Getting Started

- Attendees’ cameras and microphones are muted
- Questions and comments can be posted in the Q&A icon on the bottom of the menu bar

- To watch the recording, use the same link used to join the Teams Live Event.
- A copy of the slides will be available on our website: https://www.usbr.gov/smallstorage/
Small Storage Program

- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) enacted November 15, 2021.
  - Provides $100 million from Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 to establish and implement a new competitive grant program for small water storage and groundwater storage projects.
- Small storage projects are defined by:
  - Water storage capacity of not less than 2,000 acre-feet and not more than 30,000 acre-feet and:
    - increases surface or groundwater storage; or
    - conveys water, directly or indirectly, to or from surface water or groundwater storage.
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• Eligible Non-Federal project sponsors:
  • will include a state, regional, or local authority; Indian tribe or tribal organization; or other entities such as a water district or water association within the 17 Western States, Alaska, or Hawaii.

• Funding:
  • Awards are limited to the lesser of $30 million or 25% of project costs.
  • Funding will be allocated through a competitive process.
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• Priority shall be given to projects that meet 1 or more of the following criteria:
  • Projects that are likely to provide more reliable water supply
  • Projects that are likely to increase water management flexibility
  • Projects that are regional in nature
  • Projects with multiple stakeholders
  • Projects with multiple benefits
The Secretary of the Interior must determine:

- the feasibility study, and the process under which the study was developed, complies with Federal laws (including regulations) applicable to feasibility studies of small storage projects.
- the project is technically and financially feasible in accordance with the guidelines developed and reclamation law
- the project provides a federal benefit
- there is sufficient non-Federal funding to complete the project
How to Become Eligible for Small Storage Project Funding

• A completed feasibility study must be submitted and found to meet all requirements of Reclamation’s Directives and Standards.

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Small Storage Feasibility Study Requirements

• Report Contents:
  1. Introductory Information
  2. Statement of Problems and Needs
  3. Small Storage Opportunities
  4. Description of Alternatives
  5. Economic Analysis
  6. Selection of the Proposed Project
  7. Risk and Uncertainty
  8. Environmental Consideration and Potential Effects
  9. Legal and Institutional Requirements
  10. Sufficient Non-Federal Funding

• Flexibility Concerning Format
Next Steps

Submission of Small Storage Feasibility Studies

- October 2022: Deadline to submit feasibility studies to Reclamation for review to determine eligibility to compete for funding under the Fiscal Year 2023 funding opportunity announcement.

Notice of Funding Opportunity

- The NOFO is currently under development.
- Anticipated release late Summer 2022, with awards in 2023.
  - Will be posted to Small Storage Program Website:
    - [https://www.usbr.gov/smallstorage/](https://www.usbr.gov/smallstorage/)
Small Storage Program Resources

• Small Water Storage Program Website (including link to subscribe for more information):
  • https://www.usbr.gov/smallstorage/

• Successful proposals will be available on the website as program is implemented.

• Additional funding opportunities can be found at www.grants.gov

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Questions?