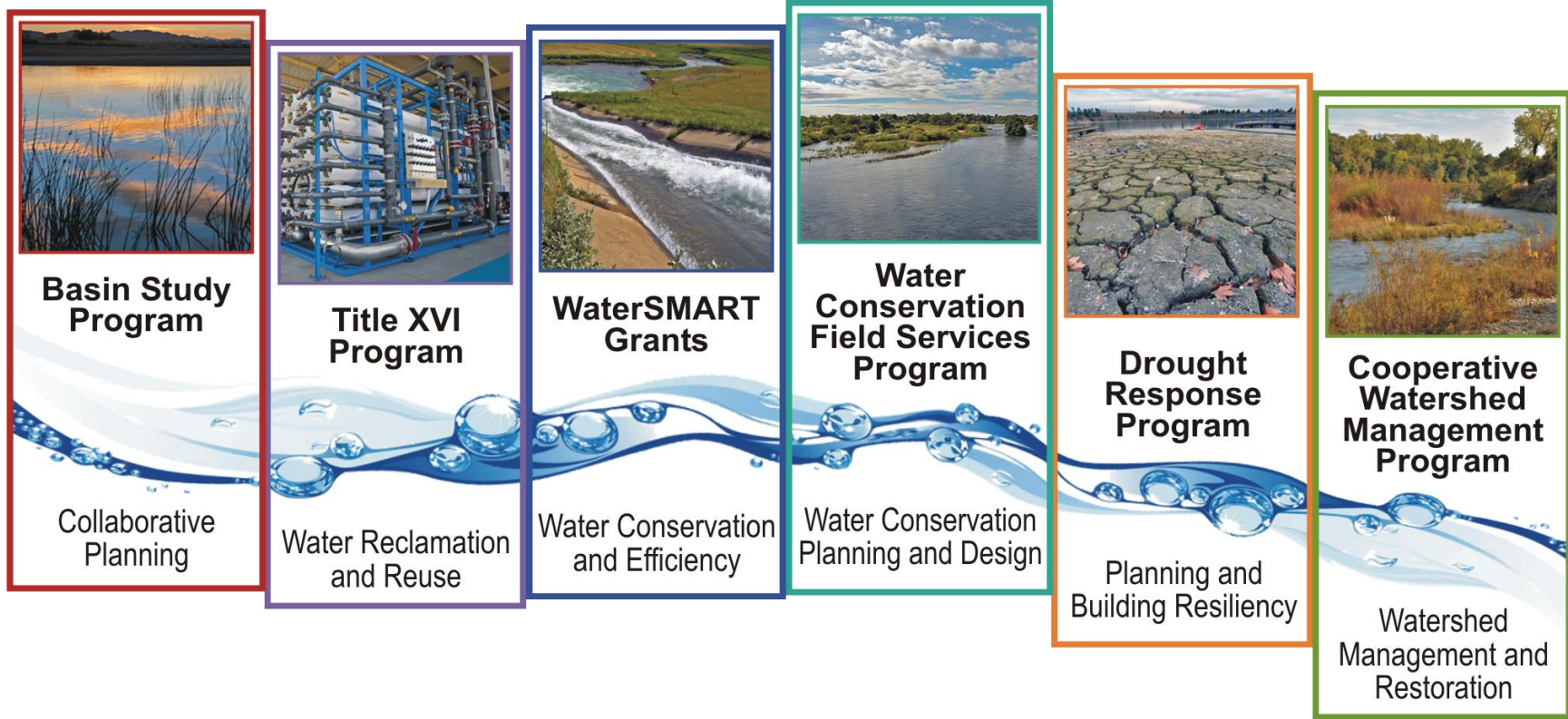




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WaterSMART Program

WaterSMART Program



Provides a framework for Interior to support water supply reliability for multiple water users.



Upcoming Opportunities

Winter 2022/2023

- Environmental Water Resources Projects
- Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration
- Planning & Project Design

WaterSMART Funding Opportunity Calendar can be found at:

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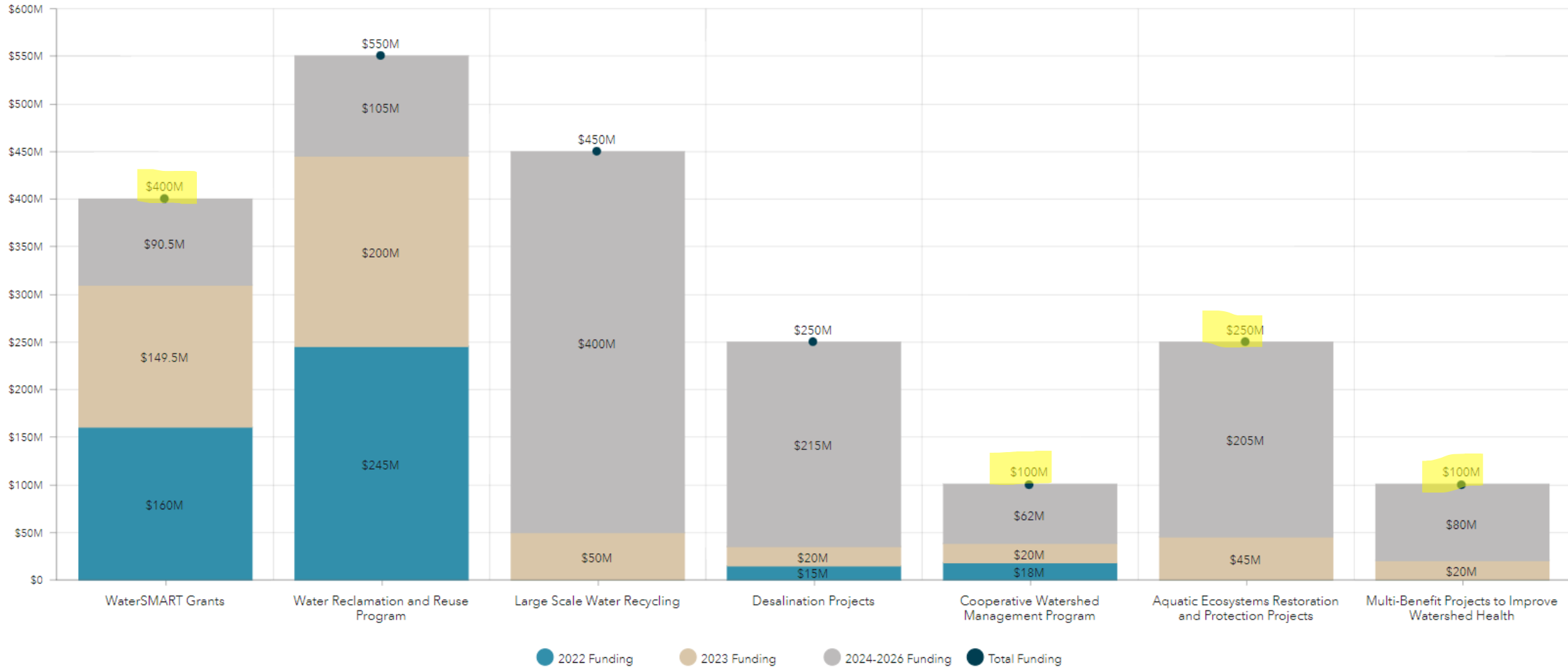
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding for WaterSMART & Aquatic Ecosystems

WaterSMART Programs Receiving Infrastructure Funding		
Program Area	Funding Amount (Over Five Years)	Activities Funded
WaterSMART Grants	\$400 million	Water conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, natural and nature-based features
Cooperative Watershed Management Program	\$100 million	Watershed planning and restoration projects for watershed groups
Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration and Protection Projects	\$250 million	Aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects to improve habitat
Multi-Benefit Projects to Improve Watershed Health	\$100 million	Restoration projects to improve watershed health



WaterSMART and Aquatic Ecosystems Infrastructure Funding

\$2.1B over 5 years (2022-2026)



Application Tips

Where to Start

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WaterSMART Program Resources

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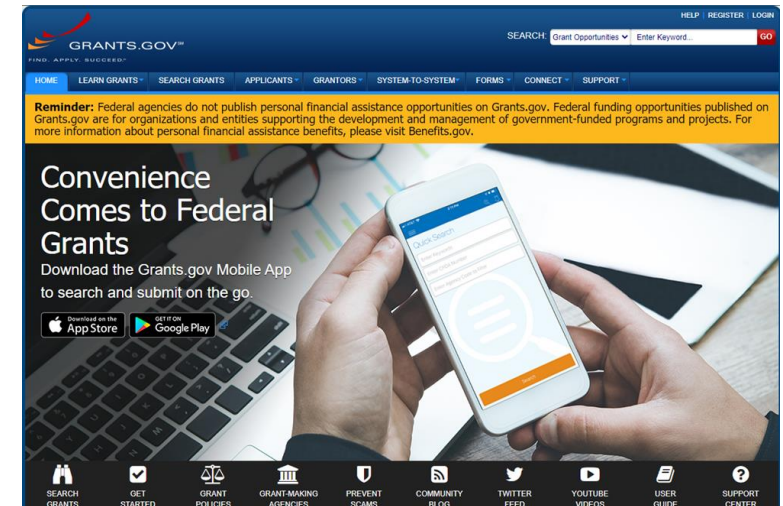
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Eligible Applicants

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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.

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.



WaterSMART Grants

Water and Energy Efficiency Grants –

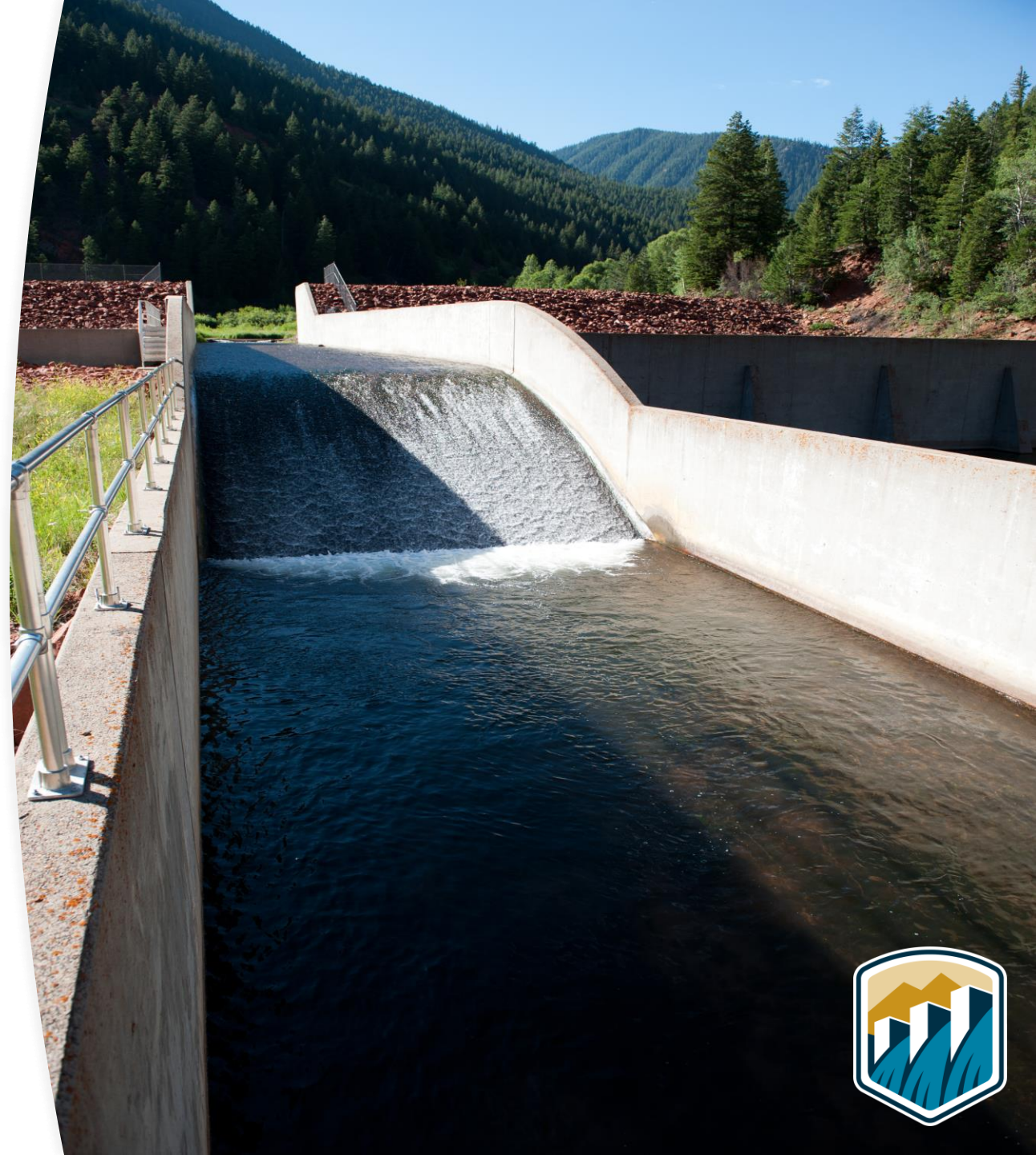
Eligible Project Types

- 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
 - Hydropower
 - Solar, wind energy

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
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater

Criteria focus on quantifying water savings



WaterSMART Grants

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects

Eligible Project Types

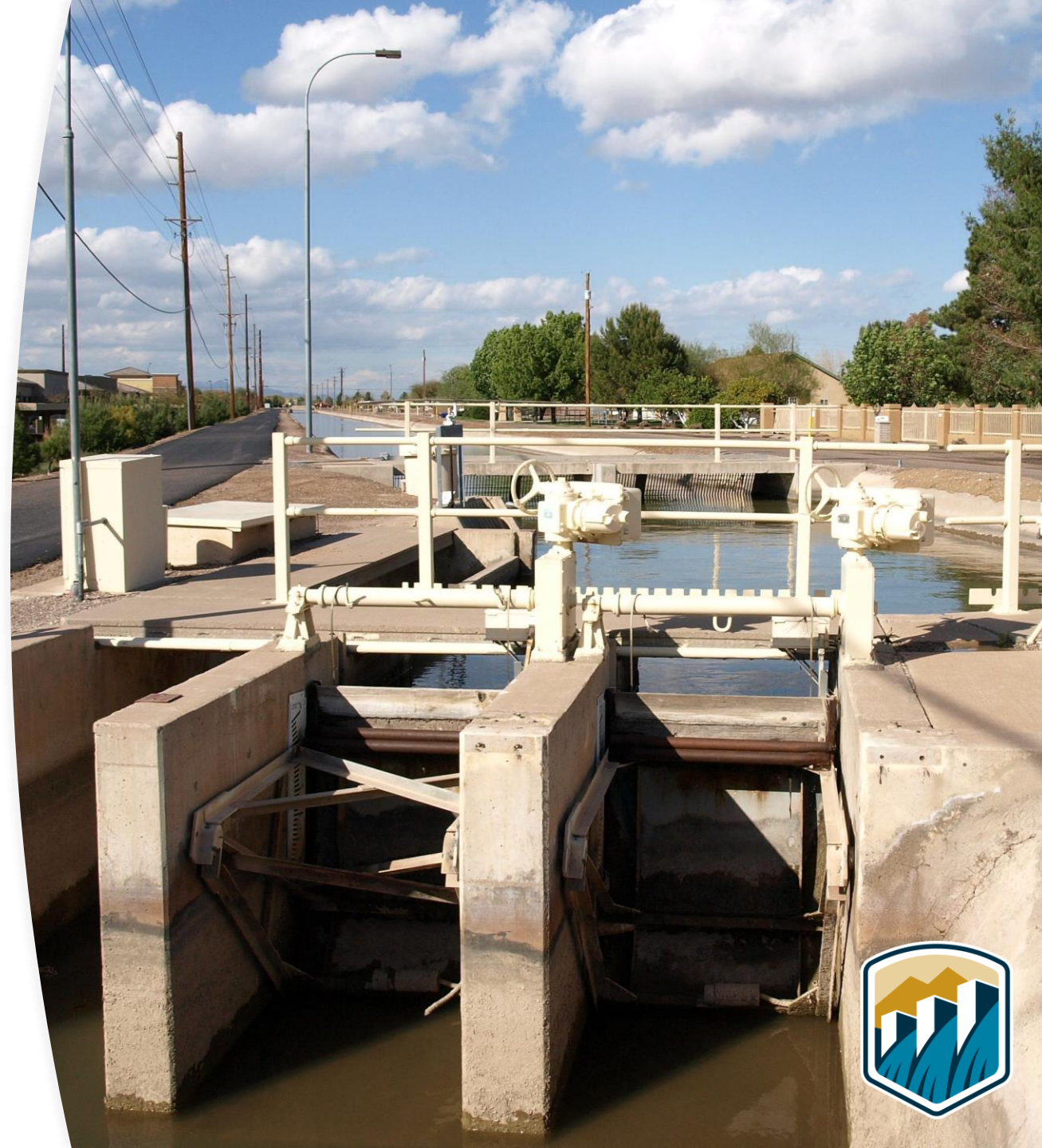
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- High-Efficiency Indoor Appliances and Fixtures
- Commercial Cooling Systems

Funding

- Up to \$100k in Reclamation funds
- Maximum total project costs of \$225k per project

Evaluation Criteria

- Simplified evaluation criteria
- Benefits to applicant
- Previous planning efforts supporting the project



Drought Response Program

Drought Contingency Planning

Eligible Projects

- Funding for development, or update, of comprehensive drought plans.

Funding

- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater
 - Cost share reduction/waiver available for applicants with financial hardship and a significant Federal interest
- Up to \$200,000



Drought Response Program

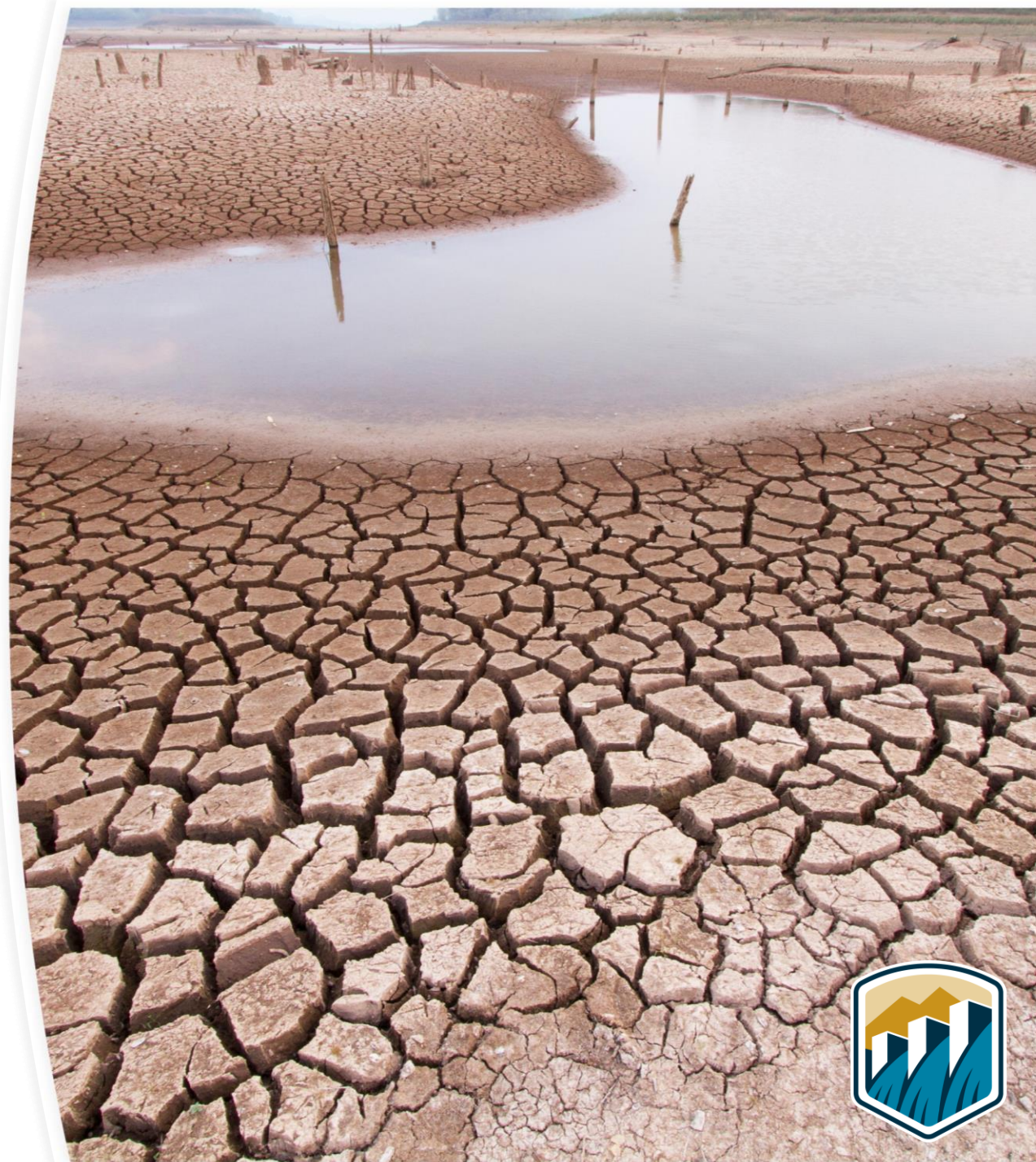
Drought Resiliency Projects –

Eligible Project Types

- Infrastructure Improvements
- New conveyance system components
- Additional water storage
- Recharge facilities
- Capture and treat alternative supplies
- Decision Support Tools & Modeling
- Environmental Protection

Funding

- Non-Federal Cost Share: 50% or greater.
- Funding Level I: \$500k 2 years
- Funding Level II: \$2 million 3 years
- Funding Level III: \$3 million 3 years



Cooperative Watershed Management Program

Phase I – Watershed Group Formation and Restoration Planning

Eligible Project Activities

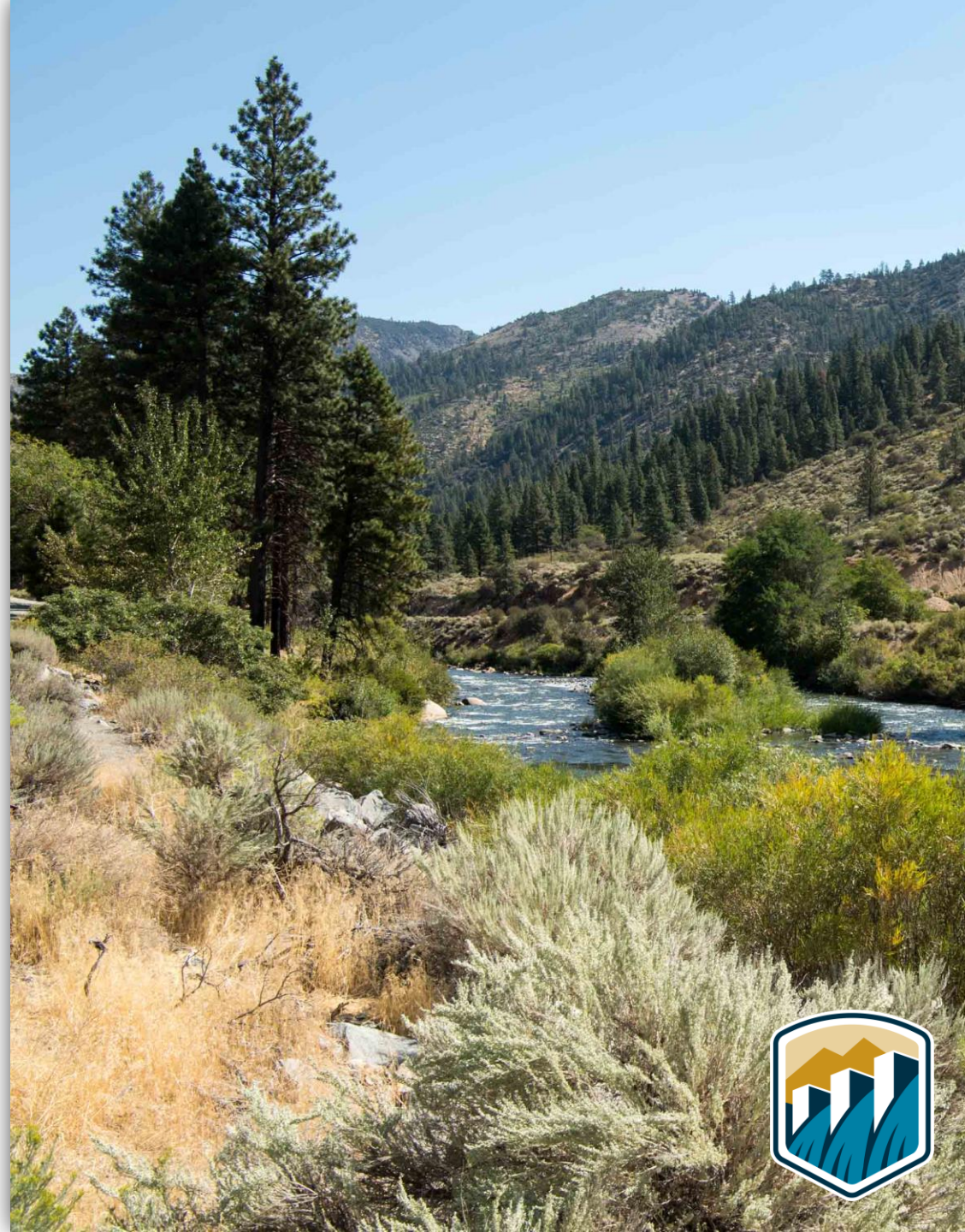
- Watershed group development
- Conducting outreach activities
- Gathering data about the watershed
- Watershed restoration plans
- Project design

Funding

- 0% Non-Federal cost share required
- Up to \$200,000 in Reclamation funding over 2 years
- Sufficiency review required for second year funding

Eligible Applicants:

Existing OR proposed watershed groups, states, Indian Tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts), local governmental entities, interstate organizations, and non-profit organizations.



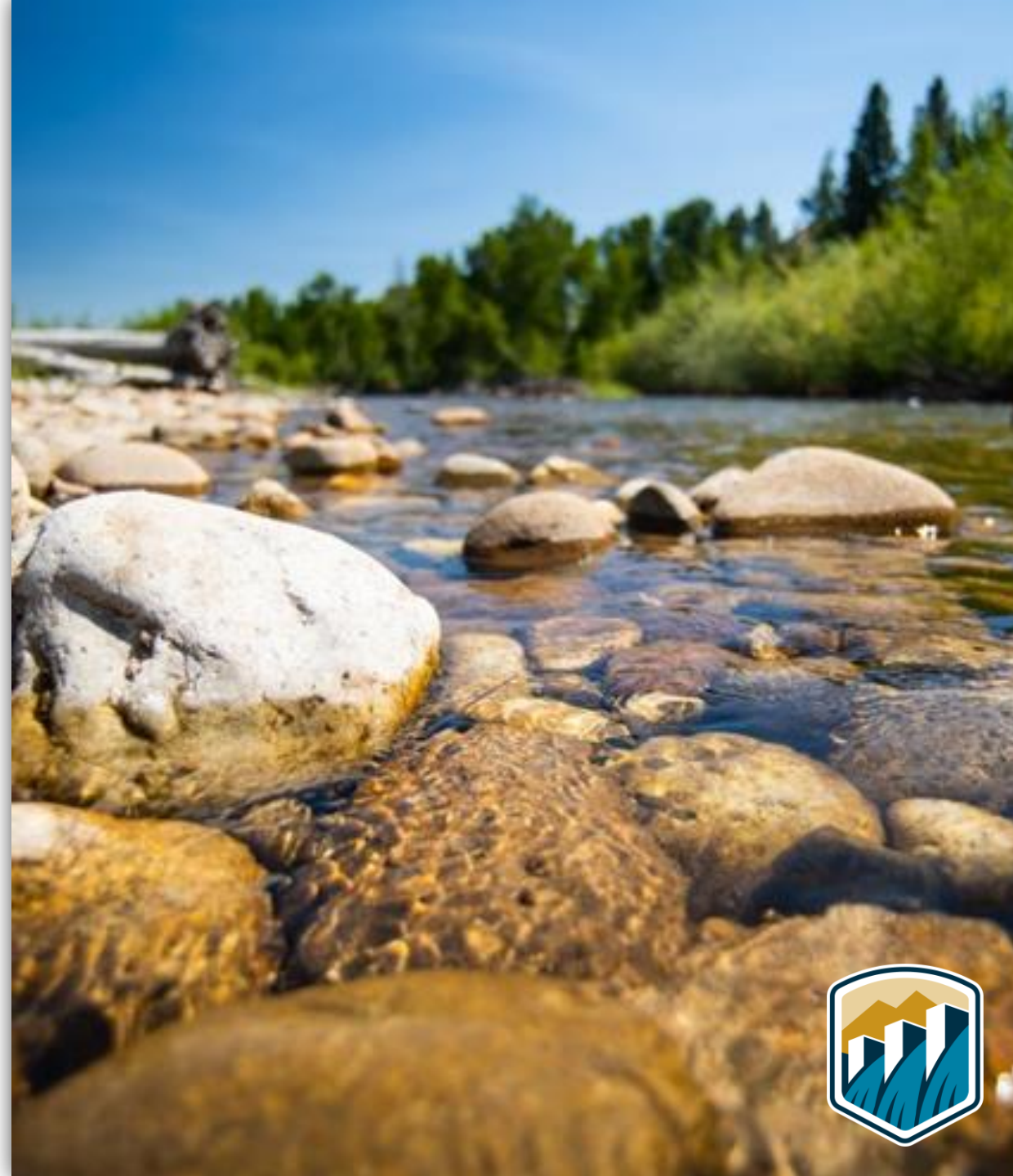
Environmental Water Resources Projects

Eligible Project Types

- Water conservation and efficiency projects that increase reliability for ecological values
- Improvements to mitigate drought-related impacts to ecological values
- Watershed management or restoration projects benefitting ecological values
- Projects to improve the condition of a natural feature or nature-based feature

Funding

- Federal funding comes from WaterSMART Grants and Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP)
- Non-Federal Cost Share: 25% to 50%



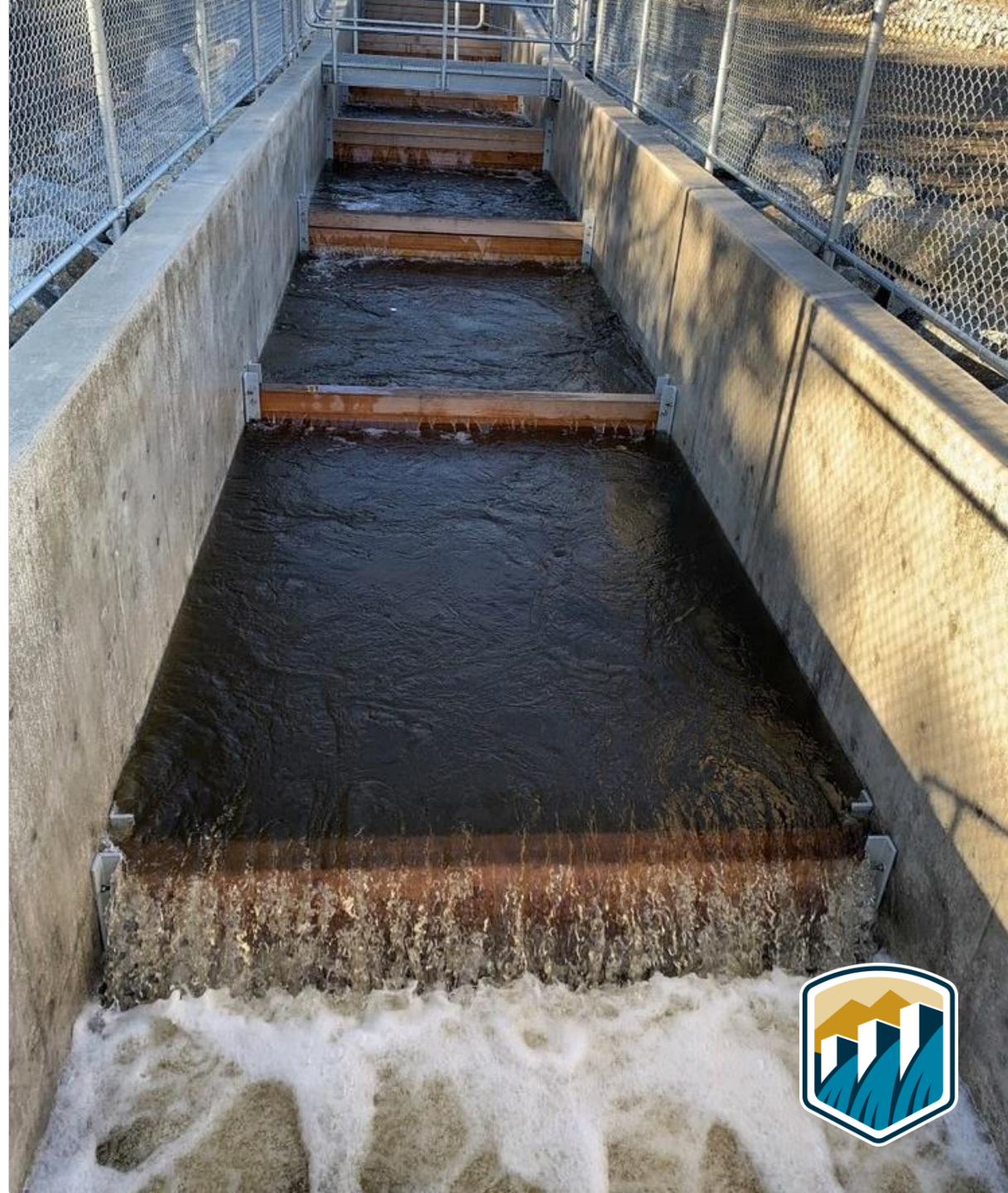
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects

Eligible Project Types

- Funds the study, design, and construction of large-scale aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects
- Projects should improve habitat or fish passage, including through the removal or bypass of fish barriers
- Prioritizes projects that provide regional benefits (across multiple basins), are a component of an aging infrastructure strategy, or benefit an underserved community

Non-Federal Cost Share: Two Phases

- Planning and Design: NO Federal Cost Share
- Construction: 35% Non-Federal Cost Share



Applied Science Grants

Eligible Projects

- Improve or enhance modeling capabilities
- Improve or adapt forecasting tools and technologies
- Improve access to and use of water resources data

Funding

- 50% non-Federal cost share required
- Up to \$200k for a 2-year project

Eligible Applicants

- Entities with water delivery authority can partner with universities, non-profits, and research institutes

Funding Opportunity Coming Early 2023



Planning & Project Design

Eligible Projects

- Water Marketing, Supply, and Restoration Planning
- Drought Contingency Planning
- Project Design
 - Environmental Water Resources Projects
 - Water management and Conservation Projects
 - Drought Resiliency Projects

50% non-Federal cost share

