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WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024

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## General Information

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<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	R23AS00433	<b>Posted Date:</b>	Sep 06, 2023
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024	<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Nov 14, 2024
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary	<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Sep 30, 2024 This Rolling NOFO will have three Application Submittal Periods with a final closing on September 30, 2024. The due dates are for each closing period: 1) First Application Submittal Period due date is November 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST). 2) Second Application Submittal Period due date is March 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT. Applications received after
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>			
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Cooperative Agreement Grant		
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Natural Resources		



**Category**  
**Explanation:**

**Expected** 10  
**Number of**  
**Awards:**

**Assistance** 15.504 -- Water  
**Listings:** Recycling and  
Desalination  
Construction  
Programs

**Cost Sharing or** Yes  
**Matching**  
**Requirement:**

November 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m. MST and before March 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT, will be considered for the Second Submittal Period. 3) Third and Final Application Submittal Period due date is September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT. Applications received after March 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT and before September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT will be considered for the third and Final Submittal Period.

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Apr 07, 2025 This NOFO is extending the Final Application Submittal due date from November 26, 2024, to April 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m. MST. (See NOFO Sec. D.4)

**Archive Date:**

**Estimated** \$ 132,750,000

**Total**  
**Program**  
**Funding:**

**Award** \$132,750,000

**Ceiling:**

**Award Floor:** \$0

## Eligibility

**Eligible Applicants:** Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** Applicants eligible to receive financial assistance to fund activities under this NOFO include:• States, Indian Tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewaterdistricts; and any state, regional, or other organization with water or power deliveryauthority,• State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or moreorganizations with water or power delivery authority; and• An agency established under State law for the joint exercise of powers, or a combinationof entities described above.All applicants must be located in the Western United States; specifically: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

## Additional Information

**Agency Name:** Bureau of Reclamation

**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 support stakeholder efforts to stretch scarce water supplies and avoid conflicts over water.

Through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program (Title XVI), authorized by P.L. 102-575 in 1992, Reclamation provides financial and technical assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. Water recycling is a tool in stretching the limited water supplies in the Western United States. Title XVI projects develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply. These projects provide growing communities with new sources of clean water which increases water management flexibility and makes our water supply more reliable.

Through the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program, Reclamation will provide up to 25 percent (%) Federal cost share, with no per-project Federal funding maximum, to water recycling projects that have a total project cost greater than or equal to \$500 million. Large-scale water recycling projects will play an important role in helping communities develop local, drought-resistant sources of water supply by turning currently unusable water sources into a new source of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought and climate change. The Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects funding opportunity provides support for priorities identified in Presidential Executive Order (E.O.) 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad and is aligned with other priorities, such as those identified in E.O. 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. In particular, the Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects funding opportunity advances the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative. Established by E.O. 14008, the Justice40 Initiative has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments, such as climate, clean energy, and other areas, flow to disadvantaged communities.

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