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EPA Announces Over \$50 Million to Assist Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities in Accessing Clean and Safe Drinking Water

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WASHINGTON -- Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$50.4 million in annual funding to states and territories for communities most in need of access to clean and safe drinking water. The funding will support projects and activities in underserved, small and disadvantaged communities to access and invest in water infrastructure and comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

"Across the country, too many communities struggle with accessing clean, safe water," **said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Radhika Fox**. "These grants will invest in solutions that upgrade infrastructure, improve water reliability, and deliver safe drinking water to our most vulnerable communities. This grant, along with other funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will strengthen our nation's water infrastructure and ensure everyone has access to clean, safe water."

Grant funding can support a broad range of approaches to help communities address drinking water concerns, from household water quality testing to monitoring for unregulated drinking water contaminants. Funds may also support efforts to build the technical, financial, and managerial abilities of

a water system's operations and staff. Infrastructure projects—from transmission, distribution, and storage —that support drinking water quality improvements are also eligible for grant funding.

The Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Community grant program, established under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, awards funding to states and territories on a noncompetitive basis. EPA awards funding to states based on an allocation formula that includes factors for population below the poverty level, small water systems, and underserved communities. There is a 10% Tribal allotment. For more information, visit the <u>WIIN SUDC Grant website</u>.

FY23 WIIN Funding for Small, Underserved and Disadvantaged Community Grant

State/Territory	Available Funding
Alaska	\$1,157,000
Alabama	\$739,000
Arkansas	\$724,000
American Samoa	\$279,000
Arizona	\$1,021,000
California	\$3,304,000
Colorado	\$942,000
Connecticut	\$562,000
District of Columbia	\$303,000
Delaware	\$396,000
Florida	\$1,966,000
Georgia	\$1,338,000
Guam	\$262,000

Hawaii	\$341,000
lowa	\$711,000
Idaho	\$642,000
Illinois	\$1,417,000
Indiana	\$854,000
Kansas	\$780,000
Kentucky	\$703,000
Louisiana	\$1,303,000
Massachusetts	\$695,000
Maryland	\$621,000
Maine	\$476,000
Michigan	\$1,294,000
Minnesota	\$761,000
Missouri	\$1,059,000
Northern Mariana	\$277,000
Mississippi	\$818,000
Montana	\$642,000
North Carolina	\$1,401,000
North Dakota	\$430,000

Nebraska	\$581,000
New Hampshire	\$534,000
New Jersey	\$798,000
New Mexico	\$812,000
Nevada	\$601,000
New York	\$2,037,000
Ohio	\$1,232,000
Oklahoma	\$1,019,000
Oregon	\$826,000
Pennsylvania	\$1,633,000
Puerto Rico	\$541,000
Rhode Island	\$342,000
South Carolina	\$748,000
South Dakota	\$506,000
Tennessee	\$807,000
Texas	\$3,692,000
Utah	\$604,000
Virginia	\$974,000
Virgin Islands	\$273,000

Vermont	\$421,000
Washington	\$1,165,000
Wisconsin	\$907,000
West Virginia	\$648,000
Wyoming	\$475,000
Total	\$50,394,000

For more information visit the <u>WIIN Grant: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant</u> <u>Program webpage</u>.

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