



# EPA Water Infrastructure Funding and Opportunities for Alaska Communities

State  
Revolving  
Fund (SRF)

Tribal Set-  
Asides

Community  
Grants  
(earmarks)

WIIN grants

EC-SDC

WIFIA

Technical  
Assistance

# Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs

- Delegated to Alaska DEC: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund/>
- Funding for drinking water and wastewater projects
- Approximately \$4M each year for the CWSRF, and \$5M each year for the DWSRF.
- This **revolving** loan program grows through repayments
- Federal requirements for loan principal forgiveness (aka additional subsidy)

# Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding

	CWSRF General Supplemental	CWSRF Emerging Contaminants	DWSRF General Supplemental	DWSRF Emerging Contaminants	DWSRF Lead Service Lines
Use of funding	Same as base program	CW ECs, with a priority for PFAS	Same as base program	DW ECs, with a priority for PFAS	Identification and replacement of LSLs
Amount available (FY22-26)	Approx. \$11M per year	Approx. \$1M per year	Approx. \$18M per year	Approx. \$8M per year	Approx. \$28M per year
Principal Forgiveness requirement	49%	100%	49%	100%	49%

# Funding Source: Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act Tribal Set-Aside Programs

- Water and wastewater projects are prioritized using the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System
- If you are a Federally recognized Tribe, coordinate with your ANTHC or VSW engineer to enter your needs into SDS for funding consideration
- FY23 SDWA Tribal Set-aside \$2M Base and \$8M BIL
- FY23 CWA Tribal Set-asides \$3M Base and \$10M BIL
- FY24 allocations are not known at this time

# Tribal Emerging Contaminant and Lead Service Line Funding Opportunities

- WIIN Grant: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities
  - FY23 \$857,000
- WIIN Grant: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Emerging Contaminant Funding Grant Program
  - FY23 \$5.7M BIL
- SDWA Tribal Set-Aside Emerging Contaminant Funding
  - FY23 \$2.4M BIL
  - DEC sampling all Tribal PWS for PFAS
- Lead Service Line Replacement Funding
  - FY23 \$7.5M BIL
  - DEC working with all Tribal PWS to complete service line inventories by 10/24



# Community Grants

(aka Earmarks aka Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding)

- 45 AK projects identified
  - Total of \$121,969,000 in the first 3 years of the program (FY22-24)
- Awaiting FY24 Program Guidance to kick off the 2024 process
- Federal grant funding – requires Grants.gov application
- Already selected? Contact: [R10CommunityGrants@epa.gov](mailto:R10CommunityGrants@epa.gov)
- To be considered: Contact your Congressional representatives' offices

# The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Grants

WIIN 2104 – SUDC

WIIN 2105 –  
Reducing Lead in DW

WIIN 2107 – Lead  
Testing (and  
Remediation) in  
Schools and  
Childcare Facilities



# Small, Underserved and Disadvantaged Communities Grants (WIIN 2104)

- Assist public water systems meet and comply with Safe Drinking Water Act
- Eligible Entities:
  - Community water systems, Non-governmental organizations
  - Tribal water systems
  - Nontransient noncommunity water systems
  - Municipality or state, interstate, or inter-municipal agencies
- No match requirement
- More information: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-small-underserved-and-disadvantaged-communities-grant-program-0#tribal>

# Reducing Lead in Drinking Water (WIIN 2105)

- Reducing lead in drinking water in schools and childcare facilities
- Eligible entities:
  - Community water systems, Non-governmental organizations
  - Tribal water systems
  - Nontransient noncommunity water systems
  - Municipality or state, interstate, or inter-municipal agencies
- More information: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-reducing-lead-drinking-water>

# Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program (WIIN 2107)

- Voluntary Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program
- Assist with testing for and reducing lead in drinking water
- Recently revised to allow remediation projects

# Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant Program

- Created and funded by BIL
- Funding is to address ECs in drinking water
- No match requirement
- More information: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/emerging-contaminants-ec-small-or-disadvantaged-communities-grant-sdc>
- \$18.9M available from first two years

# Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

- Federal loan and guarantee program
- Administered by the EPA
- Long-term and low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects.
- Similar to SRF program
- May co-fund with SRF program
- More information: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>

# Free Technical Assistance

- **Need a water infrastructure project but don't know where to start?**
  - **Sign up for free Technical Assistance:**
- <https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-programs>

**(WaterTA)**

# Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap

- No-cost technical assistance
- EPA helps communities apply for funding
- Expanding the program to assist 150 communities
- Requested through WaterTA Request Form
- No deadline to apply
- For questions, email [SepticHelp@epa.gov](mailto:SepticHelp@epa.gov)
- For more info go to:  
<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/closing-americas-wastewater-access-gap>



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# Water Finance Clearinghouse

- Financial assistance for **watershed protection projects**
- **Web-based portal** for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs
- **Two searchable databases:**
  - 1: Available **funding sources** for water infrastructure
  - 2: **Reports, weblinks, webinars, etc.**
- Part of **EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center**  
<https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter>





**Thank you!**

