

# An overview: Current Federal Funding & Opportunities within the Chesapeake Region



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*“The back-to-back disbursements pouring out of numerous agencies ... stem from decades of organizing by environmental justice advocates, which resulted in the passage of the \$1 trillion [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) and the \$396 billion [Inflation Reduction Act](#). [An estimated \\$800 billion](#) of that money is specifically subject to the Biden administration’s [Justice40 commitment](#), which was designed to ensure that communities long subject to unequal amounts of pollution and disinvestment obtain at least 40 percent of the benefits of the infrastructure overhaul, through workforce retraining, air monitoring, investments in renewable energy infrastructure, and other programs.”<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> [Billions Are Available to Tackle Environmental Racism. Where Is the Money Going?](#). Truth Out. March 1, 2023.

## Introduction

Since 2020, there has been a tremendous influx of federal funding, primarily via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and the Inflation Reduction Act. Large portions of this funding are intended to support environmental conservation and justice efforts. Consequently, this moment holds tremendous opportunity and potential to make progress on these issues. There is a wide array of environmental challenges that face the jurisdictions of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and being able to track these funds, and see which departments and programs they flow to, is essential.

Funds are being released through a myriad of programs and pathways; being able to know when they are available and where they are going is necessary to take full advantage of them and ensure that the communities who are most deserving can capture these resources. Notably, large portions of this funding are subject to the Biden administration's Justice40 commitment.

The distribution of these funds is an ongoing and multifaceted process. Some funds are being dispersed through new and unique funding opportunities, while others are providing a supplemental influx of new funds to existing programs and funding structures. Additionally, programs range widely regarding eligible applicants and recipients. Some funds are given to successful applications in competitive funding opportunities while others are distributed based on set formulas.

Some opportunities have already passed, and some have deadlines fast approaching. However, the coming months and years still hold countless opportunities to apply for and capture these dollars. In many cases, agencies have yet to create or determine the programs through which the funds they are assigned to spend will flow -- many opportunities remain.

*This document attempts to lay bare the different pathways through which this new funding is being distributed to the Chesapeake Bay watershed; it maps these new dollars, not the total budgets of programs. The accompanying [Appendix](#) provides a list of funding opportunities that are currently open.*

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Although significant portions of funding are passing through existing structures, such as the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) or Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, to learn about immediate, current, and upcoming unique funding opportunities (in addition to those listed in the [Appendix](#)) the following sources serve as a good place to start:

1. [Build.Gov – Open and Upcoming Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\) Funding Opportunities](#)

- a. This is the most recent publication from the Biden Administration listing upcoming opportunities to apply for and capture BIL funds. The document is from February 6, 2023, and provides information about upcoming opportunities through the end of the 2023 calendar year.
2. [EPA Funding Announcements for BIL & IRA Funds](#)
  - a. This page lists the current and upcoming funding opportunities being provided by the EPA. It is updated regularly. Significant portions of the BIL and IRA's environmental funding comes through the EPA, making this an important and valuable resource to reference.
3. [Local Infrastructure Hub](#)
  - a. This site focuses on BIL funding. Its "Grant Search" feature allows users to both review new grant opportunities as well as search with filters (such as eligible applicant or topic) across all programs included in the BIL.
  - b. The site also has a resource library and offers technical assistance via a Grant Application Bootcamp.
4. [Inflation Reduction Act Tracker](#)
  - a. This is a useful tool to understand the progress different agencies have made in carrying out the programs they are tasked with by the IRA.
  - b. The Inflation Reduction Act Database allows users to review the climate-change related provisions of the IRA by agency and view the actions agencies have taken so far to implement each program, such as funding announcements. The accompanying Tracker allows users to sort through these actions, using filters to find relevant information and opportunities.
5. [Infrastructure \(+IRA\) Funding Tracker](#)
  - a. This is a regularly updated, crowd-sourced, resource that provides alerts and information about new funding opportunities across agencies.
  - b. It includes BIL and IRA opportunities.

To identify existing programs that have received an influx of available funds, and determine the best way to capture these funds, the following resources are suggested:

1. [Local EPA Environmental Finance Centers](#)
  - a. Regional centers have been established to help communities access federal dollars. The Region 3 EFC is at the University of Maryland and is available to provide technical assistance and guidance -- especially for those seeking to work with their State Revolving Funds. (Also see [River Network's SRF Advocacy Guide](#)).
2. [Local NRCS Field Offices](#)
  - a. Field offices are available to help farmers, ranchers, and forest managers. They can provide free technical assistance and help determine if there is an NRCS program that is appropriate to apply to for financial assistance.
3. [EPA's Water Finance Clearinghouse](#)
  - a. This is a general database of available funding for water-related issues.

Each of these tools is only able to address a piece of the puzzle. As a collective, though, they help capture the breadth of funding, opportunities, and resources that have become available because of this recent legislation.

The information on the following pages lays out a selection of the information captured in the resources above. -- It focuses on the programs and opportunities that hold the most potential to drive forward and catalyze environmental change for communities within the Chesapeake Bay region. These opportunities are listed under the laws that they are provisions of and organized by the agency that is tasked with carrying them out. Additional context, specific funding details, and links to program websites are included when available.

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The list of programs included below is non-comprehensive. For additional details on any of the programs listed below, including eligible recipients or funding details, or to review programs not listed below, please reference the corresponding section of either the [White House BIL Guidebook](#) webpage or the [White House IRA Guidebook](#) webpage.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Each White House Guidebook includes a searchable and sortable list of the programs that are receiving funding. This interactive table, which includes full program descriptions and details, is located at the bottom of the webpage. A comprehensive PDF, which includes the same information as the interactive table, is also available.

## Document Updates

Given the developing nature of federal funding distribution plans, new details and opportunities are frequently being released. Considering this, while the information in this document was accurate at the time of its creation, the more time that passes, the greater the discrepancy will be between it and the information that is currently available.

To counter this, the document will be updated on a regular basis in order to maintain accuracy. This will occur quarterly, in sync with the federal fiscal year. Updates will be released in October, January, April, & July.

The title page of the document will list the month and year of the update and, at the end of the document, there will be a page listing the sections of the document that have been updated since the previous version.

Past versions will remain available upon request for reference following the release of a new update.

## IIJA / BIL -- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)

- Signed by President Biden on 11/15/2021
  - Includes pieces of what was the Build Back Better Bill
  - \$550 Billion of new federal spending over 5 years<sup>3</sup>
- **Overview:** The BIL provides grants, loans, or a combination of loans/grants for primarily traditional infrastructure projects, such as airports, rails, highways, roads, and bridges. *But money is also available for workforce development and environmental, climate, and community infrastructure projects.*<sup>4</sup>
- **Funding Mechanisms:** The funding includes formula as well as competitive grants. Spending will take place in the five years from 2021 to 2026.

### Relevant BIL Funding Details

- **Water overview:** The legislation's investment represents the largest investment in drinking water, wastewater, water reuse, conveyance, and water storage infrastructure in American history, including dedicated funding to replace lead service lines and address PFAS.<sup>5</sup>

#### EPA Money:

- Includes roughly [\\$50 billion to the EPA](#) to strengthen the nations drinking, storm, and wastewater systems
  - Drinking Water:
    - [EPA BIL Resources for Drinking Water web page](#)
    - \$11.7 B -- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
      - **Current Funding Details**
    - \$15 B -- DWSRF for Lead Service Line Replacement
    - \$4 B -- DWSRF for Emerging Contaminants
    - \$5 B -- [Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation \(WIIN\) Grants to address emerging contaminants](#)
  - Clean Water
    - [EPA BIL Resources for Clean Water web page](#)
    - \$11.7 B -- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
      - **Current Funding Details**
    - \$1 B -- [CWSRF for emerging contaminants](#)
  - Protected Regional Waters:

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<sup>3</sup> [EY IIJA Overview](#)

<sup>4</sup> Language and information in this section draws from: [Emerald Cities - Show me the Money: Federal Spending Bills](#), p.9-10

<sup>5</sup> [White House BIL Guidebook](#), p. 224

- \$1.7 B -- Geographic Programs
- \$267 M -- National Estuary Program, Gulf Hypoxia Program, and more
- Chesapeake Bay Geographic program
  - \$238 M
- National Estuary program<sup>6</sup>
  - \$132 M

**Additional EPA Funding Details:**

- Approximately \$43.4B of this funding is being allocated through the existing CWSRFs and DWSRFs over the next five years.<sup>7</sup>
  - The BIL mandates that 49% of funds provided through DWSRF and CWSRF General Supplemental Funding as well as the DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement Funding must be provided as grants and forgivable loans to disadvantaged communities<sup>8</sup>
    - For these SRF funds, it is left up to states/jurisdictions to define what a “Disadvantaged Community” is.<sup>9</sup>
- [EPA Environmental Finance Centers](#) (EFC) are available to help communities across the country access federal funding for infrastructure projects that improve public health and environmental protection.
  - EPA Region 3 EFCs:
    - [University of Maryland](#)
    - [Low Impact Development Center Inc.](#)
  - National EFCs:
    - Rural Community Assistance Program, Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC, sponsored by the Sand County Foundation), U.S. Water Alliance, & Moonshot Missions.

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<sup>6</sup> [White House BIL Guidebook](#), p.227

<sup>7</sup> States may use up to 2% of this funding to fund nonprofit organizations or state, regional, interstate, or municipal entities to provide technical assistance to rural, small, and tribal publicly owned treatment works (POTWs).

<sup>8</sup> [Delaware’s 2023 SRF Funding Workshop](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Emerald Cities, The Water Justice Playbook](#), P.6

State definitions for Environmental Justice have been [compiled by Illume Advising](#) (last updated 03/16/23).



## State Revolving Fund (SRF) Basics

- Two types of State Revolving Funds (SRF)
  - o Clean Water SRF (CWSRF)
  - o Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF)
- Funding requires a state match (often around 20%).
- Applicants submit proposed projects to their state SRF office.
- State SRF offices rank projects and create an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP).
- Awarded funds are provided to projects via low interest loans or principal forgiveness loans (functionally, a grant).
- Loans that are repaid to the state are used to fund future projects.

### Eligible Entities include:

#### *CWSRF:*

- Municipalities
- Inter-municipal, interstate, and state agencies
- Nonprofit entities
- Private, for profit entities
- Watershed groups
- Community groups
- Homeowner's associations
- Individuals, in some cases

#### *DWSRF:*

- Privately and publicly owned community water systems
- Nonprofit, noncommunity water systems

Further instruction and information available through the River Network's [SRF Advocacy Toolkit](#)

### Total Available SRF Funding in the BIL by Fiscal Year Nationally<sup>11</sup>

Appropriation	FY 2022 \$	FY 2023 \$	FY 2024 \$	FY 2025 \$	FY 2026 \$	Five Year Total \$
<b>CWSRF General Supplemental</b>	1,902,000,000	2,202,000,000	2,403,000,000	2,603,000,000	2,603,000,000	11,713,000,000
<b>CWSRF Emerging Contaminants</b>	100,000,000	225,000,000	225,000,000	225,000,000	225,000,000	1,000,000,000

<sup>10</sup> [River Network – State Revolving Fund Advocacy Toolkit](#)

<sup>11</sup> [EPA Office of Water – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#); [EPA Memorandum on Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)

<b>DWSRF General Supplemental</b>	1,902,000,000	2,202,000,000	2,403,000,000	2,603,000,000	2,603,000,000	11,713,000,000
<b>DWSRF Emerging Contaminants</b>	800,000,000	800,000,000	800,000,000	800,000,000	800,000,000	4,000,000,000
<b>DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement</b>	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000	15,000,000,000

### Environmental Remediation Funds:<sup>12</sup>

- \$21 Billion total
  - \$11.3 B -- [Abandoned mine land reclamation](#)
    - Funded through the Department of Interior (DOI) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)
    - OSMRE [Guidance for BIL Abandoned Mine Land grant implementation](#)
    - [Abandoned Mine Land funding estimates by state \(07/2020\)](#)<sup>13</sup>
  - \$4.7 B -- [Orphaned well plugging](#), remediation and restoration
    - Funded through the DOI
      - **Current Funding Details**
  - \$3.5 B -- [Superfund site cleanup](#)
    - Funded through the EPA
      - **Current Funding Details**
  - \$1.5 B -- Brownfield remediation and revitalization
    - Funded through the EPA
    - [EPA BIL Brownfields program site](#)
      - **Current Funding Details**
- Additional details, resources, and information on applying for these funds and programs are available in the [White House BIL Guidebook](#), p.369 in the PDF.

### Resilience Funds:

- \$50 Billion total<sup>14</sup>
  - \$7 B -- Investments in Resilience
    - Army Corps of Engineers
  - \$3.5 B -- [Flood Mitigation Assistance Programs](#)
    - Department of Homeland Security
    - **Current Funding Details**

<sup>12</sup> [BIL Guidebook](#) p.369

<sup>13</sup> Appalachian Voices – [What the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill means for Appalachia](#)

<sup>14</sup> [BIL Guidebook](#) p. 264

- \$500 M – [Watershed and Flood prevention Operations](#)
  - A Department of Agriculture NRCS Program
- There are many other programs receiving Resilience Funds. They vary significantly by program and have a broad range of eligible recipients.
- Additional programs include categories such as ecosystem management and restoration funds.
- To review additional Resilience opportunities, reference the [White House BIL Guidebook](#), p.264-69 in the PDF.

## Chesapeake State-level Details

### **Available SRF Funding in the BIL (FY 2022 allocations) by State<sup>15</sup>**

2022	Delaware	District of Columbia	Maryland	New York	Pennsylvania	Virginia	West Virginia
<b>CWSRF General Supplemental</b>	\$8,738,000	\$8,738,000	\$43,046,000	\$196,443,000	\$70,500,000	\$36,424,000	\$27,745,000
<b>CWSRF Emerging Contaminants</b>	\$459,000	\$459,000	\$2,261,000	\$10,318,000	\$3,704,000	\$1,914,000	\$1,457,000
<b>DWSRF General Supplemental</b>	\$17,992,000	\$17,992,000	\$32,960,000	\$73,481,000	\$55,403,000	\$29,357,000	\$17,992,000
<b>DWSRF Emerging Contaminants</b>	\$7,555,000	\$7,555,000	\$13,840,000	\$30,854,000	\$23,264,000	\$12,327,000	\$7,555,000
<b>DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement</b>	\$28,350,000	\$28,350,000	\$51,934,000	\$115,781,000	\$87,296,000	\$46,256,000	\$28,350,000

### **Chesapeake Bay Geographic Program Funds (FY 2022)**

- \$40 M of the \$47.6 M for FY 2022 has been directed to the following programs:<sup>16</sup>
  - \$15 M – Most Effective Basins (MEB) Grants
  - \$13.9 M – Small Watershed Grants (SWG)
  - \$9.1 M – Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (ISNR) Grants

<sup>15</sup> [EPA, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law -- 2022 State Revolving Fund \(SRF\) Grants to States, Tribes, and Territories by Program](#)

<sup>16</sup> [Funding Estimates](#) provided by Chesapeake Progress

**BIL Chesapeake Bay Geographic Program, Directed Funds by Jurisdictions (FY 2022)<sup>17</sup>**

	Delaware	District of Columbia	Maryland	New York	Pennsylvania	Virginia	West Virginia
<b>(\$ MEB (allocated))</b>	750,000	500,000	3,212,158	1,289,758	5,598,333	3,149,751	500,000
<b>(\$ SWG (competitive))</b>	0	0	4,152,898	194,900	4,785,824	4,041,694	499,146
<b>(\$ INSR<sup>18</sup> (competitive))</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>(\$ Leveraged Funds)</b>	0	0	525,633	25,000	1,846,366	564,383	875,729

**Distribution of Mine Reclamation Funds (FY 2022/FY 2023) to States**

	Delaware	District of Columbia	Maryland	New York	Pennsylvania	Virginia	West Virginia	Total
<b>2022<sup>19</sup></b>			4,811,551		244,904,081	22,790,474	140,751,469	413,257,575
<b>2023<sup>20</sup></b>			4,809,240		244,786,476	22,779,530	140,683,878	413,059,124
<b>% of Nat. total</b>			0.6648		33.8388	3.1490	19.4479	57.0999

*Comprehensive summary of allocated BIL Funding (as of 09/07/23) by state/jurisdiction:<sup>21</sup>*

Delaware:

- \$132 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

<sup>17</sup> [Jurisdiction-level data](#) provided by Chesapeake Progress

<sup>18</sup> Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grants will be awarded in the Spring of 2023.

<sup>19</sup> [FY 2022 BIL Abandoned Mine Land Grant Distribution](#)

<sup>20</sup> [FY 2023 BIL Abandoned Mine Land Grant Distribution](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Build.gov – BIL Funding by State \(04/20/23\)](#)

- To date, approximately \$36.6 million has been allocated to Delaware for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$8.1 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$1.2 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

District of Columbia:

- \$132 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the District through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$119.4 million has been allocated to District of Columbia for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$6.3 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$2 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

Maryland:

- \$228 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$80.6 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$76.7 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$165.2 million has been allocated to Maryland for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$27.6 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$4.8 million has been allocated to Maryland in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2.4 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

New York:

- \$931 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$229.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$171.8 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$242.1 million has been allocated to New York for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$36.8 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$36.6 million has been allocated to New York in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$94.2 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

#### Pennsylvania:

- \$582 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$242.3 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$124.9 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$1.1 billion has been allocated to Pennsylvania for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$80.3 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$349.1 million has been allocated to Pennsylvania in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$60.2 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

#### Virginia:

- \$263 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$95 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$59.1 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$500.4 million has been allocated to Virginia for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$13.4 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$22.8 million has been allocated to Virginia in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$12.7 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

#### West Virginia:

- \$177 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
- To date, approximately \$77.6 million has been allocated to West Virginia for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$8.2 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.
- To date, approximately \$196 million has been allocated to West Virginia in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$11.4 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

## [BIL/IIJA websites, guides, and trackers](#)

- [White House Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(IIJA\) Guidebook](#)
  - Includes searchable and sortable list of programs being funded by the BIL
    - Located at the bottom of the webpage
    - Full program descriptions and details available
  - PDF overviewing all programs and details available as well
- [Build.Gov – Open and Upcoming BIL Funding Opportunities](#)
  - This is the most recent publication from the Biden Administration listing upcoming opportunities to apply for and capture BIL funds. The document is from February 6, 2023, and provides information about upcoming opportunities through the end of the 2023 calendar year.
- [State Revolving Fund Advocacy Toolkit](#) – The River Network
  - An excellent resource for finding ways to capture SRF funds locally
  - Created in the context of BIL Funding
- **EPA Funding Specific Resources:**
  - [EPA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(IIJA\) Webpage](#)
  - [EPA Funding Announcements for BIL & IRA Funds](#)
    - Database of current and future EPA funding opportunities
  - [EPA BIL & SRF Guide and Overview](#)
    - Additional BIL details: [Slide show](#)
  - [EPA BIL SRF State Funding Status Database](#)
- **Other funding trackers:**
  - [Full bill funding breakdown & graphs](#), provided by McKinsey
  - [Local Infrastructure Hub -- Funding Opportunities](#)
    - This site focuses on BIL funding. Its “Grant Search” feature allows users to review both new grant opportunities as well as search with filters (such as eligible applicant or topic) across all opportunities.
    - The site also has a resource library and offers technical assistance via a Grant Application Bootcamp.
    - A collaborative project of The United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and others – with support from The Kresge Foundation, Ford Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and others.
  - [Infrastructure \(+IRA\) Funding Tracker](#)
    - This is a regularly updated, crowd-sourced, resource that provides alerts and information about new funding opportunities across agencies.

## IRA -- Inflation Reduction Act

- Signed by President Biden on August 16, 2022
- Totals \$500 Billion in new spending and tax breaks<sup>22</sup>
  - \$41 B to EPA
  - \$43 B to Department of Agriculture
- **Overview:** The IRA has a wide breadth of topics that it covers and, at its core, is primarily focused on addressing climate change. For matters that pertain to the Chesapeake Bay, and water quality in general, most relevant funding opportunities that it provides are through the EPA and Department of Agriculture. It also allocates money directly to environmental justice priorities and requires recipients of many funding streams to demonstrate equity impacts.<sup>23</sup>

### Relevant IRA Funding Details<sup>24</sup>

#### EPA Funds:

- \$3 B -- [Environmental Climate and Justice \(Block Grant\) Program](#) (ECJ)<sup>25</sup>
- [Funding to Address Air Pollution](#):
  - \$117.5 M – Air Pollution Monitoring
  - \$60 M – Diesel Emissions Reductions
  - \$50 M – Multipollutant Monitoring
  - \$37.5 M -- [At Schools](#)
  - \$25 M – Clean Air Grants
  - \$3 M -- Air Quality Sensors in Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities

#### Department of Agriculture Funds:<sup>26</sup>

- New and additional funding to Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs:
  - \$8.45 B -- [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP)
  - \$4.95 B -- [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#) (RCPP)
  - \$3.25 B -- [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP)
  - \$1.4 B -- [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#) (ACEP)
  - \$1 B -- [Conservation Technical Assistance](#) (CTA)
- \$3.1 B -- [Assistance for Distressed Borrowers](#)

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<sup>22</sup> [McKinsey & Company: The Inflation Reduction Act, Here's what's in it](#)

<sup>23</sup> [McKinsey & Company: The Inflation Reduction Act, Here's what's in it](#)

<sup>24</sup> [White House IRA Guidebook](#)

<sup>25</sup> All IRA funding for the EJ-CPS and EJ G2G grant programs needs to be awarded and spent by 9/30/26.

<sup>26</sup> [White House IRA Guidebook](#)



- \$2.2 B -- [Assistance and Support for Underserved Farmers, Ranchers, and Foresters](#)
  - A new program, separate from the 2501 Program.
  - Intended to provide financial assistance to producers that have experienced discrimination in the Dept. of Agriculture's farm lending programs prior to January 1, 2021.
- \$1.5 B -- [Urban and Community Forestry](#)
  - A program of the Forest Service
  - [FY 2023 State Allocations](#)
- \$700 M -- [Forest Legacy programs](#)
  - A program of the Forest Service
  - **Current Funding Details**
- \$250 M -- [Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program](#)
- [Forest Landowner Climate Mitigation participation](#)
  - [Assistance to Underserved Forest Landowners](#)
    - \$150 M -- Climate Mitigation and Forest Resilience Practices
    - \$150 M -- Emerging Private Markets for Climate Mitigation and Forest Resilience
  - \$100 M -- Assistance to Forest Landowners with <2,500 Acres of Forestland
  - \$50 M -- Payments to Private Forestland Landowners for Implementation of Forestry Practices
  - **Current Funding Details**

#### Additional Funds:

- Department of Commerce/NOAA
  - \$2.6 B -- [Investing in coastal communities and climate resilience](#)
  - **Current Funding Details**

## IRA websites, guides, and trackers

- [White House Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook](#)
  - Includes searchable and sortable list of programs being funded by the IRA
    - Located at the bottom of the webpage
    - Full program descriptions and details available
  - PDF overviewing all programs and details available as well
- [Inflation Reduction Act Tracker](#)
  - This is a useful tool to understand the progress different agencies have made in carrying out the programs they are tasked with by the IRA.
  - The Inflation Reduction Act Database allows users to review the climate-change related provisions of the IRA by agency and view the actions agencies have taken so far to implement each program, including funding announcements. The accompanying Tracker allows users to sort through these actions, using filters to find relevant information and opportunities.
  - Created by the Environmental Defense Fund & Columbia University Sabin Center for Climate Change Law
- [EPA Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) Webpage](#)
  - Landing page for resources and information connected to IRA funding directed through EPA
- [EPA Funding Announcements for BIL & IRA Funds](#)
  - Database of current and future EPA funding opportunities
- [Infrastructure \(+IRA\) Funding Tracker](#)
  - This is a regularly updated, crowd-sourced, resource that provides alerts and information about new funding opportunities across agencies.

## Additional Bills and Programs

### ARPA -- American Rescue Plan

- \$1.9 Trillion
- Signed by President Biden in March, 2021.
- **Purpose:** To aid public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Other encouraged uses include: investments for Environmental Justice and Climate Justice communities, economic recovery, and climate investments.<sup>27</sup>
- **Amount:** \$350 B of ARPA funds were directly distributed to state and local governments.
  - \$195.3 B -- To state governments
  - \$65 B -- Committed to cities, towns, and villages
  - \$45.57 B -- Committed to 142 metropolitan cities under the COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR) program.
- **Remaining Funds:**
  - Significant portions of these funds remain unspent by states. *Many states and governors are aggressively allocating funds for climate-related projects.*<sup>28</sup>
- **Eligible Uses:**
  - Use of these funds is flexible and falls into four categories:<sup>29</sup>
    - Response to COVID public health emergency and its economic impacts
    - Premium pay to essential workers and the employers who support such workers
    - Provision of essential public services impacted by COVID and revenue loss
    - Funds may be used to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.<sup>30</sup>
      - (e.g. safe drinking water, green infrastructure like rain gardens, climate resilience related improvements, and energy conservation at water facilities).

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<sup>27</sup> [Emerald Cities, Show me the Money: Federal Spending Bills](#), P.8

<sup>28</sup> Information from the [National Council of Non-Profits](#), which provides guidance on taking advantage of these remaining funds.

<sup>29</sup> [Emerald Cities, Show me the Money: Federal Spending Bills](#), P.7

<sup>30</sup> [U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

## CARES -- Corona virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

- Limited funding potential for water and environment related projects.

## CHIPS & Science Act (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors)

- Provides funding to create technology that is more climate friendly. However, this funding has little immediate relevance to the Chesapeake watershed.

## EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTAC)<sup>31</sup>

**Overview:** Creates centers that are intended to help remove barriers and improve accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns.

- \$177 M -- Designed to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country
- 17 centers selected
  - At least \$10 M per center
  - Centers were [announced](#) April 13, 2023
- The EPA Region 3 center is [hosted by the National Wildlife Federation](#)
  - Regional partners include:
    - University of Maryland's (UMD) Center for Community Engagement
    - Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH) and Environmental Finance Center (EFC)
    - Morgan State University
    - West Virginia State University
    - Centro De Apoyo Familiar
    - South Baltimore Community Land Trust
    - Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative
    - Overbrook Education Center
    - Sussex Health & Environmental Network/Sentinels of Eastern Shore Health

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<sup>31</sup> [EPA -- The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program](#)

## Additional Resources

### General Funding Navigators, Trackers, and Guides:

- [EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center](#)
  - Hosts various resources, tools, and general assistance
  - [Environmental Finance Clearing House](#)
    - Water Finance Clearing House → Search Funds → Scope → EPA Region 3
      - Includes specific opportunities and programs
      - Includes non-governmental funding opportunities
- [Justice 40 Funding Finder](#) – Equitable & Just National Climate Platform
  - This is an excellent resource for locating programs and opportunities across agencies.
  - Includes filter for Clean Water Infrastructure
  - Program information was last updated December 5, 2022.
- [A Justice 40+ Guide to Capturing Federal Infrastructure Investments](#) – Emerald Cities Collaborative
  - Provides a surplus of information, guidance, and additional resources. Includes a focus on water.

### Acronyms:

- ACEP – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act
- BIL – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (same as IIJA)
- BMP – Best Management Practice
- CARES – Corona virus Aid Relief and Economic Security
- CSP -- Conservation Stewardship Program
- CTA – Conservation Technical Assistance
- CWSRF – Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- DOI -- Department of the Interior
- DWSRF – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- ECJ – Environmental and Climate Justice
- EFC – Environmental Finance Center
- EJ TCGM – Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking
- EJCPs – Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving
- EJG2G – Environmental Justice Government to Government
- EPA -- Environmental Protection Agency

- EQIP -- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- IIJA – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (same as BIL)
- INSR – Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction
- IRA – Inflation Reduction Act
- IUP – Intended Use Plan
- MEB – Most Effective Basins
- NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service
- OSMRE – Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
- RCPP -- Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- SLFR -- State and Local Fiscal Recovery
- SRF – State Revolving Fund
- SWG – Small Watershed Grants
- TCTAC – Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

#### Document Updates:

- An appendix of active BIL and IRA funding opportunities was added to the end of the document.
- General updates were made to increase accuracy of the document and incorporate new information. Links were updated to direct users to new webpages and numbers were adjusted where applicable.
- Frequency of in-text links to currently open funding opportunities was increased where possible.
- General edits were made in the Introduction and throughout the document.

## Appendix: Current Funding Opportunities

This appendix consists of a list of funding opportunities that are currently open because of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act funding. Not all current funding opportunities are listed below, but rather, ones that appear relevant to the people and environment of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.<sup>32</sup>

Funding opportunities from the BIL are listed first, followed by those from the IRA. Funding opportunities are then clustered by the federal agency that is administering them.

The first bullet point indicates the date that the application is due and the second bullet lists parties that are eligible to apply. Formatting scheme occasionally deviates where necessary.

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### Active BIL Funding Opportunities

#### *EPA Offerings:*

#### Campus Rainworks Challenge

- 01/31/2024
- Academic Institutions  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

#### Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds - FY 2023

- Dates Vary
- Native American Tribe  
State Government

#### Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - FY 2023

- Dates Vary
- Native American Tribe  
State Government

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<sup>32</sup> Funding opportunities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) section are primarily pulled from the [Local Infrastructure Hub Grant Search](#). Funding opportunities under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) section are primarily pulled from the [Inflation Reduction Act Tracker](#).

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 128(a) State and Tribal Response Program Funding Provided by Annual Appropriations and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - FY 2024

- 12/15/2023
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe

Credit Assistance Under the State Infrastructure Financing Authority Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (SWIFIA) Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- State Government

Credit Assistance Under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Other  
Private Sector  
State Government

Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program (Part A)

- 11/06/2023
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Other  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program (Part B)

- 11/06/2023 (Application)
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Other  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions



Innovative Water Infrastructure Workforce Development Program - FY 2023

- 11/17/2023 (Application)
- Local Government
  - Academic Institutions
  - Consortia
  - Native American Tribe
  - Non Profits

National Brownfields Program

(Part A): Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants) - FY 2024

- 11/13/2023
- Local Government
  - Consortia
  - Native American Tribe
  - Non Profits
  - Schools/School Districts
  - State Government
  - Tribal Organizations/Institutions

(Part B): Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants - FY 2023

- 11/22/2022
- Local Government
  - Consortia
  - Native American Tribe
  - Non Profits
  - Schools/School Districts
  - State Government
  - Tribal Organizations/Institutions

(Part C): Cleanup Grants - FY 2024

- 11/13/2023
- Local Government
  - Academic Institutions
  - Consortia
  - Native American Tribe
  - Non Profits
  - Schools/School Districts
  - State Government
  - Tribal Organizations/Institutions

(Part D): Multipurpose (MP) Grants - FY 2024

- 11/13/2023
- Local Government
  - Consortia
  - Native American Tribe
  - Non Profits

Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

(Part E): Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes) - FY 2024

- 11/13/2023
- Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

(Part F): Assessment Grants (Assessment Coalition Grants) - FY 2024

- 11/13/2023
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Orphaned Wells Program Office (OWPO): Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Phase 1 State Formula Grant (Select States) - FY 2023

- 12/31/2023
- State Government – New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) - FY 2023

- Date unknown
- Native American Tribe  
State Government

Superfund Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Non Profits  
Private Sector

*Department of Homeland Security Offerings:*

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): National Dam Safety Program (NDSP): Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant Program - FY 2024

- Date unknown
- State Government

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): National Dam Safety Program (NDSP): State Assistance (SA) Grant Program - FY 2024

- Date unknown
- State Government

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - FY 2023

- 02/29/2024 (Application)
- Native American Tribe  
State Government

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC): Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) - FY 2023

- 02/29/2024
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program - FY 2023

- 02/29/2024
- Native American Tribe  
State Government

*Department of the Interior Offerings:*

Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program - FY 2024

- 11/20/2023
- State Government

Coastal Program - FY 2024

- 05/30/2024
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Private Sector  
Schools/School Districts

State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program: National Groundwater Monitoring Network (NGWMN) - FY 2024

- 01/18/2024
- Local Government  
State Government

National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency - FY 2024

- 11/17/2023 (Letter of Interest)
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Other  
Private Sector  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP) - FY 2024

- 12/06/2023 (Proposal)
- Academic Institutions  
State Government

Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program - FY 2024

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Other  
Private Sector  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Rapid Response Fund for Aquatic Invasive Species - FY 2024

- Rolling
- Native American Tribe  
Other

State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants: Water Strategy Grants and Project Design Grants - FY 2023/2024

- 04/02/2024
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

*Department of Agriculture Offerings:*

Circuit Rider Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government

Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program: Northeast-Midwest States (Select Areas) - FY 2023

- 10/31/2023
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program: Southern States (Select Areas) - FY 2023

- 10/31/2023
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits

State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Disaster Relief Supplemental Grant Funds for the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training (CF TAT) Disaster Repair Grant Program (Limited Eligibility) - FY 2023

- 11/24/2023
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

Economic Impact Initiative Grants - FY 2022

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG) - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) - FY 2024

- 12/31/2023
- Local Government  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Business and Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantees - FY 2023

- Rolling

- Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Private Sector

OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Community Facilities (CF) Guaranteed Loan Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Non Profits  
Private Sector

OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) Loan Guarantees - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Non Profits  
Private Sector

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Programs - FY 2024

- 01/02/2024
- Local Government  
Non Profits  
Private Sector  
State Government

Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Program - FY 2023

- Dates vary
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
Private Sector  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Temporary Bridge Funding Opportunity Program - FY 2023

- 12/29/2023
- Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
State Government

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Program - FY 2024

- 01/02/2024
- Non Profits

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program - FY 2024

- 01/02/2024
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

Water and Environmental Programs (WEP): Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program (Select Areas) - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

*Department of Commerce Offerings:*

Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (Select Areas) - FY 2023

- 12/19/2023
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Consortia
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- Private Sector



State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs - FY 2021-2023

- Rolling
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Consortia
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Interception Technologies Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Select Areas) - FY 2024

- 11/15/2023 (Letter of Intent)
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Non Profits
- Private Sector
- State Government
- Tribal Organizations/Institutions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Removal Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Limited Eligibility) - FY 2024

- 10/27/2023 (Letter of Intent)
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- Private Sector
- State Government

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - FY 2023

- 11/17/2023
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- Private Sector
- State Government

Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) - FY 2023

- Rolling
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Consortia
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- State Government

Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage Through Barrier Removal Notice of Funding Opportunity Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - FY 2023

- 11/08/2023
- Consortia
- Native American Tribe
- Tribal Organizations/Institutions

*Additional Offerings:*

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) - FY 2023

- Dates vary
- Local Government
- Native American Tribe
- Non Profits
- Other
- Schools/School Districts
- State Government

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): Access-to-Capital Projects: Non-POWER Grants (Appalachian Region) - FY 2022

- Dates vary
- Local Government
- Non Profits
- State Government

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) (Part A): Planning Grants (Appalachian Region) - FY 2023

- 10/31/2023
- Local Government
- Academic Institutions
- Consortia
- Native American Tribe

Non Profits  
State Government

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) (Part B): Implementation Grants (Appalachian Region) - FY 2023

- 10/31/2023
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits  
State Government

Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) - FY 2024

- Offered by the Department of Defense
- 12/19/2023 (Pre-application)
- Local Government  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Private Sector  
State Government

Emergency Capital Needs Fund for Non-Presidentially Declared Disasters - FY 2021

- Offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Rolling
- Local Government

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (Part B): Imminent Threat Grants - FY 2023

- Offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Rolling
- Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Environmental Justice Community Innovator Challenge - FY 2024

- Offered by the Department of Health and Human Services
- 01/30/2024
- Local Government  
Academic Institutions  
Consortia  
Native American Tribe  
Non Profits

Other  
Private Sector  
Schools/School Districts  
State Government  
Tribal Organizations/Institutions

## Active Inflation Reduction Act funding opportunities

NOAA:

[NOAA awards \\$562 million for climate resilience as part of NOAA climate-ready coasts initiative](#)

- State-level information and recommended projects available on site

[NOAA announces \\$32 million for coastal management programs and estuarine research reserves](#)

- \$20 million for state and territory coastal management programs
- \$12 million for national estuarine research reserves

[NOAA announces \\$60 million in grants as part the climate ready workforce for coastal states, tribes, and territories initiative](#)

- 11/30/23 (Letter of Intent)
- 2/13/24 (Application)
- **Grant size:** \$500,000-\$10 million (10-20 awards)
- **Eligible parties:** state, tribal, territorial and local governments, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations in coastal states or territories.

[NOAA announces \\$575 million will be available through its Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#)

- 08/23/23 (Letter of Intent)
- 2/13/24 (Application)
- **Grant size:** \$500,000 - \$75,000,000 (~45 awards)
- **Eligible parties:** Coastal States, territories, or Tribes; counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a coastal State or territory, including special purpose units of government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; the District of Columbia; institutions of higher education; and non-profit organizations or associations, including those acting in cooperation with a State, tribal, local or territorial government; regional councils of government and regional planning councils

[NOAA announces IRA investment in national marine sanctuary system](#)

- State-level information available on site
  - \$5 Million for [Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary](#)

[NOAA announces \\$240 million IRA funding for habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects](#)

- 11/17/23
- **Grant size:** \$1,000,000 - \$25,000,000
- **Eligible parties:** Institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and tribal governments.

[NOAA announces \\$45 million in funding for projects to advance priorities of tribes and underserved communities](#)

- 12/19/23
- **Grant size:** \$75,000 - \$3,000,000
- **Eligible parties:**
  - Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
  - City or township governments
  - Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
  - Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
  - State governments
  - Special district governments
  - Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
  - Private institutions of higher education
  - Independent school districts
  - For profit organizations other than small businesses
  - Small businesses
  - County governments
  - Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
  - Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
  - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

*USDA:*

[USDA announces availability of new NRCS funding for climate-smart agriculture projects](#)

- \$19.5 billion over five years
- Provided through the NRCS

[USDA announces opening of financial assistance application process for borrowers who faced discrimination](#)

- 10/31/23
- [Details on eligibility](#)

[USDA announces \\$150m to connect underserved and small acreage forest landowners to emerging climate markets](#)

- Track B: 8/21/2024, quarterly reviews

- For proposal budgets that are under \$2,000,000
- **Eligible parties:** U.S. State Governments, U.S. Local Governments, Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Corporations/Villages, Other Tribal Entities, Education Institutions, Non-Profit Entities, For-Profit Entities.
- Track C: 8/21/2024
  - For budgets that are greater than or equal to \$5 million, less than \$50 million, and include at least 80% sub-awards (*deadline: 8/21/2024*).
  - **Eligible parties:** Nonprofit organizations with a mission focused on sustainable forestry and/or forest conservation.

#### Forest Legacy Program

- Round 1: 12/11/2023
- Round 2: 5/20/2024
- **Total funding:** \$250,000,000
- **Eligible parties:** States can submit up to 5 projects for consideration in each funding round.

#### *Additional Opportunities:*

#### EPA announces \$4.6 billion available in phase two of climate pollution reduction grant (cprg) competition

- 04/01/2024 (general competition)
  - **Grant size:** \$2,000,000 - \$500,000,000
- 05/01/2024 (Tribes and territories competition)
  - **Grant size:** \$1,000,000 - \$25,000,000
- **Eligible parties:** States, municipalities, tribes, tribal consortia, and territories, and a competition only for tribes, tribal consortia, and territories.

#### Environmental & Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

- 10/2024 Notice of funding opportunity posted
- **Eligible parties:**
  - A partnership between at least two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs).
  - A partnership between a CBO and one or any combination of the following:
    - a Federally-Recognized Tribe
    - a local government
    - an institution of higher education.
- **Total funding:** \$2 billion