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General Information

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 3
Funding Opportunity Number:	R25AS00029	Posted Date:	Dec 10, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and 2026	Last Updated Date:	Dec 17, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 17, 2026 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., MT, on the listed application due date.
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Apr 15, 2025 This rolling funding opportunity has two application periods with a final closing date of February 17, 2026 at 4:00pm MST. 1) First Application Period deadline is April 15, 2025 at 4pm MDT. 2) Second Application Period deadline is
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant		
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment		



Category		February 17, 2026 at 4:00pm MST.
Explanation:		Applications received after 4:00pm MDT on April 15, 2024 and before February 17, 2026 4:00pm MST will be considered for the Second Application Period.
Expected Number of Awards:	20	
<u>Assistance Listings:</u>	15.580 -- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program	
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes	
	Archive Date:	Apr 27, 2026
	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$ 95,000,000
	Award Ceiling:	\$10,000,000
	Award Floor:	\$500,000

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants:	Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
Additional Information on Eligibility:	Eligible Category A Applicants States, Tribes, irrigation districts, or water districts; State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; Agencies established under State law for the joint exercise of powers; Other entities or organizations that own a facility that is eligible for upgrade, modification, or removal. All applicants must be located in the Western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands. Eligible Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A, with respect to a project involving land or infrastructure

owned by the Category A entity. All Category B applicants must be located in the United States, or the specific Territories identified above. Category B applicants should include with their application a letter from the Category A partner stating that the Category A partner: Is acting in partnership with the applicant; Agrees to the submittal and content of the application; and intends to participate in the project in some way, for example, by providing input, feedback, or other support for the project.

Additional Information

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Description: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects (AERP) provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to restore and protect aquatic ecosystems in support of the Department's priorities. Through AERP, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they study, design and construct aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and result in an improvement to the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration or improved fish passage. Restoring and connecting aquatic ecosystems offers wide-ranging benefits for both communities and the environment. Functioning aquatic and wetland ecosystems provide essential habitat for fish and wildlife, improve water quality, store excess carbon, help mitigate the impacts of drought and flood events, and support water supply resiliency for multiple uses.

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