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# WaterSMART Program

## Water and Energy Efficiency Grants & Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

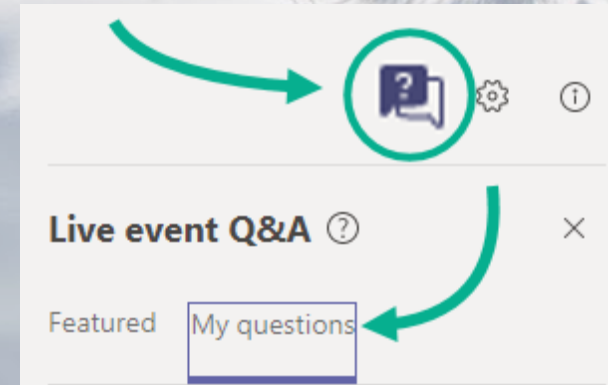
Water Resources and Planning Office  
Financial Assistance Operations Office  
August 29, 2024



# Getting Started

- To watch the recording, use the same link at this meeting.
- Attendees' cameras and microphones are muted
- A copy of the slides will be available on our website:  
<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/>

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# Today's Presenters

## Water Resources and Planning Office

- Brandi Worthington (WEEG)
- Lucia Schurr (SWEP)

## Financial Assistance Operations

- Devin Baez



# Agenda Overview

- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Projects
- FY25 SWEP
  - Program Funding
  - Evaluation Criteria
- FY25 WEEG
  - Program Funding
  - Evaluation Criteria
- Application Tips
- Financial Assistance Requirements
- Program Resources
- Questions



# WaterSMART Program Basics

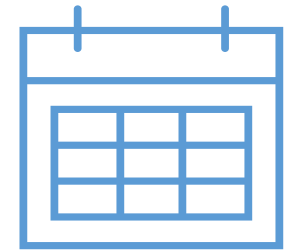
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**Most WaterSMART activities are grant programs**



**Generally, a 50% non-Federal cost share is required for grants under WaterSMART\***



**Funding is allocated through annual competitive processes**

*\*this cost-sharing requirement is not applicable to American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands*





# WEEG & SWEP

## *Applicant Eligibility*

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### Eligible Applicants

#### Category A:

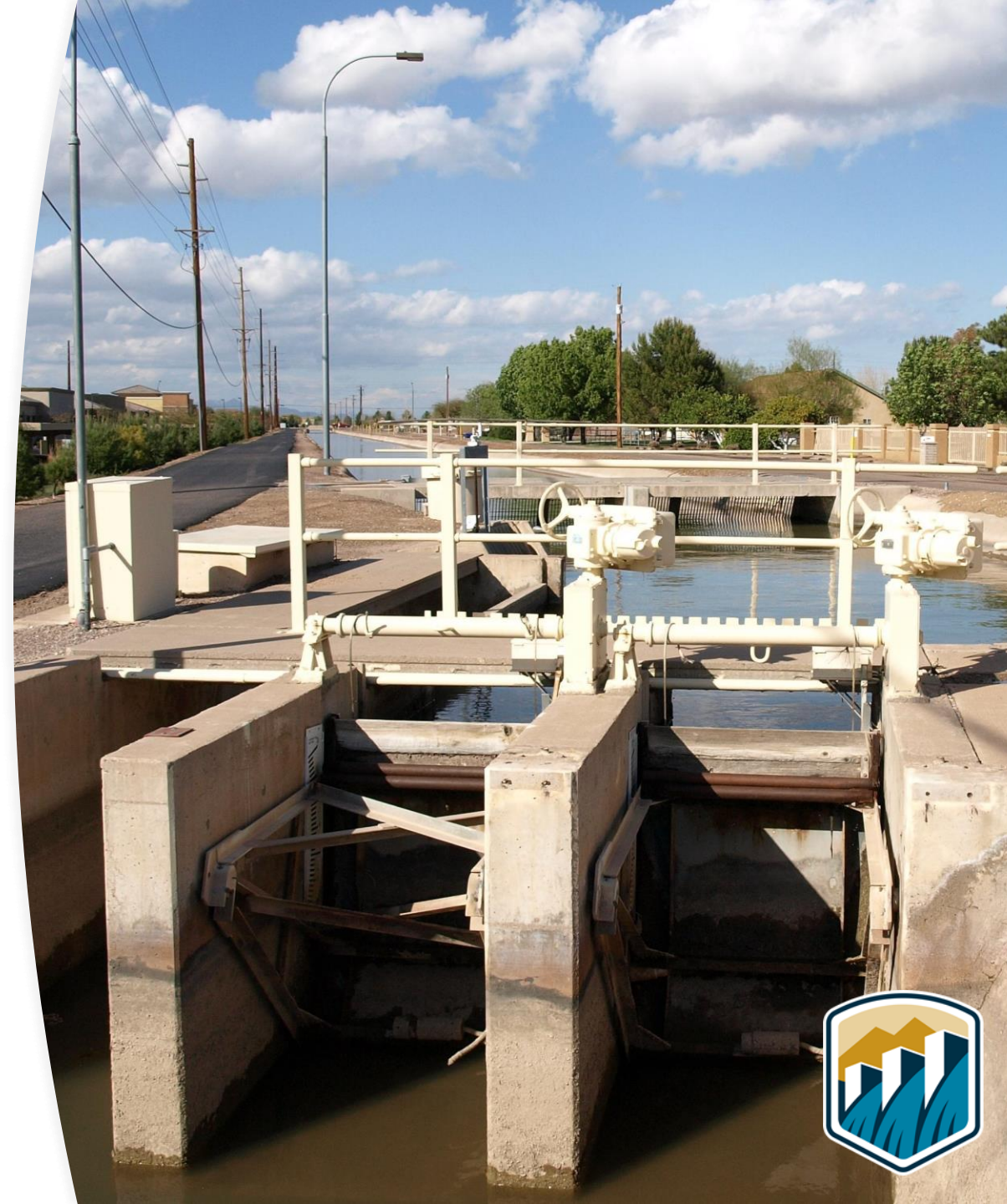
- States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts;
- State, regional, or local authorities, whose members include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and
- Other organizations with water or power delivery authority.

All Category A applicants must also be located in the Western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented; specifically: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

#### Category B:

Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A. Category B applicants must include with their application a letter from the Category A partner, stating that they are acting in partnership with the applicant and agree to the submittal and content of the proposal.

All Category B applicants must be located in the United States or the specific Territories identified above.



# Category B – Partnership Letter

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Category B applicants should include with their application a letter from the Category A partner, stating that the Category A partner:

1. Is acting in partnership with the applicant;
2. Agrees to the submittal and content of the application; and
3. Intends to participate in the project in some way, for example, by providing input, feedback, or other support for the project.

**Note:** Partners do not necessarily need to contribute cost share funding.





# WEEG & SWEP

## *Project Eligibility*

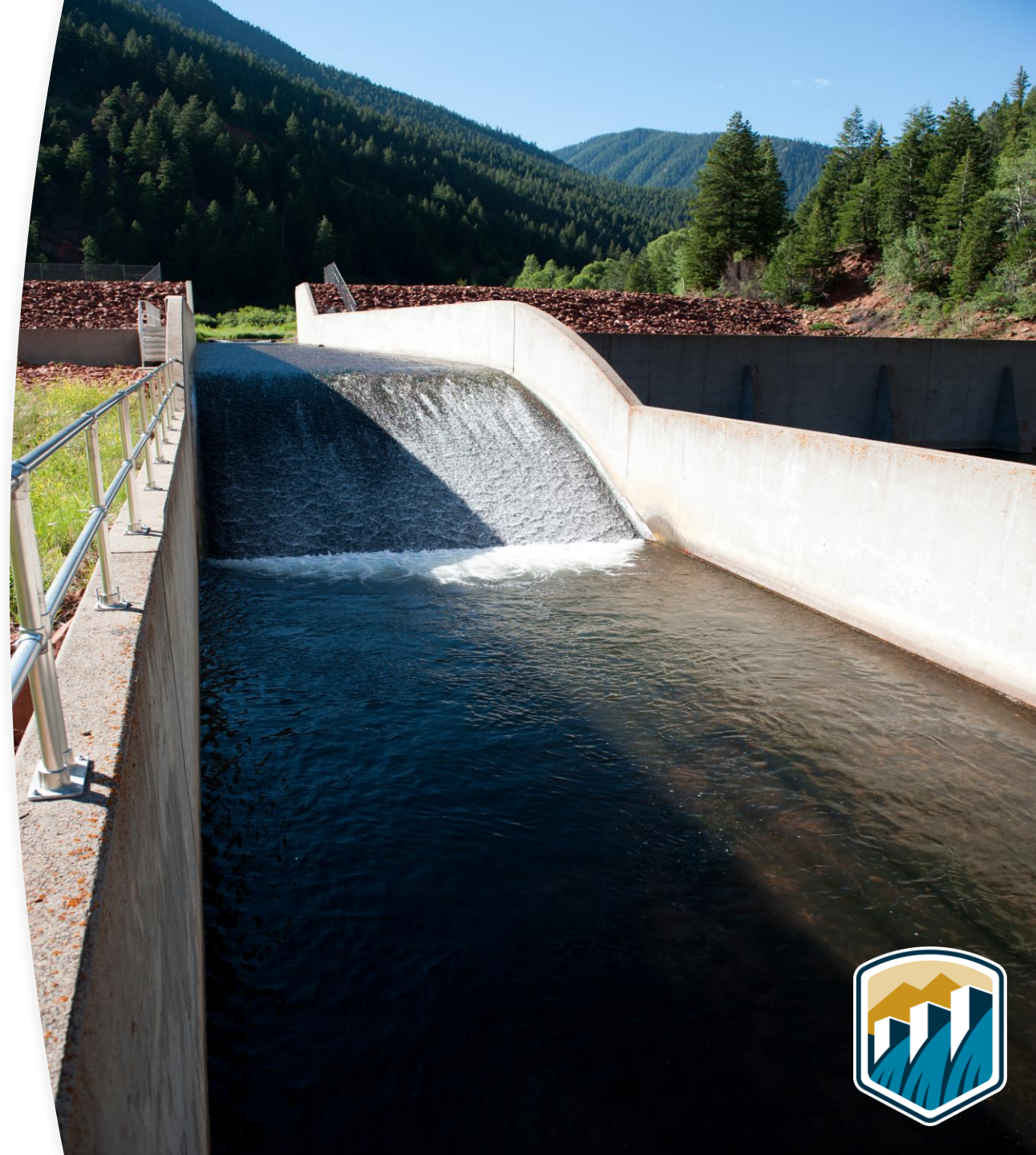
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### Eligible Projects (Section C.4.)

- Water Conservation Projects
  - Canal lining/piping
  - Municipal metering
  - Irrigation flow measurement
  - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition and Automation (SCADA)
  - Landscape Irrigation Measures
  - High-Efficiency Indoor Appliances and Fixtures
  - Commercial Cooling Systems
- Renewable Energy Projects (**WEEG ONLY**)
  - Hydropower
  - Solar, wind energy

Other projects that are similar to the tasks listed above may be submitted for consideration and will be allowed to the extent that they are consistent with program authorization and goals

### Ineligible Projects (Section C.5.)





# Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

## *Program Funding*

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- **Funding**

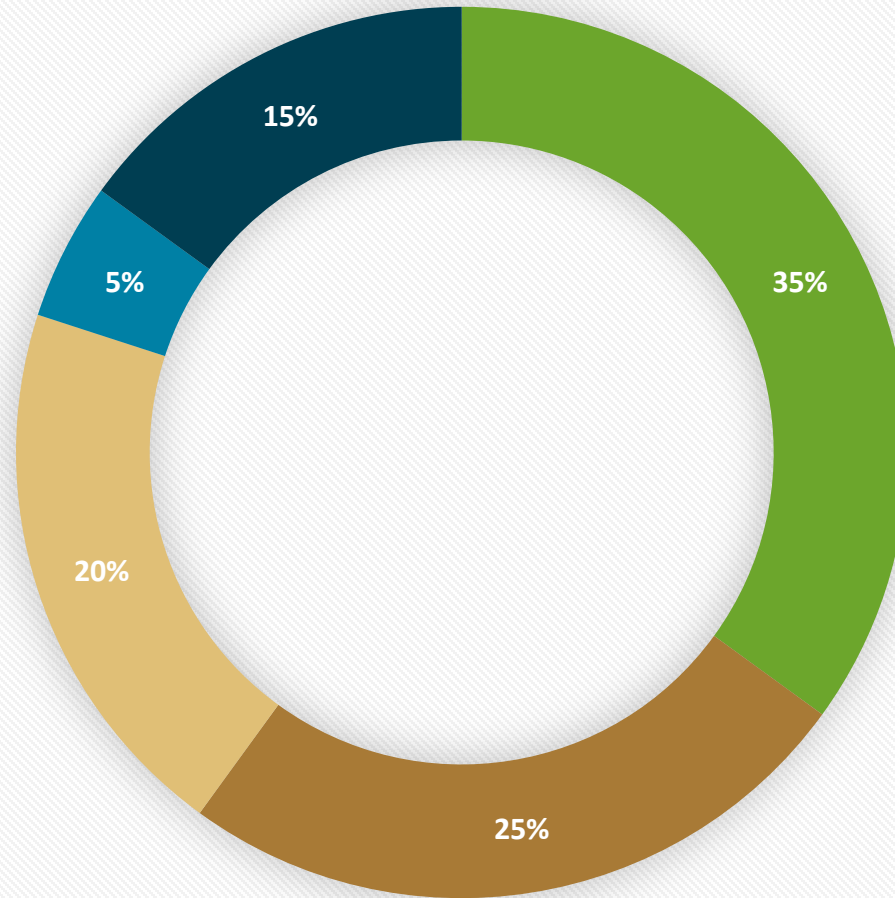
- Up to \$125k in Reclamation funds for 2-year projects
- Total project costs not exceeding \$250k
  - Total project cost must include materials and the installation of materials
- 50% non-Federal cost share

### Applications Due:

- Application Period 3: January 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. MST
- Application Period 4: July 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. MDT



# Evaluation Criteria



- Criterion A. Project Benefits
- Criterion B. Planning Efforts Supporting the Project
- Criterion C. Project Implementation
- Criterion D. Nexus to Reclamation
- Criterion E. Presidential and Department of Interior Priorities





# Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion A – Project Benefits

(35 points)

- Discuss
  - Benefits to Category A Applicant's water supply delivery system
  - Other benefits (e.g., broader benefits to supply reliability, increasing collaboration, benefits to other sectors, collaboration with NRCS)
- Does not require quantification of water savings, but do explain the significance of the benefits

### Criterion B – Planning Efforts Supporting the Project (25 points)

- Prioritizes projects that are identified through local planning efforts and meet local needs
- Discuss
  - How was the plan developed?
  - How is the project supported by the plan?



# Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion C – Project Implementation (20 points)

- Describe implementation plan including schedule and milestones
- Discuss required permits and compliance, describe any engineering and design work that has been performed
- Discuss any engineering or design work performed specifically in support of the proposed project and if additional engineering or design work is needed

### Criterion D – Nexus to Reclamation (5 points)

- Describe the connection to Reclamation project activities and facilities, if applicable.





# Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Evaluation Criterion E – Presidential and Department of the Interior Priorities (15 Points)

- Points will be awarded based on the extent that the project demonstrates support for the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities, including E.O. 14008: *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, E.O. 13985: *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*, and the President's memorandum, *Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to Nation Relationships*.
- Sub-criterion No. E1: Climate Change
- Sub-criterion No. E2: Disadvantaged or Underserved Communities
- Sub-criterion No. E.3: Tribal Benefits

Note: We require applicants to utilize the White House Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to discover how communities in their project area may be classified as disadvantaged or underserved. [Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](#)



# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants *Program Funding*

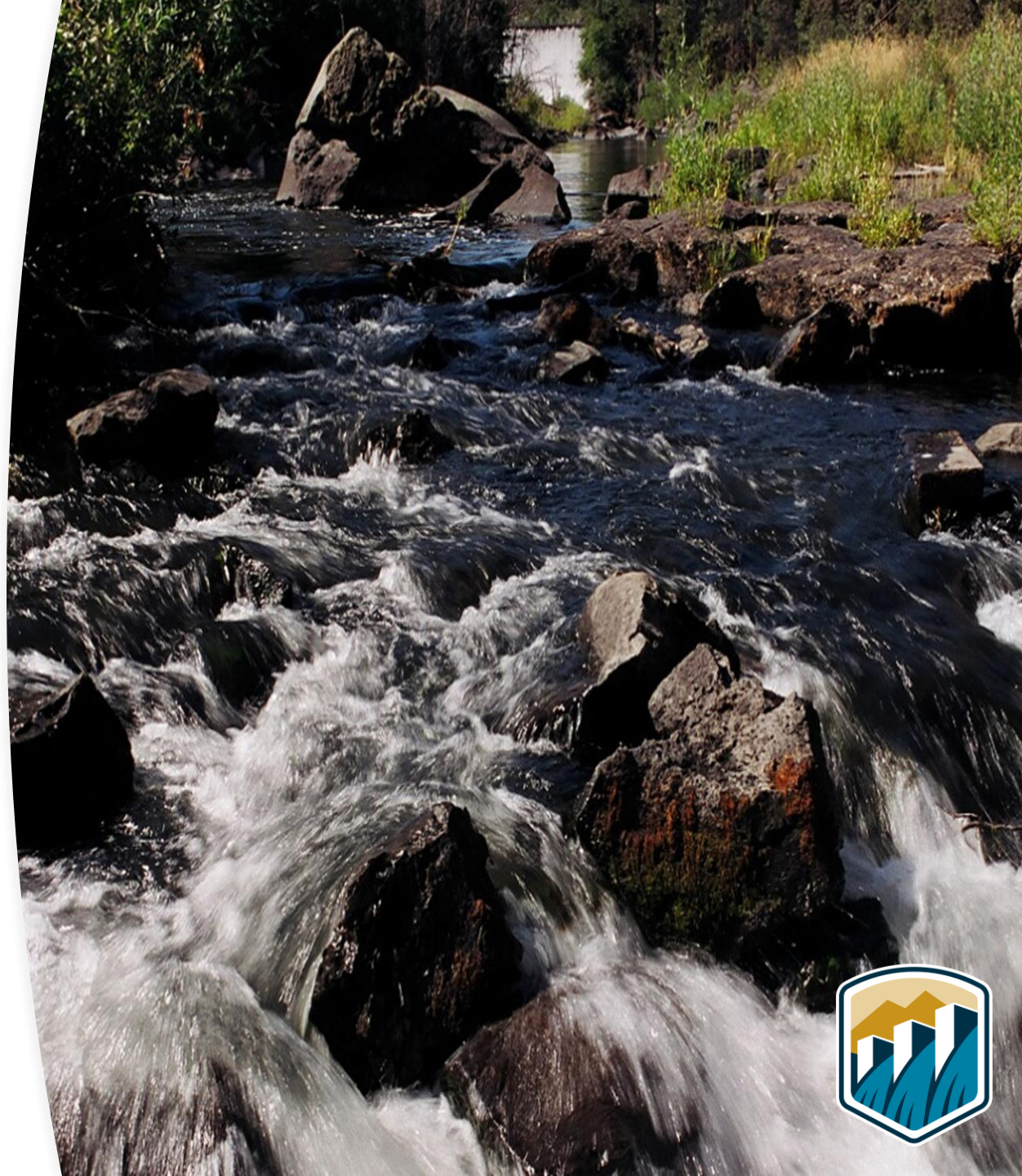
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## Funding

- Funding Group I: Up to \$500k in 2 years
- Funding Group II: Up to \$2 million in 3 years
- Funding Group III: Up to \$5 million in 3 years

Closing Date:

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 4:00 pm MDT

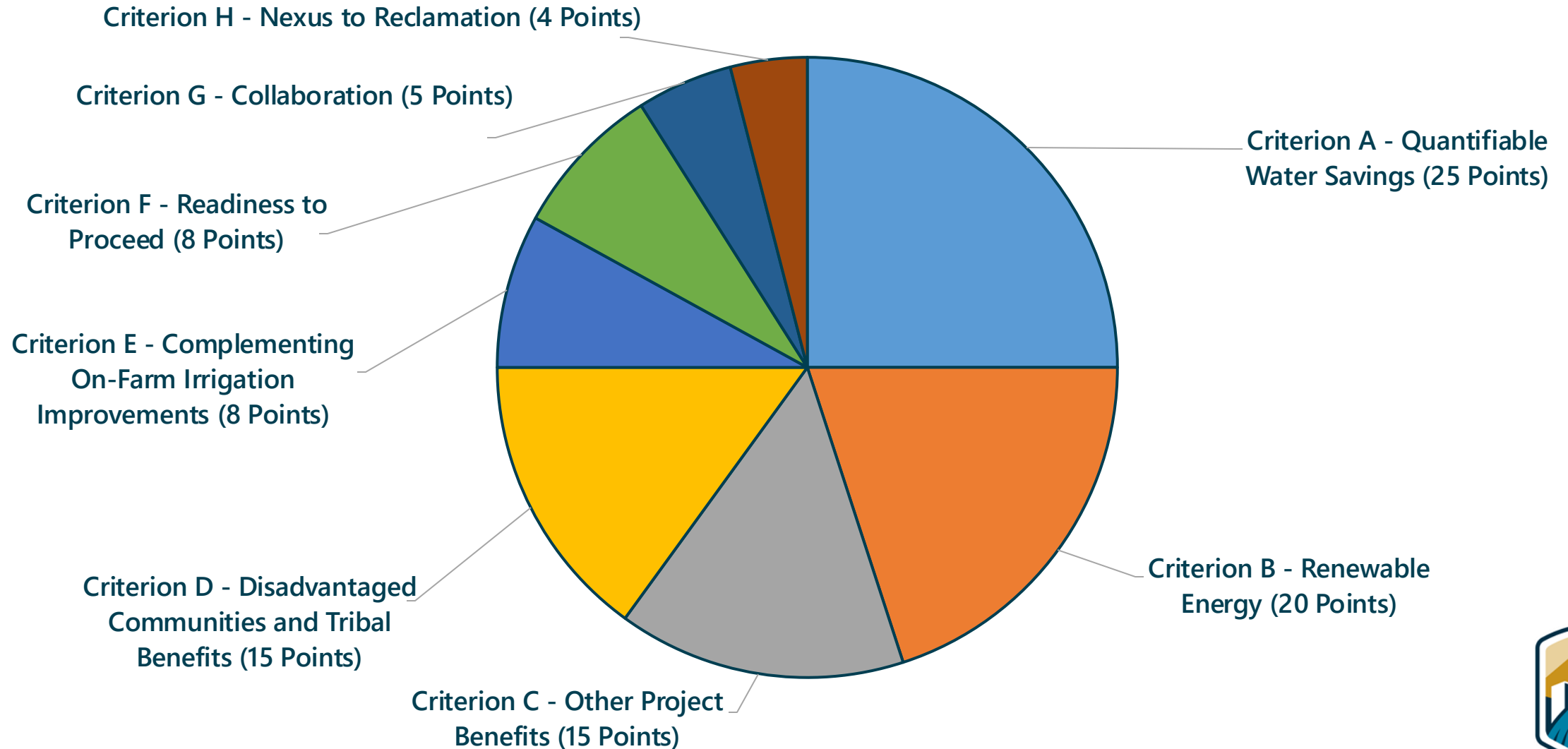




# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

## Evaluation Criteria

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# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion A – Quantifiable Water Savings (25 points)

- Describe the amount of estimated water savings
  - Provide specific amount
  - Provide documentation/support for estimate
- Describe current losses
- Address project-type specific questions

### Criterion B – Renewable Energy (20 points)

- B1 – Implementing renewable energy component related to water management and delivery (if applicable). Discuss:
  - Amount of energy capacity
  - Amount of energy generated
- B2 – And or Increasing Energy Efficiency in Water Management
  - Quantified energy savings
  - Reduced greenhouse gas emissions



# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion C – Other Project Benefits (15 points)

- Describe:
  - Resilience and sustainability benefits – How the project will address a specific water and or energy sustainability concern
  - Ecological benefits – How the project will result in ecological benefits
  - Climate Change benefit – How the project helps communities adapt to drought reliance or improve ecological resiliency to climate change

### Criterion D – Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Benefits (15 points)

- Describe project benefits to disadvantaged communities, insular areas, and tribal communities, if applicable
- **Note:** *Please use the White House Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to discover how communities in their project area may be classified as disadvantaged or underserved. [Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](https://www.geoplatform.gov)*





# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion E – Complementing On-Farm Irrigation Improvements

(8 points)

- Describe how project will complement on-farm irrigation improvements eligible for NRCS financial or technical assistance, if applicable
  - Note: On-farm improvements themselves are not eligible activities for funding under this NOFO

### Criterion F – Readiness to Proceed

(8 points)

- Describe implementation plan including schedule, milestones, and budget
- Discuss required permits and compliance
- Discuss any engineering or design work performed specifically in support of the proposed project and if additional engineering or design work is needed



# Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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### Criterion G – Collaboration

(5 points)

- Describe prior and planned outreach and collaboration on this project
- Include letters of support from relevant stakeholders

### Criterion H – Nexus to Reclamation

(4 points)

- Describe the connection to Reclamation project activities and facilities, if applicable.



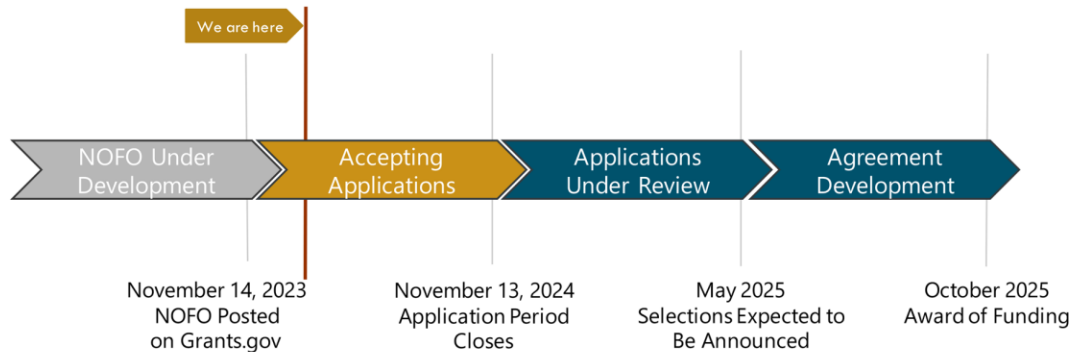
# WaterSMART Selection Process

## Schedule Tracker

Last Updated 6/25/2024

### Water and Energy Efficiency Grants – Round 2

Schedule tracker shows anticipated dates for Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and will be updated regularly



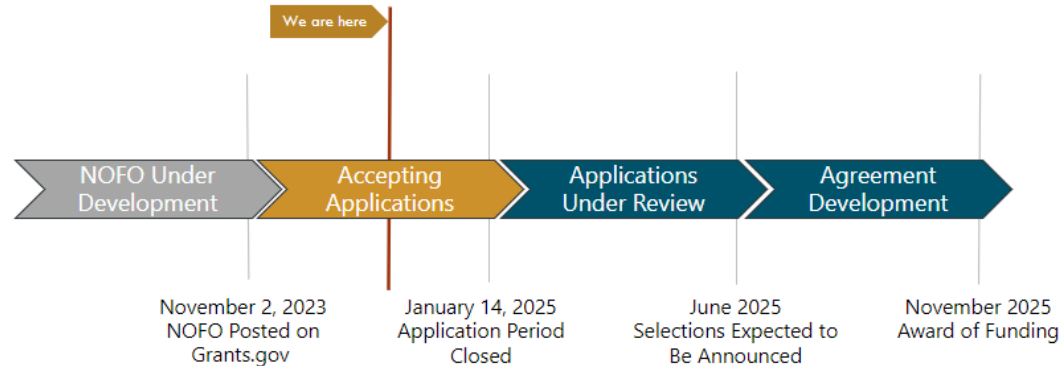
For questions about the status of your application, please contact Josh German, [jgerman@usbr.gov](mailto:jgerman@usbr.gov)

## Schedule Tracker

Last Updated 8/27/2024

### Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grants – Round 3

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For questions about the status of your application, please contact Nickie McCann, [nmccann@usbr.gov](mailto:nmccann@usbr.gov)







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# WaterSMART Application Tips



# Application Tips

## *General Considerations*

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- Important: Read *everything* in the NOFO!
  - Ask questions if something does not make sense.
- Give yourself plenty of time to write and submit the proposal.
  - Look at past successful applications at [www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART](http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART)
- Do not assume the Application Review Committee knows you.
  - Committee is comprised of Reclamation staff from throughout the Western states.
- If your application is not awarded, ask for a debriefing to help prepare a better proposal next year.





# Application Tips

## *Evaluation Criteria*

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- Make sure you respond to every criterion and every sub-criterion
- Your responses should:
  - Directly respond to the criterion – We recommend you copy and paste the criteria directly into your proposal and place your response immediately below each criterion/sub-criterion
  - Provide support in the form of quantification or citations to reference documents
  - Make the case for how your project meets the criterion – general statements without explanation or support will not score well
- Application Tip: Well-supported responses to the evaluation criteria are the key to writing a competitive proposal





# Application Tips

## *Environmental and Cultural Resource Compliance*

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- All projects funded through WaterSMART funding opportunities must comply with Federal environmental and cultural resources laws and regulations. Reclamation regional and area office staff will ensure compliance.
- This compliance must occur prior to any ground-disturbing activities taking place, including installation of any equipment or monitoring devices
- We highly recommend you discuss your project with compliance staff at your local Reclamation regional or area office. If you are uncertain who to contact, please contact the Program Coordinator identified in Section G of the funding opportunity.







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# WaterSMART Financial Assistance Requirements



# Before you Begin

*Register in SAM.gov*

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## Account Set Up

- “Sign Up” in Sam.gov (Login.gov)
- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- [Register Entity in SAM.gov](#)
- [Entity Registration Checklist](#)
- If you have difficulties – document communications with help desk.
- Include communications with your application

NOTE: For all new registrants, creating the account with SAM.gov may take up to several weeks for the account to be approved and considered as ACTIVE!

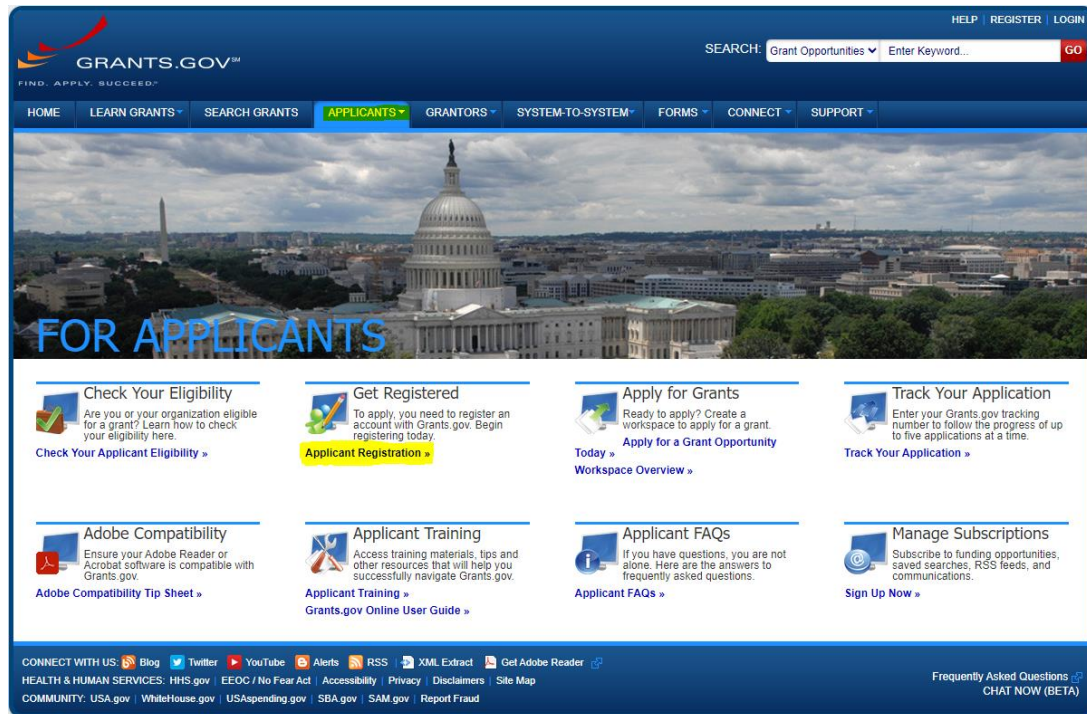




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## Where to Start



### Search Grants



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### How to use Grants.gov



Reclamation partnered with grants.gov to bring you this webinar to help familiarize yourself with the site and to provide an overview of how to submit a grant application. [View the Powerpoint](#)

Info webinar available at [www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART](http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART)



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#### BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA:

Keyword(s):

Opportunity Number:

CFDA:

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<a href="#">R24AS00052</a>	WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024	DOI-BOR	Posted	11/14/2023	02/22/2024

#### OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

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- Posted (1)
- Closed (0)
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## Synopsis

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General Information

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 6
Funding Opportunity Number:	R23AS00362	Posted Date:	Aug 07, 2023
Funding Opportunity Title:	WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I for Fiscal Year 2023	Last Updated Date:	Aug 25, 2023
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Dec 05, 2023 First application period: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Second application period: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time. Electronic applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., MDT, on the listed application due date.
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 03, 2024 First application period: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Second application period: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time. Electronic applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., MDT, on the listed application due date.
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant	Archive Date:	
Category of Funding Activity:	Natural Resources	Estimated Total Program Funding:	
Category Explanation:		Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Expected Number of Awards:		Award Floor:	\$10,000
CFDA Number(s):	15.554 -- Cooperative Watershed Management		
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No		

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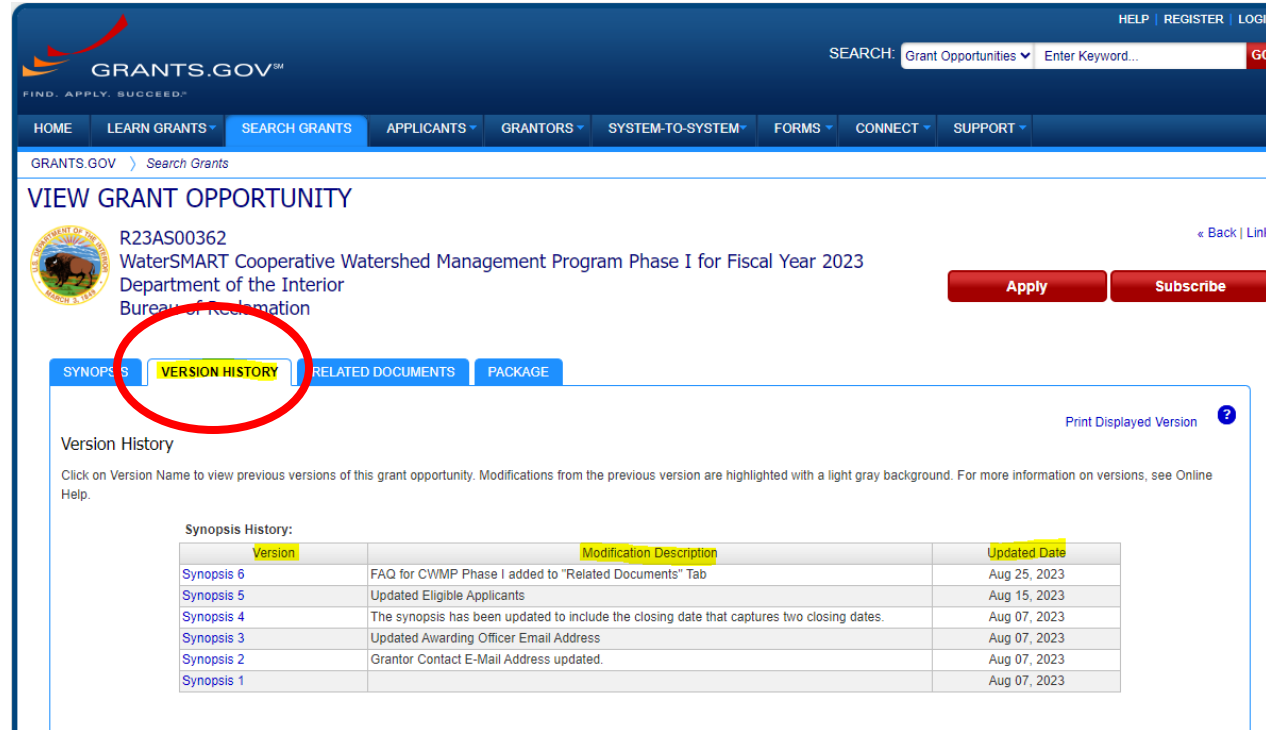


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Synopsis 6	FAQ for CWMP Phase I added to "Related Documents" Tab	Aug 25, 2023
Synopsis 5	Updated Eligible Applicants	Aug 15, 2023
Synopsis 4	The synopsis has been updated to include the closing date that captures two closing dates.	Aug 07, 2023
Synopsis 3	Updated Awarding Officer Email Address	Aug 07, 2023
Synopsis 2	Grantor Contact E-Mail Address updated.	Aug 07, 2023
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#### Mandatory Forms are:

SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance

#### Plus, either the forms for Non-Construction projects

- Budget Information for Non-Construction (SF-424A)
- Assurances for Non-Construction (SF-424B)

#### OR the forms for Construction projects

- Budget Information for Construction Programs (SF-424C)
- Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)

#### Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity:

CFDA	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
15.507	R24AS00052	WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024	PKG00283783	Nov 15, 2023	Feb 23, 2024	<a href="#">Preview</a>   <a href="#">Apply</a>

#### Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: Christina Munoz

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

##### PACKAGE FORMS:

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Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) [V4.0]  
Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D) [V1.1]  
Budget Information for Construction Programs (SF-424C) [V2.0]  
Budget Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]  
Project Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]

Attachments [V1.2]  
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) [V2.0]  
Project Abstract Summary [V2.0]  
Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1]





# Application Tips

*Before you Submit*

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## Verify that your Application is Complete!

- SAM.gov Registration is ACTIVE
- Grants.gov Registration account set up
- SF-424 (remember signature)
- SF-424A and SF-424C (Non-Construction projects)
- SF-424B and SF-424D (Construction projects)
- Technical Proposal ([» Project Narrative Attachment Form \[V1.2\]](#))
- Budget Narrative ([» Budget Narrative Attachment Form \[V1.2\]](#)  
Budget Narrative or Budget Detail and Narrative Excel)





# Financial Assistance – First Level Screening

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All application packages will be screened to ensure:

- The applicant meets the completeness, eligibility, and timeliness requirements
- The applicant meets the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM registration requirements
- The application meets the content requirements
- The application contains completed mandatory forms



# Financial Assistance – Selection Notification

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- *After Initial screening,*
  - *Ineligible applicants will be notified by Grants Officer, and*
  - *Eligible applicants will move on to the Merit Review*
- *All successful and unsuccessful applications will be notified by Grants Officer.*
- *The Financial Assistance Office will reach out to successful applicants regarding next steps for entering into a Financial Assistance award.*



# Pre-award Documentation

*What to expect if selected for funding*

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You may be asked to provide:

- Additional budget clarifications
- Pre-award system survey (if no audit is required) or single audit if not available on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse
- Cost-share documentation
- Explanation of requested pre-award costs
- All reports up to date on other Reclamation awards







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# Financial Assistance Questions?

Please email the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Team  
directly at:

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**\*\*Please include the NOFO number in the subject of your email.\*\***





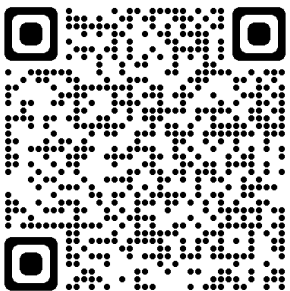
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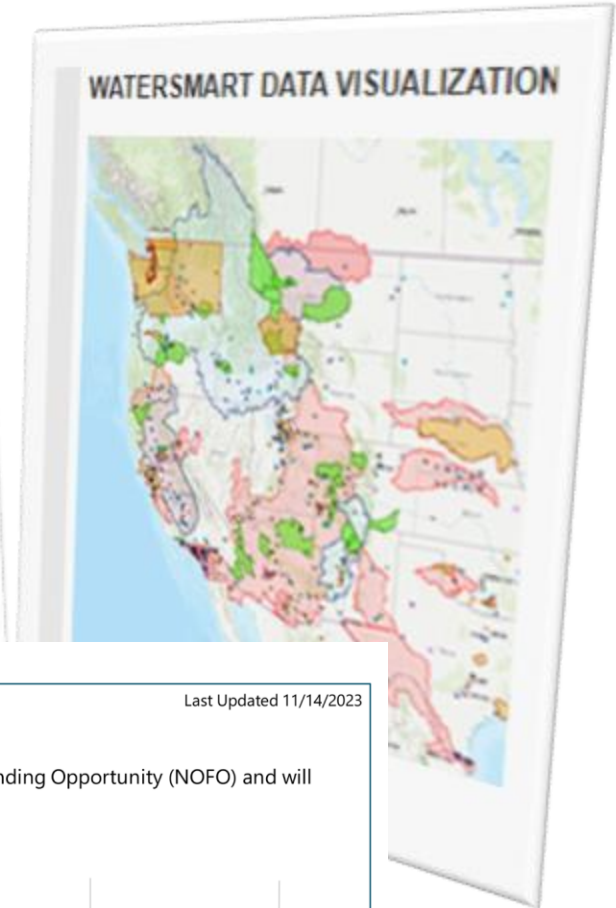


# WaterSMART Program Resources

- WaterSMART Program Website: <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart>
  - Previously funded applications for all programs
  - Interactive Data Visualization Tool
  - WaterSMART Dashboard
  - Funding opportunity calendar and status tracking
  - WaterSMART mailing list
  - Recent announcements



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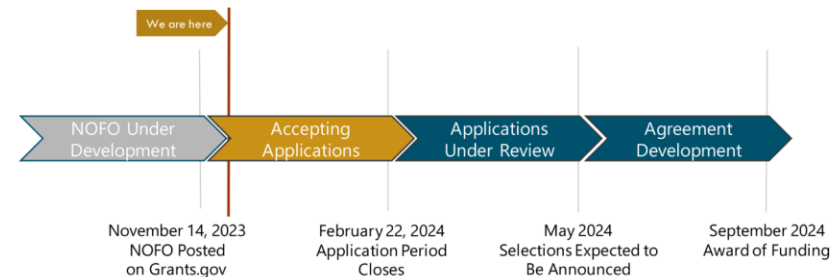


## Schedule Tracker

Last Updated 11/14/2023

### Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

Schedule tracker shows anticipated dates for Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and will be updated regularly





# WaterSMART Program Resources

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## Additional Resources

- All open Funding Opportunities can be found at: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  - General guide on how to submit a grant application on Grants.Gov located on WaterSMART website.
- Climate Mapping and Resilience and Adaptation: <https://resilience.climate.gov/>
- Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>
- Debriefings for past (unsuccessful) applicants: [Bookings website](#)





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