



Memo

To: Jurisdictions with Wastewater Infrastructure Needs

From: Colleen Hannon, Region 10 Grant Navigator

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Wastewater Projects

Colleagues:

Here is an update on our funding searches this week. I am focusing this week's memo specifically on wastewater. I must admit that there are, at this point, not many outright grants announced for this need.

One strategy I have often recommended is to look at your project from different funding angles, so to speak. For example, if you need redundant power for your plant or EV charging stations, then consider reviewing funding sources for energy resiliency. Also, consider delaying, through phasing, elements of the project that have funding sources available to them in the near future. Buy what you must, but if you can defer some purchasing without causing an increase in cost; a loss of grant funding; or a delay in the project, do so. And, let us know when you have done that, so we can research funding sources specific to those elements.

I will continue to look for opportunities and update you in two weeks. Next week you should receive funding memos on either energy efficiency and or transportation from Shay. Reach out to me with questions!

And, please let us know if you are pursuing any federal grants at this time.

1. I know you are all aware of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund? This fund provides loan/grant combinations. The link is as follows. <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/state-revolving-fund-information>

2. I think you are all aware that USDA (Dept. of Agriculture) also has a loan/grant fund? The link to this fact sheet is: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/co>

Additionally, they offer a predevelopment planning grant. This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects. The option, SEARCH, offers predevelopment planning funding for feasibility studies and design assistance.

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants help eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.

Be sure to reach out to our USDA regional director, Amy Crick, to discuss your projects. She may be reached at [amy.crick@usda.gov](mailto:amy.crick@usda.gov)

3. National Rural Water Association provides low interest loans for wastewater projects. <https://nrwa.org/members/products-services-portfolio/rural-water-loan-fund/>

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4. The Rural Community Assistance Corp. offers loans to finance water and waste facility projects. RCAC's loan program is unique — it provides the early funds small rural communities need to determine project feasibility and to pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state and federal funding. <https://www.rcac.org/lending-2/environmental-loans/>

Thanks, and have a great weekend.