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WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects For Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025

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## General Information

<b>Document Type:</b>	Grants Notice	<b>Version:</b>	Synopsis 7
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	R24AS00059	<b>Posted Date:</b>	Nov 02, 2023
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects For Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025	<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Jul 10, 2024
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary	<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Jan 16, 2024 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the listed application due date.
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>		<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Jan 14, 2025 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the listed application due date. This is application period number three. The second application
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Cooperative Agreement Grant		
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Natural Resources		



<b>Category</b>		period closed in July;
<b>Explanation:</b>		applications submitted
<b>Expected</b>		prior to that deadline
<b>Number of</b>		are under review.
<b>Awards:</b>		
<b>Assistance</b>	15.507 --	<b>Estimated</b> \$ 12,000,000
<b>Listings:</b>	WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America???) Resources for Tomorrow)	<b>Total Program Funding:</b>
		<b>Award</b> \$125,000
		<b>Ceiling:</b>
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	Yes	<b>Award Floor:</b> \$0

## Eligibility

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education</p> <p>Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education</p> <p>City or township governments</p> <p>Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)</p> <p>State governments</p> <p>Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)</p> <p>County governments</p> <p>Special district governments</p>
<b>Additional Information on Eligibility:</b>	<p>Category A Applicants: States, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and Other organizations with water or power delivery authority. 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: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, 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 and</p>

Puerto Rico. 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

**Agency** Bureau of Reclamation

**Name:**

**Description:** The U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Program provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for future generations in support of the Department's priorities. Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts. WaterSMART provides support for priorities identified in Presidential Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (E.O. 14008) and aligned with other priorities, such as those identified in Presidential Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government (E.O. 13985). The WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects also support the goals of the Interagency Drought Relief Working Group established in March 2021 and the National Drought Resiliency Partnership. These grants will advance the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative. Established by E.O. 14008, the Justice40 Initiative has it made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. Federal agencies are using the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to help identify disadvantaged communities. The

objective of this NOFO is to invite States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on small-scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies. Proposed projects that are supported by an existing water management and conservation plan, System Optimization Review, or other planning effort led by the applicant are prioritized. This prioritization will help ensure that projects funded under this NOFO are well thought out, have public support, and have been identified as the best way to address water management concerns. Reclamation has simplified the evaluation criteria and streamlined the application process for this category of WaterSMART Grants to ensure that the process works for smaller entities. Simplified evaluation criteria are intended to provide each applicant with an opportunity to succinctly explain how the proposed project would meet a defined need identified through a prior planning effort.

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