

Northern Mariana Islands Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Territorial Set-Aside Program (DWSRF) (water)	✓			The Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Territorial Set-Aside Program provides grant funds to improve the infrastructure of drinking water systems located in four US territories: the Virgin Islands; American Samoa; Guam; and the Northern Mariana Islands. It is a component of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Community water systems, and non-profit, non-community water systems, are eligible to have projects funded.	DWSRF assistance is provided directly from state agencies. Contact the DWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf/funding-assistance-territories-under-drinking-water-state-revolving-fund#allm	Michael Lee lee.michael@epa.gov 415-972-3769 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) (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.	CWSRF assistance is provided directly from state agencies. Contact the CWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm	
	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 projects, 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
	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act: Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant (water)	✓			The program supports drinking water projects and activities in small and disadvantaged communities that are unable to finance projects to comply with drinking water regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Projects and activities eligible for assistance can include infrastructure projects; technical, managerial, and financial capacity building activities; and activities necessary for a state to respond to a contaminant.	Communities will apply to their respective state program for assistance. Applications will be available in the upcoming weeks and accepted on a rolling basis until June 2020.	https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-assistance-small-and-disadvantaged-communities-drinking-water-grant	For state contact information (coming soon), visit: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-grants
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	http://www.rd.usda.gov/program-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/wp	Don Etes donald.etes@hi.usda.gov 808-933-8305 Room 311, Federal Building 154 Waiianueue Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720
	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/program-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees/wp	or Joseph Diego joseph.diego@pb.usda.gov 671-300-8560 770 East Sunset Boulevard Suite 280 Tiyan, Guam 96913

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USDA Rural Development	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.	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-s-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants/wp	Don Etes donald.etes@hi.usda.gov 808-933-8305 Room 311, Federal Building 154 Waiianueue Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720
	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.	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-s-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/wp	or Joseph Diego joseph.diego@pb.usda.gov 671-300-8560 770 East Sunset Boulevard Suite 280 Tiyan, Guam 96913
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grant Program Insular Areas Grants (CDBG) <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓	✓		The program provides annual grants to four designated Insular Areas to address the housing, community and economic development needs and priorities of their communities and residents.	In order to receive CDBG funds, insular areas must submit a Consolidated Plan or an abbreviated Consolidated Plan to their HUD field office.	https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-insular-areas/	Jesse Palacios jspalacios@nmhcgov.net 670-234-6866 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950
Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce	Public Works <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓	✓		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 Notice of Funding Availability.	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/	Hebert Thweatt hthweatt@eda.gov 808-541-3391 Federal Building, Room 5180 300 Ala Moana Boulevard Honolulu, Hawaii 96850
	Economic Adjustment <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓	✓		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.			

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Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation	Water and Energy Efficiency Grant <i>(water)</i>	✓			Through the WaterSMART program, the Water and Energy Efficiency Grants provide cost-shared funding for projects that save water, increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in water management, support environmental benefits, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply sustainability in the western United States.	The Fiscal Year 2018 Funding Opportunity is currently being developed.	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/index.html	Josh German jgerman@usbr.gov 303-445-2839 or Robin Graber rgraber@usbr.gov 303-445-2764
	Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects <i>(water)</i>	✓			The small-scale water efficiency projects funding opportunity is for small improvements that have been identified through previous planning efforts. Projects eligible for funding include installation of flow measurement or automation in a specific part of a water delivery system, lining of a section of a canal to address seepage, small rebate programs that result in reduced residential water use, or other similar projects that are limited in scope.		https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/ssweg.html	Building 67 (84-51000) P.O. Box 25007 Denver, Colorado 80225
Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Areas	Capital Improvement Project <i>(water, sewer)</i>	✓			The Amended Compact of Free Association with the Marshall Islands and Micronesia authorizes financial assistance to affected jurisdictions such as Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The goal of this assistance is to provide through 2023, \$30 million in annual grants to affected jurisdictions to aid in defraying costs incurred as a result of increased demands placed on health, educational, social, or public safety services, or to infrastructure related to such services.	Contact the program specialist for information on how to apply.	https://www.doi.gov/oia/fiscal-payments	Jonathan Dunn jonathan_dunn@ios.doi.gov 202-208-6971 1849 C Street, Northwest, Mail Stop 2429 Washington, District of Columbia 20240
	Maintenance Assistance Program <i>(water)</i>	✓			The Maintenance Assistance Program is used to support, develop,, improve and as much as possible institutionalize infrastructure maintenance practices in the seven insular areas. Activities will support maintenance training to extend the life of island infrastructure, ensure the safety of maintenance technicians, and/or increase the capacity of infrastructure to withstand extreme events; this may include training of maintenance technicians that increases knowledge and awareness of measures to be taken to protect infrastructure from severe weather impacts.	Applications must be submitted via www.grants.gov . Use Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 15.875. The TAP and MAP opportunities for FY 2020 will be posted on grants.gov in early October 2019.		Hailey McCoy hailey_mccoy@ios.doi.gov 202-513-7746 1849 C Street Northwest Mail Stop 2429 Washington, District of Columbia 20240
	Technical Assistance Program <i>(water)</i>	✓			The Technical Assistance Program is used to support grant funding to support accountability, financial management, economic development, education, energy, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and cultural resources, capacity building, health initiatives and invasive species management.			