

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Opportunities

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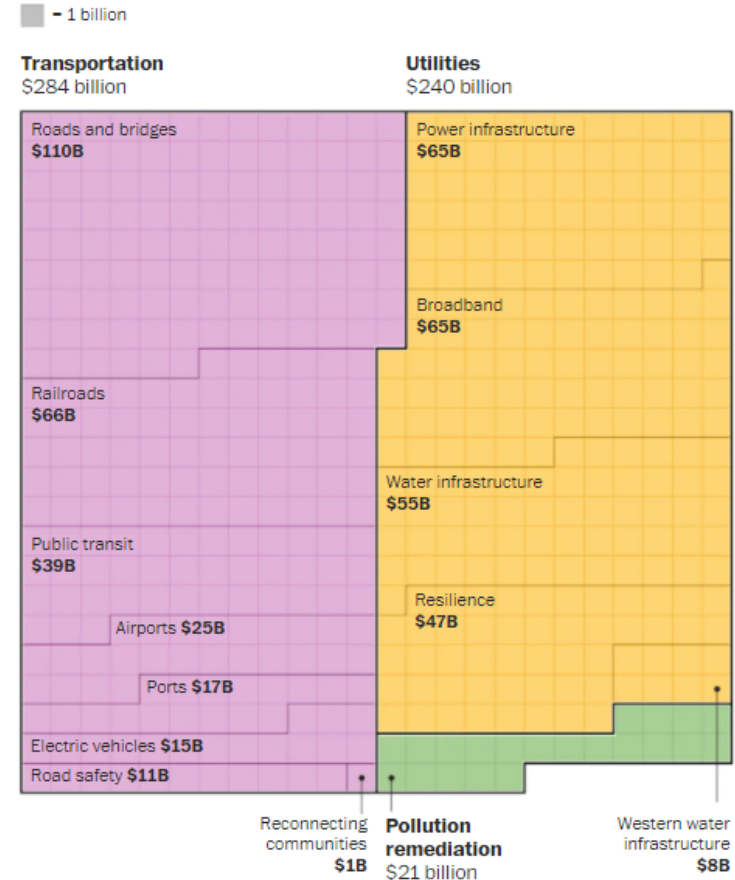
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BIL Overview

- Also Known as The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Signed into law on November 15, 2021
- \$1.2 Trillion package; \$550B for new investments
- 5-Year Timeframe

\$550 billion in new investments

Almost half of the \$1.2 trillion package is going toward new investments in transportation, utilities and pollution remediation.



An additional \$5 billion is made up of small provisions to aid different groups.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

THE WASHINGTON POST



BIL Fast Facts – Water

Bureau of Reclamation

- **\$8.3B**
- \$1.66B annually over 5 years
- **Key Programs:**
 - Aging Infrastructure Account
 - WaterSMART
 - Dam Safety

Environmental Protection Agency (Water)

- **\$55.426B**
- **Key Programs:**
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - Lead Service Lines SRF
 - PFAS SRF
 - Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grants

NRCS

- **\$918M**
- **Key Programs:**
 - Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program [PL566]
 - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

United States Forest Service

- **\$5.5B**
- \$3B to reduce the risk of wildland fire and restore ecosystems



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**PARTNER
COMMUNICATION**



**UNDERSTANDING
LOCAL PRIORITIES**



**FUNDING, TECHNICAL,
& ADVOCACY SUPPORT**

**Focus
Areas**



Funding Advice

Multi-Benefit Projects

- Build project coalitions, bring together multiple partners
- Focus on project benefits

Environmental Groundwork

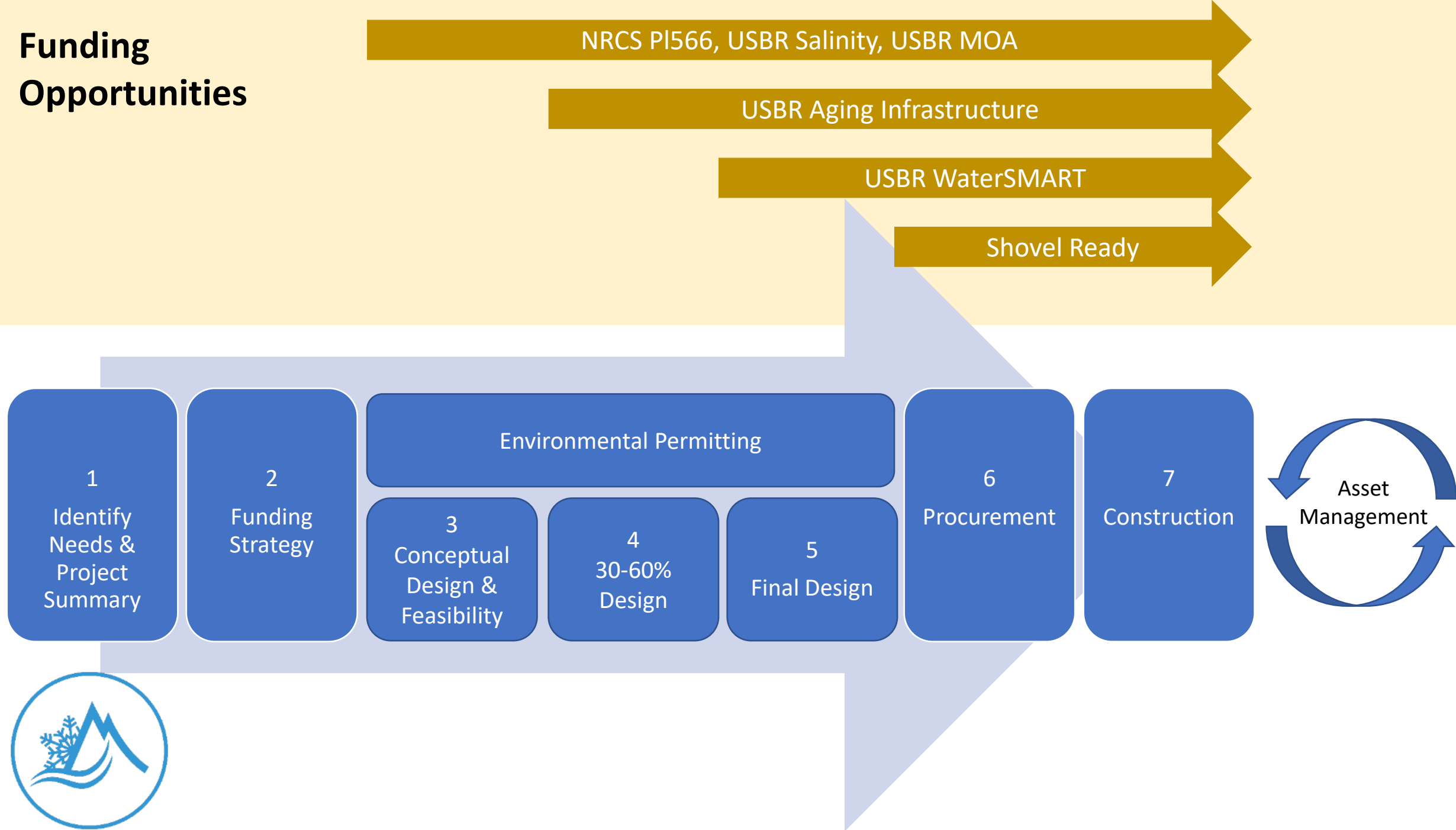
- NEPA considerations
- BABA – *Build America, Buy America Act*

Early-Stage Planning

- Preliminary Design
- Feasibility Level Cost Estimates



Funding Opportunities



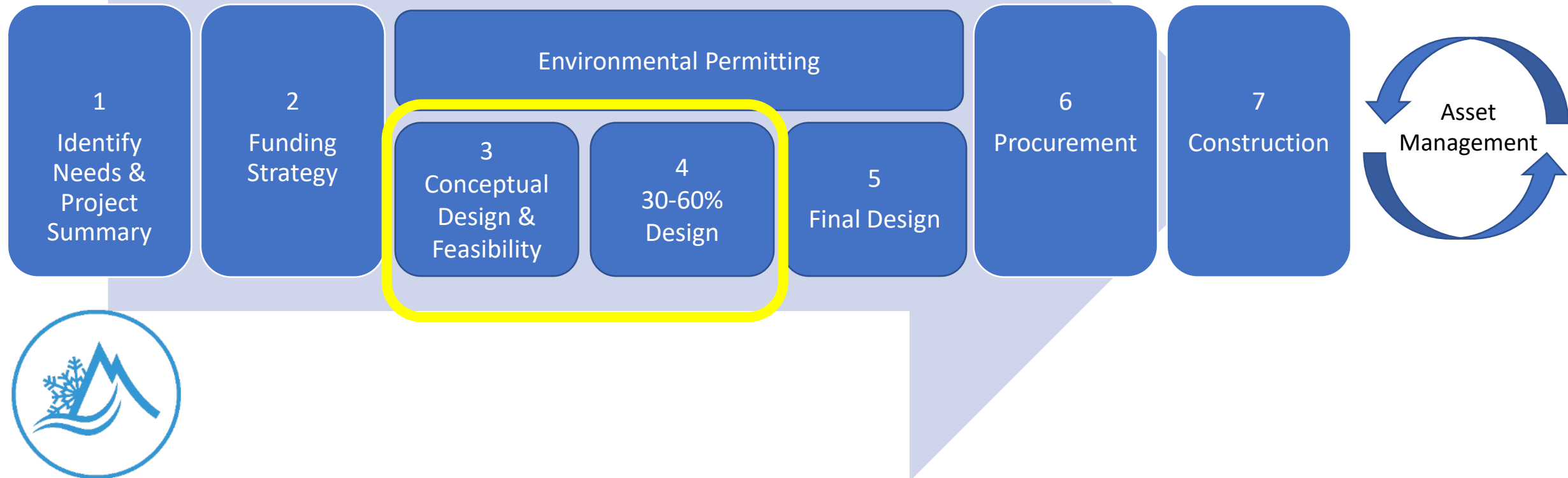
Funding Opportunities

NRCS PI566, USBR Salinity, USBR MOA

USBR Aging Infrastructure

USBR WaterSMART

Shovel Ready



Interior officials said **CVWD had been "proactive" in identifying critical capital projects in the area.**

"Without timely replacement, meeting water deliveries could be completely jeopardized due to lack of redundancy in the design of the system," the Interior Department officials said. **"These projects have been designed and are shovel-ready."**



California desert water agencies win \$100 million in U.S. funding for aging dams, canals



Janet Wilson

Palm Springs Desert Sun

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The Coachella branch of the All-American Canal separates the open desert from farmland in Coachella. Jay Calderon And Richard Lui/The

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ACCELERATOR GRANT

Bring your federal funding
grant application up to speed

APPLICATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2022

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**Applications Due
August 1, 2022**

ACCELERATOR GRANT BRING YOUR FEDERAL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION UP TO SPEED

Funding to Support

- Grant-writing
- Feasibility
- Design
- Preliminary environmental review
- Benefits analyses
- Engineering

Grant Deliverable Must Include a Federal Funding Application

- Priority for projects targeting a 2023 Funding Cycle
- In no cases can the funds support applications submitted after 2024.

Colorado River District will consider funding up to 85% of funding needs. Decisions made by September 15th. Requests >\$50k will be reviewed at the October 18-19 Board Meeting



How to Apply:

- 1. Review Program Website and Materials ColoradoRiverDistrict.org.
- 2. Reach out to PartnerFunding@crwcd.org to set-up a pre-application meeting.
- 3. Thoroughly answer the two questions on the [Accelerator Grant Addendum](#) and attach word document in your application.
- 4. Submit application and supporting materials by **August 1st**.



Addendum Questions:

- Which federal funding opportunity(ies) you have identified for your project.
- The target date to apply and receive funds.
- If you've discussed your project with a federal representative. **Strongly encouraged!*
- Future matching needs if awarded federal funding.



**High-impact projects and
investments for West Slope
water**

\$4.2 million annually



USBR Water Conservation Field Services Program



Application
opened this
week!
Applications due
July 29th



Funds Water
Conservation and
Management
Planning and
System
Optimization
Review



Eligible
applicants:
**Entities with
water or power
delivery
authority**



Up to \$100K per
project



50% match

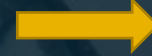


Upper Colorado
Bucket

USBR WaterSMART



Multiple grant opportunities open:



- **Water and Energy Efficiency Grants:** Applications due July 28th
- *Coming up: Environmental Water Resources Projects*
- *Coming up: Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects*



\$400 million over 5 years



In general, 50% cost share



Advice: Create account on [Sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov) and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) ahead of time!



USBR Aging Infrastructure



Annual funding opportunity

Announcement:
October 31st

Deadline:
December 31st



\$3.2 billion over 5 years



Low interest loans for extraordinary maintenance (XM)



Emergency XM:
35% non-reimbursable



Accurate cost estimates increase chance of securing funds



Projects need to be listed in the **USBR MR&R database**



NRCS PL566 (Watershed)



First come, first
serve



Watershed up
to 250,000
acres



Funds project
from planning
stage, but
requires a
Watershed
Plan
Environmental
Assessment



\$500 million over
5 years



Time
concerns

Federal Cost Share by Purpose		
Purpose	Engineering	Construction
Flood Prevention	100%	100%
Watershed Protection	100%	Varies
Fish/Wildlife/Public Recreation	100%	Up to 50%
Agricultural Water Management	Up to 100%	Up to 75%
M&I Water Supply	0%	Up to 50%
Water Quality Management	Up to 100%	Varies
Rehabilitation	Up to 100%	65%

State Revolving Fund



Will receive water sector BIL funds directed to the State of Colorado



\$700 million expected over the next 5 years



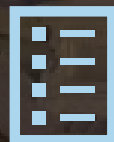
Finances the design and construction of public drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects.



Administer jointly by CDPHE, Department of Local Affairs, and the Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority.



Accessing BIL funding will follow the same process as standard SRF funding with expanded loan forgiveness options



Make sure you are on the 2023 Eligibility List (closes June 30th) and go to: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/glu> to learn more!

Aquatic Connectivity

US Forest Service

American the Beautiful Challenge

- Collaborative, large-scale projects that expand aquatic habitat connectivity and conserve at-risk species
- Federal and non-federal lands. States, tribes and territories may apply.

Internal application process for several opportunities

US Fish and Wildlife Services

National Fish Passage Program

- Any entity can apply. Proposals must be submitted in cooperation with a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office.

US Army Corps of Engineers

Instream Barrier Removal Program

- Non-federal sponsor requirement. Coordinate with local USACE district.
- No cost share

NOAA Fisheries

Fish passage competitive grants

US Department of Energy

New grant program for hydropower – environmental improvements, grid resiliency, dam safety





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