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## Schedule Tracker

Last Updated 10/26/2023

### Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects

Schedule tracker shows anticipated dates for Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and will be updated regularly

Timeline details:

- NOFO Under Development:** September 7, 2023 (NOFO Posted on Grants.gov)
- Accepting Applications:** November 21, 2023 (Application Period Closes)
- Applications Under Review:** March 2024 (Selections Expected to Be Announced)
- Agreement Development:** September 2024 (Award of Funding)

We are here (at the start of the 'Accepting Applications' phase)

For questions about the status of your application, please contact Maribeth Menendez, mmenendez@usbr.gov

## Large-Scale Water Recycling Program

Section 40905 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), P.L. 117-58 provides authority for Reclamation’s Large-Scale Water Recycling Program. The program will provide \$450 million over the next five years to projects in Reclamation states that have a total project cost greater than or equal to \$500,000,000, at 25% Federal cost share, with no per-project maximum. Large-scale recycled water 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.

Projects will become eligible to compete for funding under the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program once Reclamation has reviewed a feasibility study submitted by the

non-Federal project sponsor and has informed Congress that the project meets Reclamation's requirements. Temporary guidelines for the preparation of feasibility studies are established by WTR TRMR-128, [Large-Scale Water Recycling Program Feasibility Study Review Process](#)

You may complete this [form](#) to receive WaterSMART program notification from the Bureau of Reclamation.

## Announcements

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### **Webinar for WaterSMART Water Recycling and Desalination Construction Funding Opportunities**

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 11am MDT Reclamation's WaterSMART Program hosted a webinar to discuss the multiple water recycling and desalination construction funding opportunities currently open on grants.gov. The webinar included information regarding eligibility, program requirements, and the selection process for the following funding opportunities: 1) Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Projects; 2) Title XVI WIIN Act Projects; 3) Desalination Construction Projects; and 4) Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects.

[Click here to view a recording of the live event.](#)

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### **Biden-Harris Administration Launches New Large-Scale Water Recycling Program with \$180 Million from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**



The Department of the Interior today announced the launch of a new large-scale water recycling program and made \$180 million in initial funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law available for projects aimed at creating new water supplies that are less vulnerable to drought and climate change. To date, the Bureau of Reclamation has invested \$310 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for projects that advance water recycling and reuse. The new program will incentivize projects at a larger scale, with no cap on project size, and will play an important role in helping communities develop local, drought-resistant water supplies by turning unusable water sources into clean, reliable ones. [Read More →](#)

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### **Reclamation released a funding opportunity for development of water reuse and desalination projects**

The Bureau of Reclamation released a grant funding opportunity for planning and pre-construction activities for potential new Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse projects, Desalination Construction projects, and Large-Scale Water Recycling projects. The notice of funding opportunity is available on grants.gov by searching for opportunity number R23AS00076.

Reclamation hosted a webinar on January 11, 2023 to discuss eligible applicants, project evaluation criteria for Water Recycling and Desalination Planning funding opportunity. W requirements and how projects can become eligible to compete under future funding opp design, and construction of projects under the Title XVI Program, the Desalination Const Large-Scale Water Recycling Program.

If you have questions regarding applicant and project eligibility, program requirements, o click [here](#) to schedule time to talk with the program coordinators.

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## Feasibility Study Guidance Posted

Temporary guidelines for the preparation of feasibility studies are established by WTR TI Water Recycling Program Feasibility Study Review Process. It is available at: [WTR TRM](#)



### CURRENT STATUS

The [FY23 and FY24 Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects funding opportunity](#) was posted Sept submission periods: first round of applications are due November 21, 2023; second round of applicatio final round of applications are due September 30, 2024.

The [FY23 and FY24 Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Projects](#) and [Title XVI WIIN Act Projec](#) posted September 28. There are two submission periods. Submission deadlines are December 7, 202

### FEASIBILITY STUDY

[View the Feasibility Guidance](#)

### QUESTIONS?

Have a question regarding the funding opportunity or project eligibility questions? [Request a meeting](#)

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### CALENDAR

September 2023

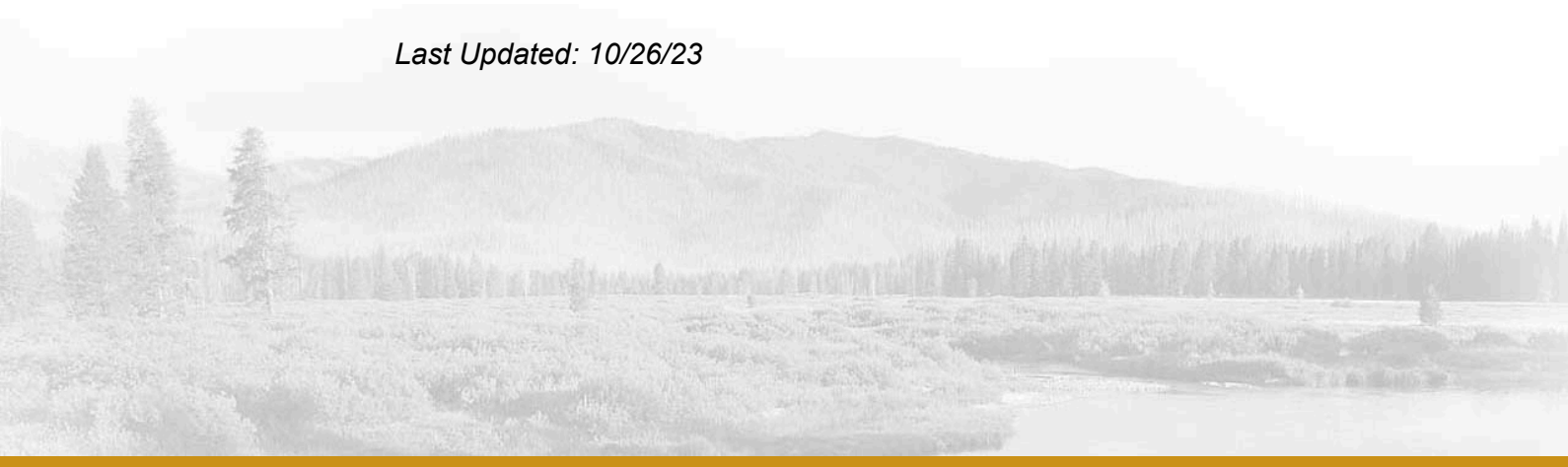
- September 7: [FY23 and FY24 Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects funding opportunity](#) posted.
  - September 28: [FY23 and FY24 Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Projects](#) and [Title XVI WIIN](#) opportunities posted.
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### NEWS RELEASES

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