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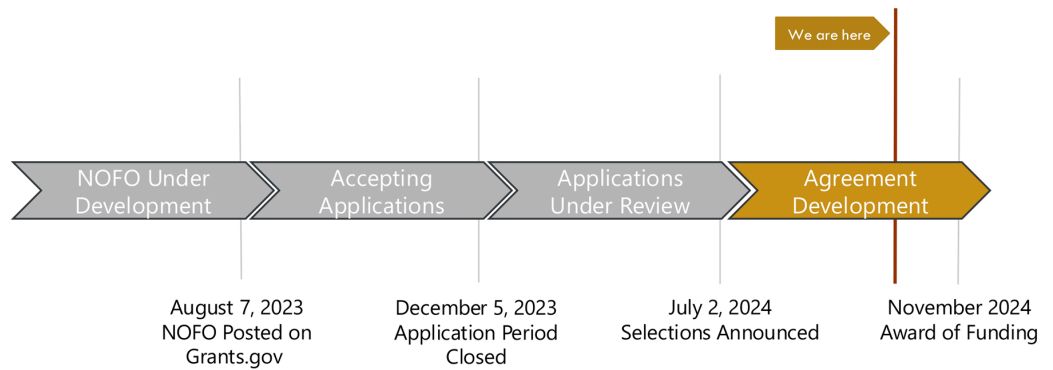
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Cooperative Watershed Management Program – FY23

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



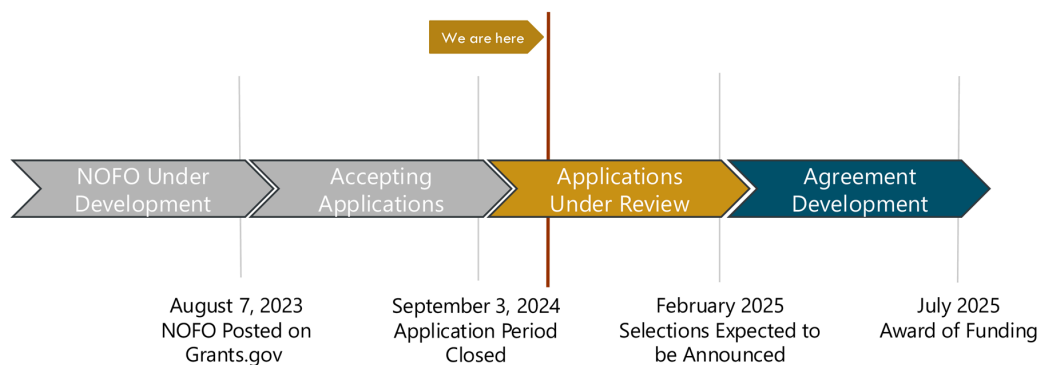
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Cooperative Watershed Management Program

The Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) contributes to the WaterSMART strategy by providing funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. Funding is provided on a competitive basis for:

Watershed Group Development and Watershed Restoration Planning: In 2012, Reclamation began providing funding for watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design (Phase I). A watershed group is a self-sustaining, non-regulatory, consensus-based group that is composed of a diverse array of stakeholders, which may include, but is not limited to, private property owners, non-profit organizations, Federal, state, or local agencies, and tribes. As part of Phase I activities, applicants may use funding to develop bylaws, a mission statement, complete stakeholder outreach, develop a watershed restoration plan, and watershed management project design. For Phase I projects, Reclamation will award a successful

applicant up to \$100,000 per year for a period of up to three years with no non-Federal c

Implementation of Watershed Management Projects: In 2017, Reclamation started to financial assistance to watershed groups to implement watershed management projects projects, collaboratively developed by members of a watershed group, address critical water quality concerns, helping water users meet competing demands and avoid conflict currently provides funding to watershed groups for the implementation of watershed mar the [Environmental Water Resources Projects funding opportunity](#).

Documents

- [Cooperative Watershed Management Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [FY23 CWMP Phase I Funding Opportunity FAQ](#)

Announcements

President Biden’s Investing in America agenda delivers \$8.9 million in cooperative watershed management

The Bureau of Reclamation today announced an \$8.9 million investment from President Infrastructure Law to protect watershed health and build more resilient water supplies across the West. The investment will support 6 new cooperative projects and 12 existing cooperative projects in 12 states and help water stakeholders to develop solutions that meet local water management needs. [Read More](#)

[Project Descriptions](#)

Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Funding Opportunity Webinar

The Bureau of Reclamation hosted a webinar on July 2, 2024 to discuss the Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I funding opportunity. [Click here to watch a recording](#) of the live event available until January 1, 2025.

On August 7, 2023, the Bureau of Reclamation published a funding opportunity for Phase I Cooperative Watershed Management Program. The funding opportunity provides funding to grassroots watershed groups to complete group development activities, watershed restoration, and watershed management project design. Reclamation will provide up to \$300,000 in Federal funding over a three-year period, with no more than \$100,000 to be available per year.

If you have questions regarding applicant and project eligibility or the evaluation criteria, please contact the program coordinator to schedule a time to talk with the program coordinator.

[Download Slideshow](#)

FY24 Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects Webinar

The Bureau of Reclamation hosted an informational webinar on Thursday, August 31, 2023, about the Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects.

opportunities. If you have questions regarding applicant and project eligibility or the evaluation process, please contact the program manager at water@reclamation.dhs.gov and select the applicable funding opportunity to schedule a time to talk with the program manager.

Biden-Harris Administration Makes Nearly \$200 Million Available for Water and Climate Resiliency Projects as Part of Investing in America



The Department of the Interior today announced up to \$195 million in new funding opportunities available through President Biden's Investing in America Act. The funds will support a more resilient water supply, support cooperative watershed management, and restore aquatic ecosystems. The funds come primarily from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the WaterSMART program, as well as from the Inflation Reduction Act. [Read More](#) →

Watershed groups receive \$3.8 million to collaboratively address water management issues

The Bureau of Reclamation is providing \$3.8 million to 21 groups to create or expand watershed management plans. WaterSMART's Cooperative Watershed Management Program brings diverse stakeholders together to develop local solutions for their water management needs. [Read More](#) →

Project Descriptions

Reclamation awards \$2.6 million for Western communities to expand watershed groups



The Bureau of Reclamation is awarding \$2.6 million to 27 communities across the United States to establish or expand existing watershed management plans. WaterSMART's Cooperative Watershed Management Program provides up to \$50,000 a year for two years with no federal cost-share requirement.

Selected Projects



CURRENT STATUS

The [FY23/24 Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I funding opportunity](#) posted FY23 funding were announced July 2, 2024. Applications for FY24 funding were due September 3, 2024. Review.

QUESTIONS?

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

NEWS RELEASES

July 7, 2024

[President Biden's Investing in America agenda delivers \\$8.9 million for cooperative watershed management](#)

August 7, 2023

[Biden-Harris Administration Makes Nearly \\$200 Million Available for Drought and Climate Resiliency Funding Through the Investing in America Agenda](#)

September 14, 2022

[Watershed groups receive \\$3.8 million to collaboratively address water management issues](#)

June 16, 2021

[Reclamation awards \\$2.6 million for Western communities to establish or expand watershed groups](#)

March 25, 2021

[Reclamation provides \\$2.1 million for collaborative watershed projects in seven western states](#)

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COOPERATIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Developing Collaborative Watershed Management Solutions



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