

Funding Tracking List

Adequate operating and capital funds are essential to ensure that water infrastructure is updated and maintained in good repair. This resource outlines funding resources available for water infrastructure projects.

Introduction

Drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure project sponsors can access numerous alternative funding sources. These sources include various grants and loans offered by government agencies, banks, and environmental finance centers, which can provide substantial funding for water infrastructure projects. The New Jersey State Revolving Fund for Clean Water and Drinking Water, managed by the [New Jersey Water Bank](#), offers funding and financing for infrastructure projects that improve water quality and ensure safe drinking water. Due to robust federal funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan Act, we encourage project sponsors to explore the funding packages available with the NJ Water Bank.

Below is a list of funding and financing resources. This list will be updated as more resources become available and deadlines change. Page 9 contains information about several technical assistance and financial guidance opportunities. These opportunities can be found in the non-financial assistance table. Lastly, there is a table for currently closed funding sources, which may open later during the year or according to a funding cycle.

About Jersey Water Works

Jersey Water Works is working to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities with clean water and waterways, healthier and safer neighborhoods, local jobs, flood and climate resilience, and economic growth. To keep tabs on all water-related issues in New Jersey, consider joining Jersey Water Works, a statewide collaborative of over 600 members whose goal is to strengthen the state's water infrastructure. Membership is free. See <https://www.jerseywaterworks.org/> For more information, please email info@jerseywaterworks.org.

About New Jersey Future Funding Navigator

New Jersey Future's Funding Navigator Program is New Jersey's first nonprofit statewide program committed to helping localities access funding for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater needs. This program connects communities, municipalities, and water systems to the funding and support they need, whether by assessing problems and identifying solutions or by connecting them to free technical assistance providers. Our staff develops relations with diverse sets of stakeholders—such as technical assistance and professional service providers, water associations, community-based organizations, and state agencies dedicated to enhancing water quality.

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<u>Credit Assistance Under the WIFIA</u>	US EPA	Loan	creditworthy drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects. projects eligible under CWSRF and DWSRF	for creditworthy water infrastructure projects of national and regional significance	corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and trusts, government entities, state infrastructure financing authorities
<u>Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in New Jersey</u>	Rural Development- US Department of Agriculture	Grants and loans	projects to construct and remedy clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage	finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution; sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal, and closure; Stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal	government entities, nonprofits, federally recognized tribes
<u>CoBank</u>	CoBank	Loan	water infrastructure projects and related expenses	create, improve, and expand the supply of safe drinking water and waste disposal/ new construction or expansion/ equipment/ vehicles, drill wells or replace pipelines,	not-for-profits, municipalities, districts, water cooperatives

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Rural Water Loan Fund	National Rural Water Association	Loan	short-term repair costs, small capital projects, and pre-development costs associated with larger projects	pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance, and small capital projects. Energy efficiency projects to lower costs and improve system sustainability. Disaster recovery or other emergency loans are available.	small water and wastewater utilities
7(a) Loan	Small Business Administration	Loan	financial help for small businesses	short and long-term working capital, refinancing debt, purchasing, and installation of machinery and equipment	small public water systems. Water supply and irrigation systems with a maximum average annual receipt of \$41 mil. and sewage treatment facilities with a \$35 mil max count as small businesses
Water and Wastewater Programs Loans	Live Oak Bank	Loan	water and wastewater programs	projects like replacing water distribution lines, construction of a new wastewater facility, or tank rehabilitation or installation	rural and unincorporated communities

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<u>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants</u>	Rural Development- US Department of Agriculture	Grant	community preparation or recovery from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water	construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water	rurally located public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes
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<u>Water & Waste Disposal Pre-Development Planning Grants in New Jersey</u>	Rural Development- US Department of Agriculture	Grant	low-income communities who need assistance planning and developing applications for proposed USDA rural redevelopment water or waste disposal projects	pre-development planning	government entities, nonprofits, federally recognized tribes
<u>Funding for Natural Disasters in 2021 and 2022</u>	US EDA- Bureau of US Department of Commerce	Grant	communities impacted by presidentially-declared major disasters in calendar years 2021-2022, including Hurricane Ida	help communities devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies to recover and become resilient to future disasters through a variety of construction and non-construction projects	non-profit organizations, colleges, and universities, district of an Economic Development District, state and local government subdivisions engaged in economic or infrastructure activities

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<u>Fiscal Year 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current</u>	Department of Homeland Security- FEMA	Grant	mitigation projects immediately after a flood disaster event with the aim of delivering mitigation outcomes as quickly as possible. projects to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the NFIP	to reduce or eliminate the flood risk to NFIP-participating communities and repetitive flood damage to structures and buildings insured by the NFIP following a flood-related disaster event, and to enhance community flood resilience within NFIP-participating communities	States, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments
<u>Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program</u>	EPA	Grant	critical stormwater infrastructure projects in communities, including combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows	planning, designing, and constructing of CSOs, sanitary sewer overflows, and stormwater management projects	municipality or municipal entity, financially distressed communities prioritized
<u>Water Pollution Control (Section 106) Grant Program</u>	EPA	Grant	build and sustain effective water quality programs that ensure the health of our nation's water bodies	monitoring and assessing water quality, developing water quality standards, identifying impaired waters and total maximum daily loads, managing national pollutant discharge elimination system permits, ensuring	states, interstate agencies, and eligible tribal governments under Section 106

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				compliance, implementing enforcement, protecting source water, managing outreach and education programs	
<u>Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program</u>	EPA	Grant	environmental justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects to reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build communities capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges	community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy.	A partnership between two community-based non-profits, a partnership between CBO and gov or higher education institution. collaborating with sub-recipients/ procurement contractors selecting compliance with competition requirements
<u>Municipal Aid Program</u>	NJDOT	Grant	construction-ready projects that improve municipal roads, improve quality of life, make roadways safer, address stormwater management, control, and address water pollution related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.	projects that improve: bikeways, bridge preservation, mobility, pedestrian safety, quality of life, roadway preservation, roadway safety, pavement preservation, stormwater management	New Jersey Municipalities

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<u>Addressing Stormwater Challenges with EPA Technical Assistance and Funding</u>	USDA	Grant	watershed projects for the purpose of flood prevention, watershed protection, public recreation, public fish and wildlife, agricultural water management, municipal and industrial water supply, water quality management	plan and implement authorized watershed projects	states, local governments, tribal orgs
<u>Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Grant Program</u>	EPA	Grant	grants help eligible states, territories, and tribes develop and implement a PWSS program adequate to enforce the requirements of the SDWA and ensure that water systems comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations	developing and maintaining state drinking water regulations- Developing and maintaining inventory of public water systems- reviewing public water system plans and specifications	entities that have been delegated primary enforcement responsibility (primacy) by EPA for the PWSS program are eligible to receive grants

Non-financial Assistance

Source	Administrator (s) of Assistance	Deadline	Eligible Projects	Eligibility Requirements/ Criteria	How Assistance can be used	Eligible Entities
NJDEP Technical Assistance Program	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	N/A	Drinking and wastewater system improvements, stormwater management, flood risk reduction and resilience, Source Water Protection	Aid is prioritized for communities identified as disadvantaged or overburdened	Program Navigation, Financial and Needs Assessments, Community Engagement and Outreach Assistance, Engineering Services, LSL Replacement Assistance, Engineering Assistance	Municipalities and local governments, utilities and water authorities, non-profit organizations, education institutions, regional planning organizations
Smart Management for Small Water Systems	Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center	N/A	Managing Drought, Water Loss Reduction Projects, Climate Resilience, Workforce Development, Drinking and Wastewater Systems		Technical assistance, Finance and Asset Management, Day-to-Day operations	Small water system operators, owners, and municipal representatives
Funding Navigator Program	Environmental Policy Innovation Center	N/A	Water quality improvement, flood risk mitigation, climate resilience, Drinking and Waste Water infrastructure and improvements, sewage management	Assistance prioritized for areas with environmental justice concerns	Project planning and development, grant writing and fundraising, technical training, and capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, technical consultations	Non-profit organizations, government entities, community-based organizations, private sector

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National Environmental Finance Center	Moonshot Missions	N/A	Clean Water and Wastewater Infrastructure improvements, Water Quality Improvement, Stormwater management, Resilience Planning	Focus on helping underserved or disadvantaged communities	Project planning and development, Funding and Financial Assistance, Regulatory Compliance and Permitting, Project Implementation Support, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical Consultations	Municipalities and Local Governments, Non-profit organizations, Educational Institutions, Utilities and Water Authorities
Circuit Rider Program - Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems	Contract between rural utility service and National Rural Water Association	N/A	Board training, management/finance, operation/maintenance, water treatment, regulatory compliance, facility security, loan application and reporting, disaster/emergency assistance	Area with a population of 10,000 or less and either a public body, non-profit corporation, or Indian tribe	Technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues	A public body or non-profit
Technical Assistance	National Rural Water Association	N/A	Drinking water, wastewater, source water protection, energy efficiency, decentralized wastewater	Small and rural communities that serve less than 10,000 people	Training and technical assistance	Small and rural communities that serve less than 10,000 people

Closed

Grant/Loan	About	Application Dates
<u>Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grants</u>	Supports states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.	current FY application dates closed
<u>Resilient NJ (DCA)</u>	Assistance program to support local and regional climate resilience planning.	current FY application dates closed
<u>Ivy Hill StormWater Mitigation Program</u>	Help protect Ivy Hill neighborhood in the City of Newark against repetitive flood damage by addressing the currently undersized stormwater culverts and areas of poor drainage	Not yet launched
<u>Economic Adjustment Assistance</u>	Projects that will bring critical infrastructure to many underinvested communities; develop business ecosystems that will allow small businesses and entrepreneurs to grow	
<u>Rural Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program</u>	To help a nonprofit create a revolving loan fund for eligible individuals who own and occupy a home in an eligible rural area. The fund may be used to construct, refurbish, or service individually-owned household water wells and septic systems.	April 24, 2024- June 28, 2024
<u>Financial Technical Assistance and Tools for Water Infrastructure</u>	The EPA's WaterTA aims to assist communities with applications for federal funding, quality water infrastructure, and reliable water services in partnership with drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities and local government	5/31/2024 (CLOSED)