,000. Fixed, low interest rates. Repayment - up to 40 years. Grants may be available.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Paper applications are accepted, or applicants can register for and use RD Apply. Information is available here: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program	Tedd Buelow tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov 720-544-2911 Building 56 Room 2300 Denver, Colorado 80225 For local contacts, please select the state of interest in the right dropdown list on the websites or visit: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices
	Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan Program (water, sewer)	The purpose of this program is to provide a loan guarantee for the construction or improvement of water and waste disposal projects serving the financially needed communities of rural areas. This is achieved through bolstering existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans. Guarantees up to 90% available to eligible lenders.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees	
	Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias (water, wastewater)	This grant provides access to safe reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services to low-income communities that face significant health risks. Funds can be used for construction of basic drinking water and waste disposal systems including storm drainage. Tribal projects also must meet health and safety, per capita and unemployment criteria.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias	



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USDA Rural Development	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (water)	This grant program is designed to assist rural communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meets the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/program-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants	Tedd Buelow tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov 720-544-2911 Building 56 Room 2300 Denver, Colorado 80225 For local contacts, please select the state of interest in the right dropdown list on the websites or visit: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices
	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) (water, wastewater)	This program assists very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Paper applications are accepted, or applicants can register for and use RD Apply. Information is available here: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply	http://www.rd.usda.gov/program-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households	
	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants (water, wastewater)	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of an application for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs. The maximum is \$30,000 or 75% of the predevelopment planning costs.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/program-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants	
Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce	Public Works (water, sewer)	Empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment.	Application packages are available at www.grants.gov . Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP FFO.	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/	United States Department of Commerce 202-482-2000 For regional specific contact: https://www.eda.gov/contact/
	Economic Adjustment (water, sewer)	Assists state and local interests in designing and implementing strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base.			
HUD Southwest Office of Native American	Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) (water, wastewater)	Provides funding for recipients in infrastructure construction, such as water and sewer facilities. Eligible applicants for assistance include any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation (including Alaska Indians, Aleut, and Eskimos) or Alaska Native village which has established a relationship to the Federal government as defined in the program regulations. In certain instances, tribal organizations may be eligible to apply.	An electronic copy of the application package and application instructions for this NOFA can be downloaded from: www.grants.gov	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg	Bob Holden robert.j.holden@hud.gov 602-379-7213 One North Central Avenue, Suite 600 Phoenix, Arizona 85004



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HUD Southwest Office of Native American	Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	The IHBG program allocates formula funding to tribes or tribally designated housing entities for the delivery of a range of affordable housing opportunities and housing-related activities to low and moderate income members of Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and native Hawaiians. Each year, IHBG recipients identify and report on IHBG-funded activities.	Each Tribe or Tribally Designated Housing Entity must submit a form HUD 52735, a combined Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Plan (IHP/APR) to the SWONAP at least 75 days before its fiscal year end.	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/ihbg	Bob Holden robert.j.holden@hud.gov 602-379-7213 One North Central Avenue, Suite 600 Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)	Communities Unlimited Water/Wastewater Loans <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	Communities Unlimited (CU) provides financing to small, rural communities and tribal nations for water and wastewater projects. CU offers flexible products including: pre-development loans, interim financing, construction loans for system improvements and equipment loans. CU provides fixed – rate loans up to \$500,000 with maturities up to 15 years. Security varies by customer, but is typically a pledge of revenues.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Please contact the Lending Department to request an application.	https://www.communitiesu.org/index.php/How-We-Help/water-waste-water-loans.html	Deborah Temple deborah.temple@communitiesU.org 479-443-2700 ext. 111 200 River Market Avenue #100 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
CoBank	Rural Water and Wastewater Lending <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	CoBank works with rural water and wastewater not-for-profit systems, municipalities, and investor-owned utility companies to provide interim and bridge financing, refinance of existing debt, term loans for system upgrades, and lines of credit.	Applications are accepted continuously. To apply, complete an online Loan Request Form at: www.cobank.com/h2oloan	http://www.cobank.com/About-CoBank/Industries-We-Serve/Water.aspx	Mark Shillingford water@cobank.com 844-846-3135 6340 South Fiddlers Green Circle Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111
HUD Southwest Office of Native American	Tribal Housing Activities Loan Guarantee Program (Title VI) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	Title VI is an effective public investment tool that HUD offers to federally recognized tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). It provides an additional source of financing for affordable tribal housing activities. It may be used to: Create new housing, rehabilitate housing, build infrastructure, construct community facilities that supports housing, acquire land to be used for housing, prepare architectural & engineering plans, and fund financing costs.	Although every project is different, HUD has developed a general checklist for the Title VI Loan Guarantee application process: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=titleviouangarap-chklist.pdf	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/homeownership/titlevi	Andrea Dunyon andrea.v.dunyon@hud.gov 602-379-7202 For regional specific contact see this map: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/map/nationalmap
Indian Health Service	Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program <i>(water, wastewater, solid waste)</i>	The SFC Program assist Tribal governments with the identification of sanitation facility infrastructure needs (water, waste water and solid waste), project planning, and design, construction funding and inspection and operation & maintenance technical assistance.	Tribal government representatives should contact the IHS Sanitation Facility Construction Area Director for more information.	https://www.ihs.gov/dsfc/	Mark Calkins mark.calkins@ihs.gov 301-443-1046 For regional specific contact: https://www.ihs.gov/dsfc/staff/

Additional resources can be found on state-specific funding tables.

