Drought Resiliency Projects vs. Small Storage Program



Use the table below to determine if a water storage project is eligible under the Drought Resiliency Program or the Small Storage Program. If the project appears eligible for both funding opportunities, you may apply to whichever program best fits the needs of the project sponsor (e.g., timing of funding opportunity, cost share requirements, project cost). Applying to one program does not exclude you from applying to the other; however, the same project or Scope of Work cannot receive funding from both programs.

	Drought Resiliency Program	Small Storage Program
Types of Storage Projects	Storing water and/or recharging	Water storage capacity that increases
	groundwater supplies. Projects that	surface water or groundwater
	enable the capture or storage of	storage.
	additional water supplies that can be	
	made available during drought.	
Program Overseen By	Water Resources and Planning Office	Reclamation Law Administration
	(WRPO)	Division (RLAD)
Feasibility Study Required?	No	Yes (see Small Surface Water and
		Groundwater Storage Projects
		Feasibility Study Review Process)
Project Storage Capacity	n/a	Between 200 and 30,000 AF
Maximum Project Cost	\$10,000,000 (if the project is a phase of a	n/a
	larger project, the larger (overall) project	
	cannot exceed \$10M)	
Maximum Federal Funding	Up to \$5,000,000	Up to \$30,000,000
Per Project		
Maximum Federal Cost	Up to 50%. Cost-share cannot include any	Up to 25%. Cost-share cannot include
Share	Federal funds.	any Federal funds.
Project completion	2-3 years, depending on funding group	Approximately 3 years
timeframe		
Eligible Applicants	Non-Federal entities such as a state,	Non-Federal entities such as a state,
	regional, or local authority; Indian tribe or	regional, or local authority; Indian
	tribal organization; or other entities such as a water district or water association; or	tribe or tribal organization; or other entities such as a water district or
	a nonprofit conservation group who	water association with water delivery
	partners with an entity listed above,	authority within the 17 Western
	within the 17 Western States, Alaska, or	States, Alaska, or Hawaii.
	Hawaii, or in insular areas such as the U.S.	
	Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam,	

	American Samoa, and North Mariana Islands.	
Competitive or Noncompetitive	Competitive	Competitive
Typical Number of Applications	Greater than 60-80	Less than 10
Typical Funding Frequency	Yearly funding announcement	Yearly funding announcement

This fact sheet is meant to provide a brief comparison of both programs in relation to water storage projects. Please refer to both Funding Opportunities for full eligibility requirements, and reach out to the respective Program Coordinator for more information.

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Small Storage Program

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