



# Small Storage Program

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The Bureau of Reclamation's Small Storage Program was authorized by sections 40901(1) and 40903 of the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) to promote Federal assistance to enhance water storage opportunities for future generations in support of the Department of the Interior's priorities.

In accordance with the BIL, as amended by P.L. 117-328, projects must have a water storage capacity of not less than 200 acre-feet and not more than 30,000 acre-feet. Awards made under the Small Storage Program's second funding opportunity were [announced](#) on March 27, 2024 to six small storage projects located in California and Utah.

A third [funding opportunity](#) opened on September 4, 2024. Through this funding opportunity, Reclamation continues to provide financial assistance for projects that, when implemented, will increase water supply reliability, improve operational flexibility, and enhance climate resiliency of water and related infrastructure throughout the 17 western states, Alaska, and Hawaii.

### Small Storage Program Eligibility Overview

An eligible project must have a completed feasibility study that has been submitted to Reclamation for review, and for which the study is found to meet all of the requirements of Temporary Reclamation Manual Release [CMP TRMR-127](#), *Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects Feasibility Review Process*. A project must be found to meet the requirements of CMP TRMR-127 by the date specified in the funding opportunity for the project to be eligible for consideration. Reclamation will accept feasibility study submissions at any time from eligible non-Federal entities.

### Documents

- [Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects Feasibility Study Review P](#)
- [Feasibility Study Process Map](#)
- [Agency Specific Procedures for Implementing the Council on Environmental Quality Requirements, and Guidelines for Water and Land-Related Resources Implementat the Interior 707 DM 1\)](#)
- [Small Storage Program Timeline](#)
- [Small Storage Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Drought Resiliency Projects vs. Small Storage Program](#)

## Contact

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## Join the Small Storage Program Mailing List

You may complete this [form](#) to receive notifications about the Small Storage Program from Reclamation.

## Announcements

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### **Fiscal Year 2024 Webinar: Small Storage Program Update**

The Bureau of Reclamation hosted a webinar on April 24, 2024, to provide a status update on the Small Storage Program. Reclamation discussed program requirements and how projects can become eligible for future funding opportunities for the planning, design, and construction of projects. A recording of the webinar can be viewed below.

#### Small Storage Program Update from Reclamation - April 2024



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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized the Small Storage Program which provides groundwater storage projects between 200 and 30,000 acre-feet. Projects must also include water to or from the storage project.

The program is available for non-federal water storage projects in Alaska, Hawaii or one States. Federal funding is available for up to 25-percent of eligible project costs. No more available per project.

To be eligible to receive a grant from this program, project sponsors must submit a feasibility study for review and approval that follows Reclamation's published **feasibility standards**.

The fiscal year 2025 funding opportunity for this program will be published later this year.

To learn more about how Reclamation implements the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit [www.usbr.gov/bil](http://www.usbr.gov/bil).

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## New Funding Opportunity Posted on September 18, 2023

The Bureau of Reclamation has opened a funding opportunity through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for surface water and groundwater storage projects in the 17 Western States, Hawaii and Alaska.

Surface water and groundwater storage are essential tools in stretching the limited water available in a changing climate. These projects will provide communities with new sources of water and management flexibility, making water supply more reliable.

Funding is available for projects with a water storage capacity between 200 and 30,000 acre feet of surface water or groundwater storage. This funding opportunity is available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) opportunity number R24AS00010 or at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants?keywords=r24AS00010>.

Applications are due to Reclamation on November 30, at 5pm MST.

A completed feasibility study must be found to meet Reclamation's Small Storage Program requirements no later than the posting date of this funding opportunity to determine project funding opportunity. Reclamation accepts small storage feasibility studies at any time from project sponsors. Applicants must provide a cost share of 75% or more of the total project cost.

To learn more about Bipartisan Infrastructure, visit [www.usbr.gov/bil](http://www.usbr.gov/bil); or about the Small Storage Program visit [www.usbr.gov/smallstorage](http://www.usbr.gov/smallstorage).

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## Webinar—Funding Opportunity Information and Feasibility Study

The Bureau of Reclamation hosted a webinar on September 20, 2022 to share information about the new funding opportunity. [Click](#) to watch a recording of the event. Funding is available for projects with a storage capacity between 2,000 and 30,000 acre feet that increase surface water or groundwater storage directly or indirectly to the storage project. Project sponsors may request cost-shared funding for planning, design and/or construction.

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The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for funding opportunity Applications are due to Reclamation on Dec. 9, 2022 at 5 p.m. MST.

A completed feasibility study must also be submitted to Reclamation no later than Oct. 3 eligibility under this funding opportunity, using the study requirements Reclamation published. Reclamation encourages applicants to submit their completed feasibility study to Reclamation by the deadline. Eligibility does not entitle a project to any future federal funding or create a new

Applicants must provide a cost share of 75% or more of the total project costs.

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## Webinar - Bureau of Reclamation's New Small Water Storage Grant Program

The Bureau of Reclamation hosted a webinar on June 2, 2022 regarding feasibility studies for the Small Water Storage Grant Program as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. [Click here](#) to watch the webinar. The [feasibility standards](#) published in January 2022 following the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are available on Reclamation's website. To be eligible to receive a grant from this program, project sponsors must submit a completed feasibility study for Reclamation's review and approval.

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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized this new program and provides funding for storage projects between 2,000 and 30,000 acre-feet. It must also increase the storage capacity of the storage project.

The project is available for non-Federal water storage projects in Alaska, Hawaii or one of the 48 contiguous States. Federal funding is available for up to 25 percent of eligible project costs. No more than \$100 million is available per project. Up to \$100 million will be available for the next 5 years.

The funding opportunity for this Program will be published later in 2022.

To learn more about this program, visit Reclamation's [Small Water Storage Grant Program](#)

To learn more about how Reclamation implements the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law site](#).



### CURRENT STATUS

The Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 [funding opportunity](#) opened on September 4, 2024 and makes approx

Reclamation continues to accept feasibility study submissions at any time from eligible non-Federal entities to submit their feasibility studies by Spring 2025 for Round 2 consideration funding opportunity. Please view the [Small Storage Program Timeline](#) for key details.

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## CALENDAR

April 24, 2024

- Reclamation hosted a [webinar](#) to provide updates on the Small Storage Program.

September 4, 2024

- Fiscal year 2025 and 2026 Small Storage Program funding opportunity opened.

December 12, 2024

- Round 1 application deadline for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Small Storage Program funding opportunity.

April 30, 2025

- [Deadline](#) to submit feasibility studies for determination of Round 2 eligibility under the Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Small Storage Program funding opportunity.

July 15, 2025

- Round 2 application deadline for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Small Storage Program funding opportunity.
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## NEWS RELEASES

### [Biden-Harris Administration Makes Up to \\$43.5 Million Available for Water Storage Projects in the West Through Investing in America Agenda](#)

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today announced the availability of up to \$43.5 million in funding for water storage projects under the Investing in America Infrastructure Law for small water storage projects that will create new sources of water for communities in the West. [Read More](#) →

### [Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$35 Million from Investing in America Agenda for Small Surface and Groundwater Storage Projects in California and Utah](#)

TOQUERVILLE, Utah – The Department of the Interior today announced a \$35 million investment in water storage projects under the Investing in America agenda for six small surface and groundwater storage projects in California and Utah. [Read More](#) →



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