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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. Projects that have received assistance from the national set-aside for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages under the SDWA §1452(i) are ineligible to receive funding.	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
	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 two phases. Prospective borrowers must submit a letter of interest for their project to the WIFIA program by the announced annual deadline. For each selected project, the prospective borrower may submit an application, negotiate loan terms, and close its loan. Please check the WIFIA website for more information about program deadlines.	https://www.epa.gov/wifia	Karen Fligger wifia@epa.gov 202-564-2992 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Mailcode 4201T Washington, District of Columbia 20460



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USDA Rural Development	Waste and Water Disposal Direct Loans and Grants <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓			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
	Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan Program <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓			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 and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			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	
	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants <i>(water)</i>	✓			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/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants	
	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			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.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households	
	Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			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/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants	
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan <i>(small business)</i>	✓			This program improves the economic health of rural communities by increasing access to business capital through loan guarantees that enable commercial lenders to provide affordable financing for businesses in eligible rural areas. Lenders such as federal or state-chartered banks, savings and loans, farm credit banks, and credit unions can apply for the program. Businesses can qualify for loan guarantees.		https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees	



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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	Frederick Grier onap-icdbg@hud.gov 202-708-1112 451 7th Street Southwest, Room. 4108 Washington, District of Columbia 20410
	Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) (water, wastewater)	✓		✓	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	Frederick Grier onap-icdbg@hud.gov 202-708-1112 451 7th Street Southwest, Room. 4108 Washington, District of Columbia 20410
	Tribal Housing Activities Loan Guarantee Program (Title VI) (water, wastewater)	✓			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=titlevioloanguarapp-chklist.pdf	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/homeowner_ship/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/condetailk/onap/map/nationalmap
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 EDA Programs Federal Funding Opportunity.	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.			
Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)	Communities Unlimited Water/Wastewater Loans (water, wastewater)	✓	✓	✓	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

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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, refinancing 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
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation (ATNI-EDC)	ATNI-EDC Loan <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓	✓	✓	ATNI Loan funds shall be provided to eligible applicants for the acquisition of land and buildings; the acquisition of furniture, fixtures, and equipment; site preparation; clearance/demolition and removal of structures; working capital; and buyouts by purchase of assets or stock. The amount of funds available for any single business enterprise shall range from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$125,000.	Applications are on the website and accepted continuously. The ATNI Financial Services Committee reviews loan application during their monthly meeting.	https://atniedc.com/rif/borrower-inquiry/	Amber Schulz-Oliver amber@atniedc.com 503-249-5770 ext. 104 6636 Northeast Sandy Boulevard Portland, Oregon 97213
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/
Army Corp of Engineers	Section 219: Environmental Infrastructure <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			The Section 219 program provides planning, design, and construction assistance for water- and sewer-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects for local communities throughout the country.	The Corps must have an authorization from Congress to begin a project or study. To get a project or study authorized, applicants must submit a request for assistance to the upcoming Water Resource Development Act. Contact the Corps for more information.	https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Partnership-Agreements/model_ra/section_219/	Dave Wethington david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil 202-761-1878 441 G Street Northwest Washington, District of Columbia 20314



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US Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation	WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (water, energy efficiency)	✓			Through Water and Energy Efficiency Grants, Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects should seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States.	Funding Opportunity Announcement anticipated to be posted to grants.gov in January 2019.	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/index.html	
	WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Efficiency Projects (water efficiency)	✓			Through Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects support small-scale water management efforts (up to \$75,000 in Federal funding for each project) that have been identified through previous planning efforts. Reclamation has developed a streamlined selection and review process to reflect the small-scale nature of these projects.	Funding Opportunity Announcement (BOR-DO-19-F005) was posted to grants.gov in January 2019. Proposals will be accepted until the application submission deadline of April 24, 2019.	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/swep/index.html	Josh German jgerman@usbr.gov 303-445-2839 or Robin Graber rgraber@usbr.gov 303-445-2764
	WaterSMART Grants: Water Marketing (water marketing)	✓			Through Water Marketing Strategy grants Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. These grants provide meaningful support for entities exploring actions that can be taken to develop or facilitate water marketing. Under this funding opportunity applicants will be invited to conduct planning activities to develop a water marketing strategy to establish or expand water markets or water marketing transactions.	Funding Opportunity Announcement anticipated to be posted to grants.gov in February 2019.	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/watermarketing/index.html	Building 67 (84-51000) P.O. Box 25007 Denver, Colorado 80225
	Title XVI Water Reclamation & Reuse Program (water, wastewater)	✓			Title XVI is Reclamation's water recycling and reuse program. Reclamation works with non-Federal partners to reclaim and reuse wastewaters and impaired ground and surface water in the 17 Western states and Hawaii. Entities with Congressionally authorized projects or that are eligible under section 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) may seek competitive, cost-shared funding to plan, design and construct projects.	In FY 2019, Reclamation will be offering funding under the Title XVI Program for research, planning, design, and construction of congressionally authorized or WIIN Title XVI Projects.	http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/index.html	Amanda Erath aerath@usbr.gov 303-445-2766 Building 67 (84-51000) P.O. Box 25007 Denver, Colorado 80225 For regional specific contact: http://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/contacts.html

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US Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation	Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects <i>(water, drought)</i>	✓			Through the Drought Response Program, Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects should increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.	Funding Opportunity Announcement (BOR-DO-19-F003) was posted to grants.gov on January 24, 2019, and will close on March 27, 2019.	http://www.usbr.gov/drought	Darion Mayhorn dmayhorn@usbr.gov 303-445-3121 Building 67 (84-51000) PO Box 25007 Denver, Colorado 80225
Additional resources can be found on state-specific funding tables.								

