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To: Jurisdictions with Water Needs

From: Colleen Hannon, Region 10 Grant Navigator

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Water Projects

Colleagues:

Here is an update on the two funding sources from BOR discussed two weeks ago. Please note that they are a pair of programs that work together by project cost limitations. Consider the **Small Scale Water Efficiency program** if your project cost is less than \$225,000. That notice came out two weeks ago. If it is costlier than that, you are to consider the **Water and Energy Efficiency** program. That notice was released this week. The links to the NOFOs are below.

1. WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency

This application has a due date of 1/16/24. It also has three more deadlines (7/24, 1/25/ and 7/25). The link to the program is here: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350845>

Projects eligible for funding include **installation of flow measurement or automation in a specific part of a water delivery system, lining of a section of a canal to address seepage, or other similar projects** that are limited in scope.

2. WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency

This portal is now open. The link is <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350982> It funds items that many of you have noted as needs: **hydropower, SCADAs, piping of canals, metering, the installation of renewables such as solar for operations, and turf replacement.**

Please let us know if you would like to pursue either program. There are several sources available to assist. The WaterNow Alliance will review applications for free. You can apply to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for grantwriting support (note it takes 30-45 days to secure this type of technical assistance from them). Our regional grant navigator program is launching statewide grantwriting technical assistance soon. We, as navigators, can assist as well with program planning, budgeting, letters of support, draft development, draft review, etc. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks.

Colleen