

QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING TO MITIGATE DROUGHT?

Opportunity for free advice for your utility on potential drought funding and mitigation projects

One-stop shop of government funding agencies and experts



Drought is gripping the nation, especially in California, and contributing to cascading disasters including wildfires, floods, and landslides. What can water and wastewater utilities do, especially small and disadvantaged utilities?

Who is providing help? U.S. EPA is coordinating with federal and state partners to offer a one-stop shop to help water and wastewater utilities with identifying possible drought mitigation strategies, as well as to help utilities understand the types of funding available to mitigate drought and who to contact if they want to get started.

What types of drought projects could be eligible? Aquifer storage and recovery, groundwater replenishment, green infrastructure, deeper wells, infiltration wells, water reuse, alternative water sources, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, water loss audits, leak detection projects, etc. Nature-based solutions are especially encouraged.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, EPA would like to hear from you:

- Do you need help in developing a drought contingency plan? See [EPA's Drought Response and Recovery Guide](#).
- Do you have a shovel-ready or near shovel-ready project to address drought and need funding?
- Do you need help in identifying possible mitigation strategies to address drought and other associated hazards?



How to get free assistance for your utility:

Email your utility name, city, state and phone number to:

DroughtQuestions@epa.gov
and we will contact you.

We encourage small and disadvantaged utilities to reach out.

WHO SHOULD REQUEST HELP?

Drinking water, wastewater and storm water utility staff and management staff involved in finance and risk.

Drought Funding Resources for Water and Wastewater Utilities

- [EPA's Federal Funding for Utilities – Water/Wastewater – in National Disasters \(Fed FUNDS\)](#)
- [EPA's Addressing and Mitigating Drought with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [California's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program](#)
- [EPA's Integrating Water Reuse into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [California's Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program](#)
- [California Small Community Drought Relief Program](#)
- [EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act](#)
- [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(post-disaster\) in California](#)
- [FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) \(pre-disaster\) in California](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Water Grants/Loans](#)
- [USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant \(ECWAG\) Program](#)
- [Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants](#)
- [HUD Community Development Block Grants](#)
- [California Water System Drought Assistance](#)

