



**Memo**

To: Region 10 Jurisdictions and partners

From: Shay Coburn, Region 10 Grant Navigator contractor

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Disaster Resiliency

Colleagues:

Here are some grant opportunities related to disaster resiliency. Reach out with any questions any time. Also, **please keep us updated if you are pursuing any federal monies.**

1. [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\)](#)
  - a. FEMA
  - b. “to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities.”
  - c. **Due 4/12/24**
  
2. Assistance to Firefighters
  - a. FEMA
  - b. [Fire Prevention and Safety Program](#): “support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.”
  - c. **Due 4/12/24**
  
3. [Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations \(WFPO\)](#)
  - a. USDA
  - b. “Provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribal organizations to help plan and implement authorized watershed projects for the purpose of:
    - i. Flood Prevention
    - ii. Watershed Protection
    - iii. Public Recreation
    - iv. Public Fish and Wildlife
    - v. Agricultural Water Management
    - vi. Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
    - vii. Water Quality Management”
  - c. For watershed projects less than or equal to 250,000 acres. Agricultural benefits, including rural communities, must be 20% or great of the total benefits for the project.
  - d. **To begin, contact Colorado’s NRCS Watershed Program Manager Todd Boldt, 970-215-9897, [todd.boldt@usda.gov](mailto:todd.boldt@usda.gov)**



4. WaterSMART - [Planning and Project Design Grants](#)
  - a. BOR
  - b. “For collaborative planning and design projects to support water management improvements. This includes funding for:
    - (1) Water Strategy Grants to conduct planning activities to improve water supplies (e.g., water supplies to disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water, water marketing, water conservation, drought resilience, and ecological resilience);
    - (2) Project Design Grants to conduct project-specific design for projects to improve water management; and
    - (3) comprehensive Drought Contingency Plans.”
  - c. **Round 2 applications due 5/21/24**
  
5. WaterSMART - [Large-Scale Recycling Projects](#)
  - a. BOR
  - b. “For planning, design, and construction of water recycling and desalination projects.”
  - c. **Round 2 applications due 5/31/24, final round due 11/26/24**
  
6. WaterSMART - [Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)
  - a. BOR
  - b. To “plan for and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts.”
  - c. For “small-scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies. Proposed projects that are supported by an existing water management and conservation plan, System Optimization Review, or other planning effort led by the applicant are prioritized.”
  - d. **Round 2 applications due 7/9/24**