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### Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program

With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Reclamation will carry out a Domestic Water Supplies for Disadvantaged Communities Program to assist Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal Organizations, as defined by 25 U.S.C. 5304(e), in the 17 Western states for the planning, design, or construction of water projects to provide domestic water supplies to communities or households that do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies.

Program direction and leadership is provided by Reclamation's Native American and International Affairs Office (NAIAO) within the Commissioner's Office.

For more information or questions regarding this program, please email NAIAO at: [TribalDomesticWaterProgram@usbr.gov](mailto:TribalDomesticWaterProgram@usbr.gov).

### Program Purpose

The primary purpose of the Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program is to fund projects for existing Tribal households or communities that do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies. Domestic water supplies are for human use and consumption. Domestic water supplies provide a communal benefit (e.g., school, hospital, nursing home, etc.).

## Program Authority

### **Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Section 50231. Domestic Water Supply Projects**

"Bureau of Reclamation Domestic Water Supply Projects. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated to the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, for fiscal year 2021, for grants, contracts, or financial assistance agreements for disadvantaged communities (as defined according to criteria adopted by the Commissioner of Reclamation) in a manner as determined by the Commissioner of Reclamation for up to 100 percent of the cost of the planning, design, and construction of projects the primary purpose of which is to provide domestic water supplies to communities that do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies in a State or territory described in the Act (Public Law 117-169, June 17, 2022 (43 U.S.C. 391; 32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093))."

### **Executive Order 14008**

"Affirms the advancement of environmental justice for all through the development and financing of infrastructure that invests in disadvantaged communities."

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## Funding Announcements

### AWARDED FUNDING

### **Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$82 Million To Invest in Clean Drinking Water to Tribal Communities**

*October 31, 2024* – The U.S. Department of the Interior announced a nearly \$82 million investment in clean drinking water to Tribal communities as part of Biden's Investing in America agenda to bring clean, safe drinking water to Tribal communities. This investment will fund 23 projects through a new program established through the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate investment ever.

[Read News Release →](#)

*More Information:*

[Complete List and Description of Projects](#)

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - **CLOSED AUGUST 4, 2024**

### **Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$320 Million for Tribal Water Infrastructure**

*April 2, 2024* – The U.S. Department of the Interior announced that up to \$320 million is available through Biden's Investing in America agenda, through Reclamation, to assist federally recognized Tribal organizations as they plan and construct domestic water infrastructure. [Read News Release](#)

*More Information:*

## Application Package

- Dear Tribal Leaders Letter: Update to Funding Announcement for Tribal Domestic Water Supply Webinar Invitation for June 13, 2024 ([PDF; 129 KB](#)) ([See Note 1](#))
- Dear Tribal Leaders Letter: Funding Announcement for Tribal Domestic Water Supply
- Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects [Funding Announcement](#) ([PDF; 861 KB](#)) ([See Note 1](#))
- Appendix A: Budget Detail and Narrative with Instructions ([Excel Template; 84 KB](#))
- Budget Forms:
  - SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance ([Adobe PDF; 145 KB](#))
  - SF-424A: Budget Information ([Adobe PDF; 132 KB](#))
  - SF-424B: Assurances – Non-Construction Programs ([Adobe PDF; 49 KB](#))
  - SF-424D: Assurances – Construction Programs ([Adobe PDF; 48 KB](#))

**Note 1:** [Webinar Video](#): An overview of the Tribal Domestic Water Supplies Program and the Funding Agreement.

Held: Thursday, June 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time

See Webinar Invitation for more information.

**Note 2:** The Funding Announcement has been updated as of April 12, 2024, to include a category of award for Federal financial assistance should a project be designated a “Megaproject.”

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