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WaterSMART

FY26 Drought Response Program

Funding Opportunity R26AS00016

April 21, 2026

Getting Started

- Attendees' cameras and microphones are muted
- A recording of the webinar and copy of the slides will be available on our website after the webinar:
<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/>

- Questions and comments can be posted through the Q&A icon at the top of the Teams event.
 - For questions specific to your project or you as an applicant, please reach out directly to the Program Coordinator.





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Today's Agenda:

- Overview of the *Drought Response Program* Funding Opportunity
- Overview of Reclamation's WaterSMART Selection Process
- Financial Assistance Requirements
- **IMPORTANT** Application Tips, Tools and Resources!
- Question and Answer Period

Drought Response Program Objectives

- Help communities prepare for and respond to drought and other water scarcity situations.
 - Increasing the reliability of water supplies
 - Improving water management
 - Proactive measures to build long-term drought resiliency and address water supply shortages.



Drought Response Program

Eligible Applicants

Category A:

- States, 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.

Category A applicants must be located in 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, or Puerto Rico.

Category B:

- Nonprofit conservation organization acting in partnership on the project with an entity described in Category A.
- Category B applicants must include with their application a letter from the Category A partner, stating they are acting in partnership with the applicant and agree to the submittal and content of the proposal, and they are participating in the project in some way. Partners do not need to contribute cost-share funding.

Category B applicants must be located in the United States or a territory listed above.



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Eligible Project Types

Task A: Infrastructure Projects

- New conveyance system components
- Additional water storage
- Recharge and treatment facilities
- Capture alternate supplies, such as stormwater and rainwater
- Modifying surface intakes

Task B: Water Management and Planning Projects

- Decision Support Tools & Modeling
- Updating or creating a Drought Contingency Plan

NOTE: Applicants in Puerto Rico and Alaska, and Category B applicants, are not eligible to apply for Drought Contingency Plans.



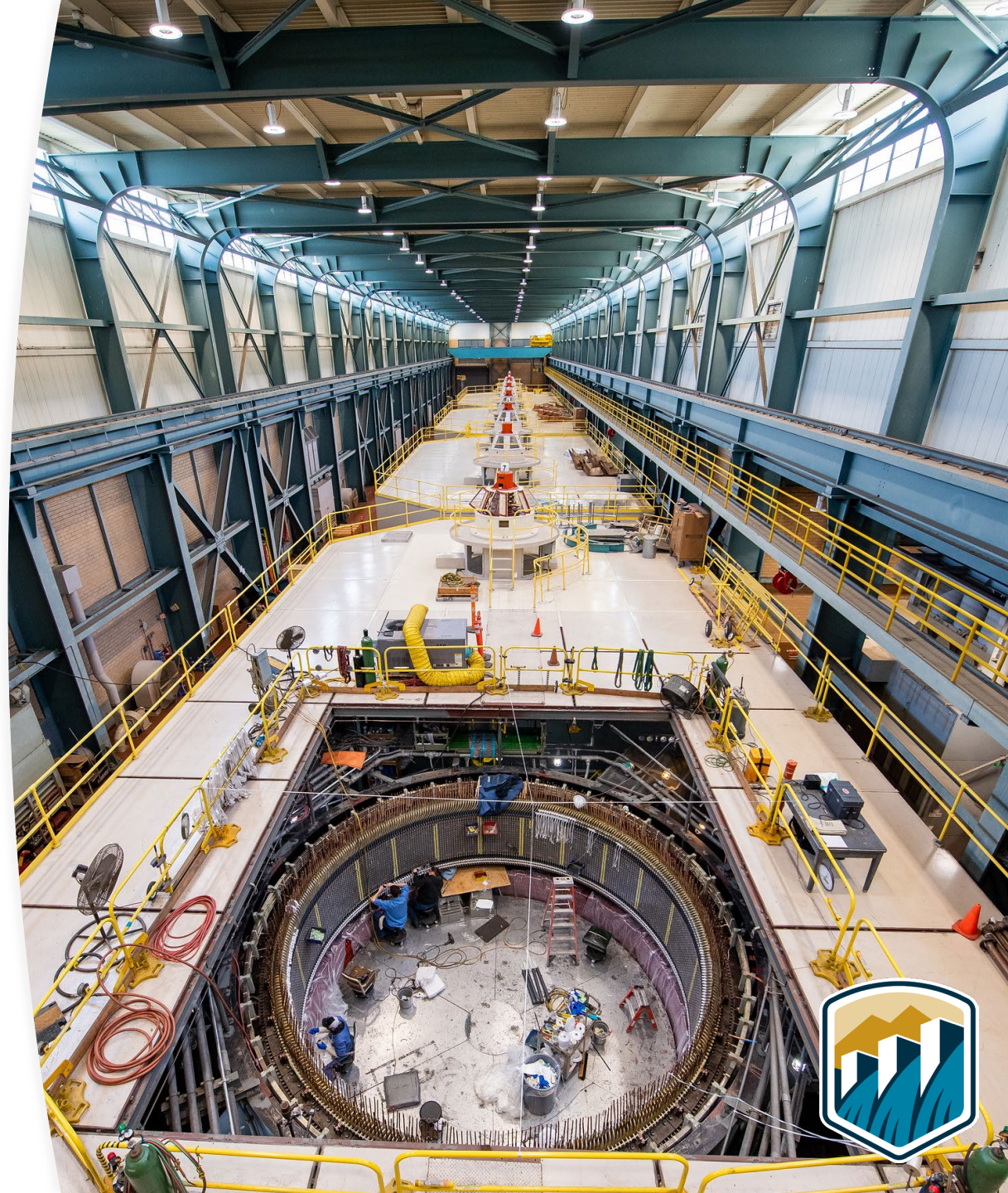
Drought Response Program Award Information

Funding

- Up to \$500,000 in Federal funding for projects that can be completed within 2 years
- Up to \$1.5 million in Federal funding for projects that can be completed within 3 years
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.
- \$13.5 million in available funding.
- Approximately 8-20 awards depending on number of applications received and the amount requested by each applicant.

Applications Due

- **July 28, 2026 at 4:00 pm MT**



Operations, Maintenance & Replacement

- In accordance with Section 9504 of Secure Water Act, projects that are considered normal operations, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) are **not eligible** for funding under this NOFO.
- OM&R is described as system improvements that replace or repair existing infrastructure or function without providing increased efficiency or effectiveness of water distribution over the expected life of the improvement.



Drought Contingency Planning (DCP) Project Framework



Phase I

Establishment of a Drought Planning Taskforce

- Identify what stakeholders will actively participate in developing the Plan. The Task Force must have diverse membership representing multiple interests in the planning area.

Development of a Detailed Work Plan

- How the tasks will be accomplished, along with a communication and outreach plan. The work plan must be submitted to Reclamation for review and acceptance before substantive work on the plan development or update may begin.

Phase II

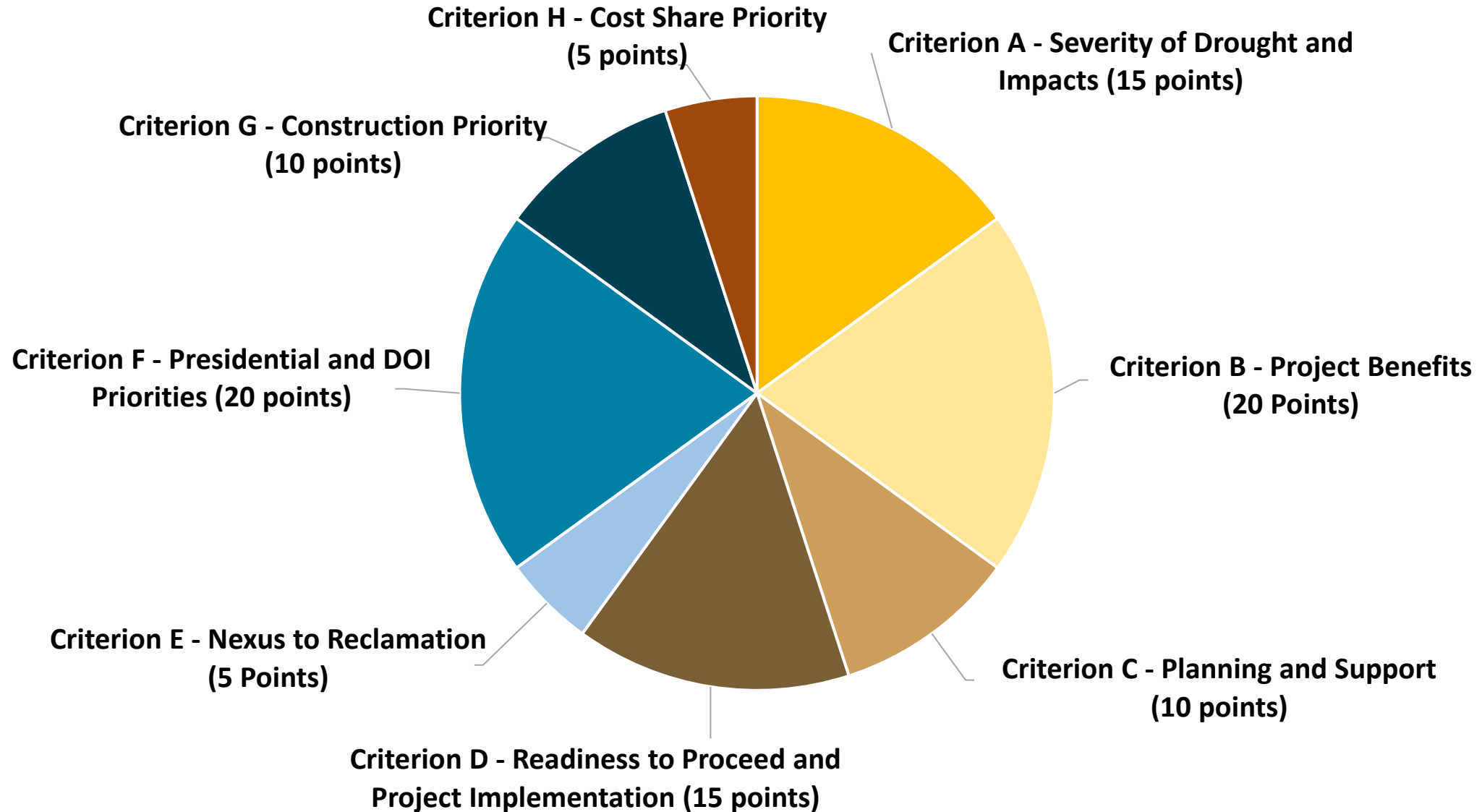
- The development or update of a DCP.

****A technical consultation is required prior to applying for DCP funding. Reach out to the Program Coordinator to schedule one.**



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Merit Review Criteria



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Merit Review Criteria

Criterion A – Severity of Drought and Impacts (15 points)

- Severity of recent, existing, or potential drought conditions in the project area, such as:
 - Public health, environmental, and economic concerns, and any conflicts over limited water resources
 - Impacts to specific sectors (e.g. impacts to agriculture, environmental, recreation, tourism, forestry, hydropower)
- How will the project address or mediate these impacts?

Criterion B – Project Benefits (20 points)

- How does your project build long-term resilience to drought?
- How will the project help buffer against water shortages, reduce the need for emergency responses, and enhance the resilience of water systems?
- Quantitative and Qualitative description
- Provide detailed support for benefits
- Who will benefit from the project?



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Merit Review Criteria

Criterion C – Planning and Support (10 points)

Task A

- Is the project or goal of the project supported by any existing planning efforts?
- Is the project specifically identified in a plan and is it prioritized?
- Explain how the plan addresses drought
- Was the plan developed through collaborative stakeholder involvement?
- Cited plans may include but are not limited to Drought Contingency Plans, Integrated Resource Water Management Plans, Urban or Regional Water Management Plans, Watershed or Basin Management Plans, Adaptation Plans, and Sustainable Water Management Plans.

***Provide only the relevant sections of the plan to support your answers.**

Task B

- Explain any prior or on-going planning efforts related to the proposed project and how the proposed project builds on any prior or on-going planning efforts.
- Is the proposed project supported by an existing water planning effort or does it build upon other planning or management tools within the project area?
- What stakeholders support and/or will be involved in the project? Are there plans to involve sectors not yet represented?



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Criterion D – Readiness to Proceed and Project Implementation (15 points)

- Detailed schedule and major milestones
- Identification of necessary permits and regulatory compliance, including consideration for compliance costs.
- Engineering and design work. Projects further along in design, or with a clear plan to reach final design, will score better.

Criterion D – Drought Contingency Planning

- DCP projects will be asked to describe how the six required elements of a Drought Contingency Plan will be addressed within the project timeframe.
 - Drought Monitoring
 - Vulnerability Assessment
 - Mitigation Actions
 - Response Actions
 - Operational & Administrative Framework
 - Plan Development & Update Process

Criterion E – Nexus to Reclamation (5 points)

- Demonstrate a nexus between the proposed project and a Reclamation project or activity, if applicable.



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Criterion E – Presidential and Department of Interior Priorities (20 points)

- advances the Trump Administration’s priorities, including E.O. 14154: Unleashing American Energy, justifies alignment with priorities and requirements in E.O. 14332: Improving Oversight in Federal Grantmaking;
- includes primary project elements that develop, demonstrate, and or implement artificial intelligence (AI) technologies that advance the Trump Administration and Department of Interior’s priorities for AI, including OMB M-25-21 Accelerating the Use of AI through Innovation, Governance, and Public Trust; S.O. 3444: Leading Interior’s Path to Artificial Intelligence Transformation;
- aligns with Secretary Burgum’s strategic objectives, including those identified in S.O.s 3417: Addressing the National Energy Emergency, 3418 Unleashing American Energy, 3419 Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis;
- aligns with goals and objectives in the U.S. Department of the Interior FY 2026-2030 Strategic Plan;
- supports water management and enhanced operational flexibility in Reclamation States, with priority given to the Colorado River Basin, which is experiencing long-term drought conditions.

Please address only those priorities that are applicable to your project.
All priorities will be given equal consideration.



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Criterion F – Construction Priority (10 points)

- Prioritizes projects that focus on construction of hard infrastructure to deliver durable, long-term improvements in water reliability and resilience.
- Hard infrastructure is tangible or built infrastructure.
- Identify the hard infrastructure construction components of the project, if applicable.

Criterion G – Cost Share Priority (5 points)

- Points may be awarded to proposals that include non-Federal cost share contributions exceeding the statutory minimum (50%) by at least 5 percent. Projects with a higher non-Federal cost share may be awarded more points.
- $\text{Non-Federal Funding} / \text{Total Project Cost} = \%$
- See Cost Sharing Requirement and Budget Narrative for more information on cost-share requirements and eligible costs.



Drought Response Program

Program Requirements Summary

Eligible Applicants

Western States; Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; State, regional, or local authorities whose members include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; other organizations with water or power delivery authority. OR a nonprofit conservation organization partnering with a previously described entity.

Eligibility Exceptions

Applicants in Puerto Rico and Alaska, and Category B applicants, are not eligible to apply for Drought Contingency Plans.

Cost Share

50% non-Federal cost share required

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated against the merit review criteria which comprise a total of 100 points.

Important Dates

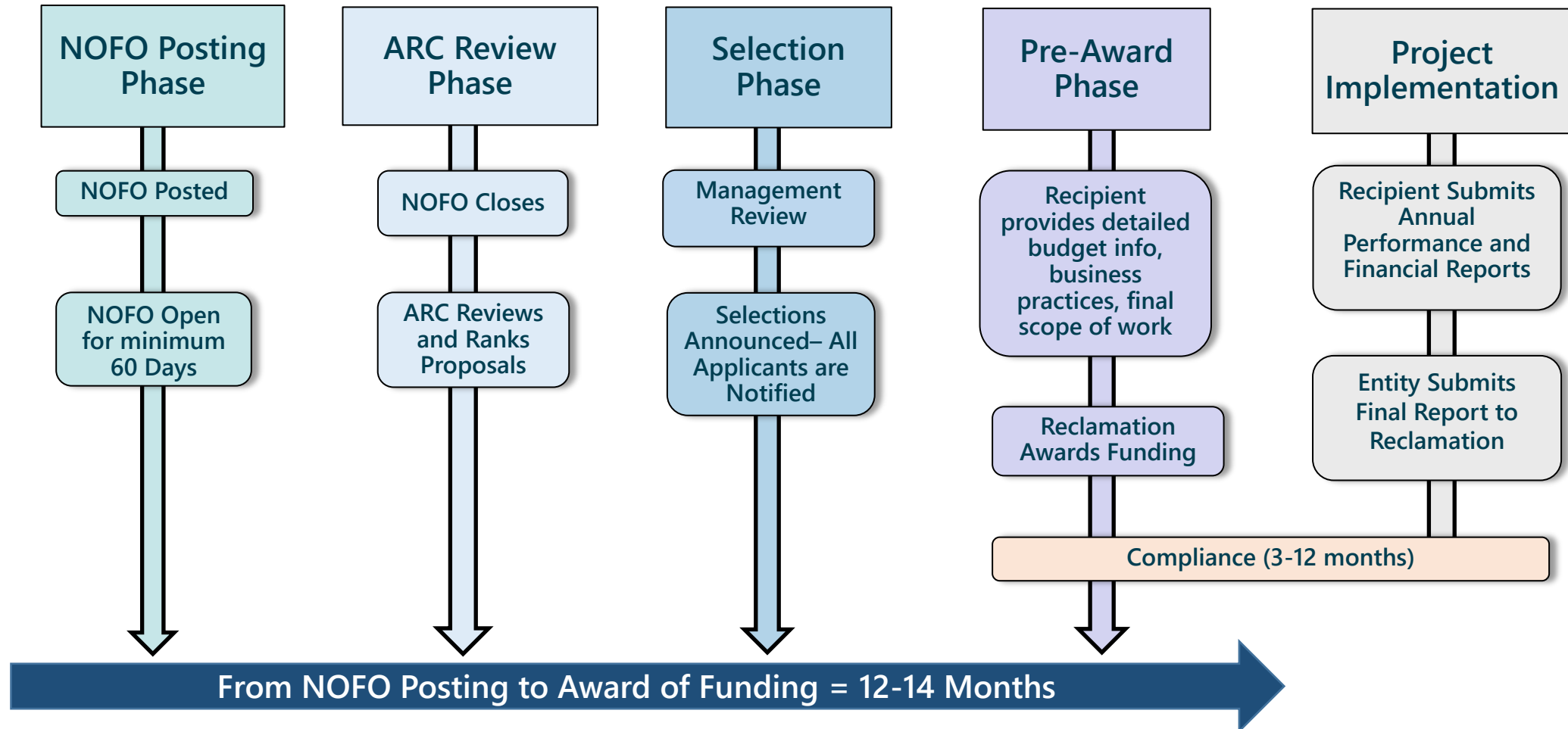
Pre-award costs cannot pre-date March 5, 2026 (date of NOFO posting)

Application Deadline: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4pm MDT



WaterSMART Selection Process

Sample schedule



Note! Environmental and cultural compliance must be completed before a Notice to Proceed (NTP) can be issued by Reclamation. Once a NTP is issued, ground-disturbing work can begin.





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WaterSMART Financial Assistance Requirements

Financial Assistance (FA) Office

Primary Role of the FA Office

- Answer questions during the application process
- Conduct Eligibility Review and remove applications that do not meet submission requirements of the NOFO.
- Notify Applicants of Application status



SAM.gov Registration

Where to Start

Register in SAM.gov and obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

- [SAM.gov | Entity Registrations](#)
- Sam.gov Help Desk Information
 - By phone: (toll-free) 866-606-8220. Call and live chat hours are Monday - Friday from 8am - 8pm EST
 - Document Technical Difficulties, if needed

Start Early!

The SAM.gov registration process can take up to TEN days!

The screenshot displays the SAM.gov homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Data Bank, Data Services, and Help. The main header features the SAM.gov logo and a badge indicating it is the Official U.S. Government Website, 100% Free. The central content area is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'The Official U.S. Government System for:', lists various services: Contract Opportunities, Contract Data (Reports ONLY from fpds.gov), Wage Determinations, Federal Hierarchy (Departments and Subtiers), Assistance Listings, Entity Information (Entities, Disaster Response Registry, Exclusions, and Responsibility/Qualification (was fapiis.gov)), and Entity Reporting (SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting). Below this list is a button for 'View FASCSA Orders'. The right section, titled 'Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID', contains a sub-header 'Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.' and three buttons: 'Get Started' (circled in red), 'Renew Entity', and 'Check Entity Status'. At the bottom of the page, there is a search bar with the text 'Already know what you want to find?' and a dropdown menu for 'Select Domain...' with the example 'e.g. 1606N020Q02'. The footer includes 'Announcements' and 'How to get a Unique Entity ID'.



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- Register in Grants.gov
 - [Applicant Registration | GRANTS.GOV](#)
 - If you have difficulties – document communications with help desk.
 - **Grants.gov Help Desk Information:**
 - **By e-mail:** support@grants.gov
 - **By phone:** (toll-free) 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS). The Grants.gov Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding federal holidays.

Please allow up to 30 days to register and set up a workspace account.



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Assistance Listings:

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OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

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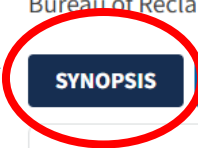
General Information

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Attachment B - Budget_Narrative_Guidance.pdf	Attachment B - Budget Narrative Guidance.pdf	Mar 05, 2026 02:14:02 PM EST	401.1 KB
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Select Grant Opportunity Package

PLEASE READ BEFORE APPLYING!

If you view and complete your application package using Grants.gov downloadable PDF forms, you MUST have Adobe Reader installed. You may receive a validation error using incompatible versions of Adobe Reader. To prevent a validation error, it is now recommended you uninstall any earlier versions of Adobe Reader and install the latest compatible version of Adobe Reader. If more than one person is working on the PDF forms, ALL applicants must be using the same Adobe Reader version. [Click for more information on Adobe Reader Compatibility.](#)

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

Assistance Listing Number	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
15.514	R26AS00016	WaterSMART Drought Response Program	PKG00292060	Mar 05, 2026	Jul 28, 2026	Preview Apply

Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: Alisha James

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:		Download Instructions
Mandatory Forms (Click to Preview)	Optional Forms (Click to Preview)	
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) [V4.0] Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A) [V1.0] Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B) [V1.1] Project Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2] Budget Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]	Attachments [V1.2] Project Abstract Summary [V2.0] Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1] Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) [V2.0]	



Financial Assistance – Eligibility Review

All application packages will be screened to ensure:

- Timeliness, Completeness, and Eligibility
- Active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM registration
- Meets the content requirements
- Contains completed and signed mandatory forms



Financial Assistance – Selection Notification

- After First Level Screening:
 - Ineligible applicants will be notified
 - Eligible applicants will move on to the Merit Review
- After Merit Review:
 - Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified
 - Next steps for entering into a Financial Assistance award will be included
- Notifications will all come from this mailbox: Bor-sha-fafoa@usbr.gov



Pre-award Documentation

What to expect if selected for funding

You may be asked to provide:

- Budget clarifications
- Cost-share documentation
- Explanation of pre-award costs
- All reports up to date on other Reclamation awards

****Approximately 60 days to Award****





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For questions relating to SF-424 forms, Grants.gov, and SAM Registration, Please email the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Team directly at:

bor-sha-fafoa@usbr.gov

****Please copy the Program Coordinator and include the NOFO number****



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Application Tips, Additional Tools & Resources

Application Tips

General Considerations

Important: Read *everything* in the NOFO!

- The most successful projects are those that fit well within the the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Review the objective of the NOFO, the eligible project types, and the merit review criteria carefully.
- Contact the Program Coordinator to discuss any questions about your project fit, applicant eligibility, or the NOFO itself.

Your Application

- Give yourself plenty of time to write and submit the proposal.
- Do not assume the Application Review Committee knows you. The Committee is comprised of Reclamation staff from throughout the Western states.
- 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



WaterSMART Program Resources

WaterSMART Program Website

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart>

- Previously funded applications for all programs
- WaterSMART Dashboard
- WaterSMART mailing list
- Recent announcements

Additional Resources

- All open Funding Opportunities can be found at: www.grants.gov



The screenshot shows the official website for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program. The header features the Bureau of Reclamation logo and navigation links for Water & Power, Resources & Research, About Us, Recreation & Public Use, and News & Multimedia. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "WaterSMART" and includes a sidebar with a list of program categories such as Applied Science Grants, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program, and Basin Studies. The main text area provides an overview of the program, stating that the American West faces serious water challenges and that WaterSMART aims to increase water supply through infrastructure modernization. A highlighted box encourages users to "Join the WaterSMART Mailing List" by completing a form. Below this, there is a "WaterSMART Project Selections Overview" section, a "Documents" section with links to fact sheets and newsletters, and an "Announcements" section. On the right side, there are sections for "OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES" listing various grant projects with their closing dates, "BABA WAIVER RESOURCES" with a background slideshow, and a "GRANTS.GOV" banner. At the bottom right, a "WATERSMART DASHBOARD" provides a summary of the program's data, including 1,954 projects, 273 plans, and \$2.436B in federal funding.

WaterSMART

The American West faces serious water challenges. Wide-spread drought, increased populations, aging infrastructure, and environmental requirements all strain existing water and hydropower resources. Adequate and safe water supplies are fundamental to the health, economy, and security of the country. Through WaterSMART, Reclamation will continue to work cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and avoid potential water conflicts.

Join the WaterSMART Mailing List

You may complete [this form](#) to receive WaterSMART program notification from the Bureau of Reclamation.

WaterSMART Project Selections Overview

Since January 2010, Reclamation has selected 2,379 projects to be funded with \$3.86 billion in WaterSMART funding, in conjunction with \$9.2 billion in non-Federal funding, across the western states.

Documents

- [WaterSMART Fact Sheet](#)
- [Spring 2025 Tributary Newsletter](#)
- [Summer 2025 Tributary Newsletter](#)
- [Fall 2025 Tributary Newsletter new!](#)

Announcements

WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Webinar

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, the Bureau of Reclamation hosted an informational

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- R25AS00322 Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects - Closing May 13, 2026
- R25AS00279 Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP) - Closing June 2, 2026
- R25AS00280 Applied Science Grants (ASG) - Closing July 8, 2026
- R26AS00016 Drought Response Program (DRP) - Closing July 28, 2026

BABA WAIVER RESOURCES

[Background slideshow](#) on the conditional and time-limited WaterSMART Build America, Buy America Waiver.

[Interpreting the Waiver](#)
[WaterSMART Waiver Implementation](#)

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All grant applications are submitted through Grants.gov. For more information on how to submit a grant application, visit [Application Resources](#).

WATERSMART DASHBOARD

WaterSMART Program Data Portal	
Projects	Plans
1,954	273
Federal Funding	Federal Funding
\$2.436B	\$59.121M



WaterSMART Program Dashboard

Explore our interactive maps and data visualizations to browse previously funded projects.

- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/bf5c5357e7044e0c80d5a55788d1db34/>

WaterSMART Program Data Portal
Dashboard

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Funding Opportunity	Entity	Title	Year	State	Federal Funding	Non-Federal Funding	Total Project Cost
Title XVI Authorized Projects	(Upper Mojave) S. California Desert Region	(Upper Mojave) S. California Desert Region (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$11,255,056	\$33,765,167	\$45,020,223
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Albuquerque Metro. Area Water & Reclamation Reuse	Albuquerque Metro. Area Water & Reclamation Reuse (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	New Mexico	\$17,862,683	\$53,588,049	\$71,450,732
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Antioch Recycled Water Project	Antioch Recycled Water Project (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$2,199,159	\$6,597,477	\$8,796,636
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Plant	Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Plant (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$17,148,712	\$51,446,136	\$68,594,848
Title XVI Authorized Projects	City of Pasadena	City of Pasadena (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$140,391	\$421,173	\$561,564
Title XVI Authorized Projects	City of Redwood City Recycled Water Project	City of Redwood City Recycled Water Project (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$871,300	\$2,613,900	\$3,485,200
Title XVI Authorized Projects	City of Tooele, UT	City of Tooele, UT (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	Utah	\$3,408,553	\$10,225,659	\$13,634,212
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Eastern Municipal Water District	Eastern Municipal Water District (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$9,740,086	\$29,220,259	\$38,960,345
Title XVI Authorized Projects	El Paso, TX	El Paso, TX (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	Texas	\$8,677,266	\$26,031,799	\$34,709,065
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Projects	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Projects (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$1,915,006	\$5,745,019	\$7,660,025
Title XVI Authorized Projects	Hi-Desert Water District	Hi-Desert Water District (pre-2010 funding)	pre-2010	California	\$1,831,500	\$5,494,500	\$7,326,000

Projects Plans



Application Tips

View previous successful applications

Los Angeles County Public Works
Seawater Barriers

Dominguez Gap Barrier Project
Unit 8 Replacement Wells



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Baseline Assessments
and Pilots

Drought Response Program

The Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing assistance to water managers to: develop and update comprehensive drought plans, and implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought.

Program areas include:

- Contingency Planning
- Resiliency Projects
- Emergency Response Actions

Documents

- Drought Response Program Fact Sheet
- Drought Response Program Framework
- Drought Resiliency Projects vs. Small Storage Program



R26AS00016 Drought Response Program is currently accepting applications - Closing July 28, 2026

This funding opportunity includes both Drought Contingency Planning and Drought Resiliency Projects

NEWS RELEASE ARCHIVE

June 26, 2025
Reclamation invests over \$33M in drought resiliency projects in the West

August 2, 2022
Reclamation approves \$865





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Applications due
July 28, 2026 at 4pm MT

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Financial Assistance Questions
Include the NOFO number, and Program Coordinator!
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Questions?

Please utilize the Q&A Function to ask questions.