

**REPORT OUT**  
**From the Aguas del Norte Alliance Meeting**  
**7 July 2023**

Prepared by  
The Southwest Environmental Finance Center  
Center for Water and the Environment  
at The University of New Mexico

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## Introduction

Thank you all for joining us on for the Northern NM Regional Discussion for Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Thank you to Rio Arriba County for allowing us to use the Old Tierra Amarilla Elementary Gymnasium. Around 15 people joined us for the discussion (See the sign-in sheet attached to this report). Thank you, to all of you who were able to attend, for taking the time out of your busy schedules!

This report is meant to bring together what was discussed at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Therefore, the SWEFC created this report with the following in mind:

1. to provide you with materials from the meeting;
2. to provide you with a summary of the conversation mapping exercise; and
3. to let you know the status of our work on the next meeting.

If we have missed something or something is not accurate, please reach out to, joni palmer: [palmerjonim@unm.edu](mailto:palmerjonim@unm.edu).

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### Aguas del Norte Water Alliance Meeting Agenda

Friday July 7, 2023 | 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Rio Arriba County -Old Tierra Amarilla Elementary Gymnasium  
at 32 NM State Road 531

Welcome	Belarmino/Heather	10 m
Introductions/Report (from 28 April mtg) highlights	joni	10 m
NMFA Funding Overview		20 m
▪ WTB	Ramon	
▪ DWSRLF	Melanie	
▪ Funding Table/NMFA	joni	
Funding Timetable	Ramon	20 m
Debrief on funding: Can we do this process better?		
Break		10 m
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		70 minutes
ABCD Model (Group)	Melanie/joni	40 m
▪ Explain = 5 minutes		
▪ Get people at tables = 5 minutes		
▪ The exercise = 30 minutes		
Debrief / ICIP/Capital Outlay Funding	Ramon	20 m
Next Steps + Questions	joni/Heather	10-15 m
Adjourn/Thank you		
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		70 - 75 minutes

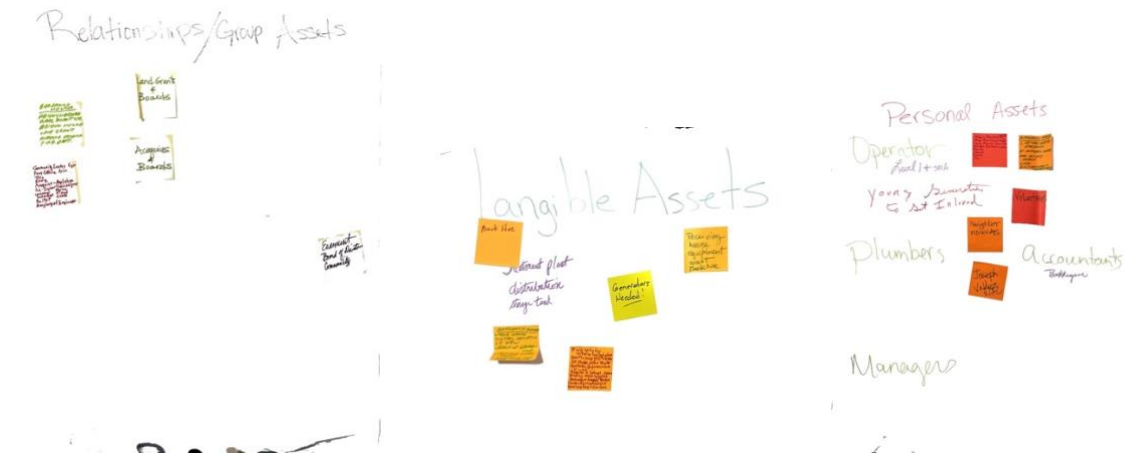
## 1. Meeting Handouts

Resources were provided at the registration table, please see attachments to this report. Ramon's slide deck is also attached to this report: Navigating Water Project Application Cycles (NMFA)

## 2. Summary of the ABCD group activity

This activity was conducted in order to better understand the different types of assets that exist amongst the water systems in Northern New Mexico.

### Assets: Relationship/Group, Tangible, and Personal



Images: 3 boards for group activity

#### a. Relationships/Group Assets

Land Grants & Boards  
Easement  
Board of Directors  
Community  
Acequias & Boards

Community Center Gym  
Post Office Arin  
Tito Emery  
Acequias, Alex Lebya  
Engineer: Jackie Wagner, Moises, Floyd, Enero  
Consumer Watchdogs  
Pre 1907  
Army Corp of Engineers

#### Barranco MDWCA

- Abiquiu Library
- Rural Community Center
- Abiquiu MDWCA
- Land Grant
- Acequia Association
- Fire Dept.

**b. Tangible Assets**

Backhoe (2 people noted this)  
Treatment plant  
Distribution  
Storage tank  
Receiving heavy equipment grant

\*Generators needed!

**c. Personal Assets**

Operator: level 1 and SMA  
Plumbers  
Accountants  
Bookkeeper  
Managers  
Neighbor MDWCAs  
Joseph Valdez, RCAC  
Volunteers

\*Need young generation to get involved

**Topics You Want to Discuss at Upcoming Meetings**

Networking (7)

Partnerships and Collaboration (7)

Meters (4)

Lead & Copper Rules (3)

NM Warn/County Emergency Response Plans (2)

PFAS (1)

Wastewater (1)

Additional Topics

- Governance documents: Review and Revise (1)
- Investing Reserve Funds [more return but not risky investments (1)
- How to work with engineers? e.g., basics of engineering, how to not get 'hung out to dry,'  
How to ask the 'right' questions

## Notes from Discussion

- What things can/should you all collaborate on (e.g., work together)?
- Long-term: need to do things differently!
- Mixing and matching funding for projects: create a funding plan!
  - Funding plan is a road map for the board to share with community to show them projects and funding process. Also helps you make informed decisions about which grants and loans to apply for (i.e., for particular projects) and when.
  - Think about planning, design, construction management, completion of project over time (e.g., months and years)!
  - Grant to debt ratio: think about this on a 20–30-year time horizon.  
→ Important to have your financials in good order because has implications down the road (e.g., for future applications).
- Asset Management Plans: think about this as something that serves the board and the community = not just a check box (e.g., Why are rates rising? You can show them the AM plan, re: condition of assets)
- How to get people to pay their water bills?  
The *tough love* approach:
  - Tell them that those who pay, pay increased rates for/because of those who don't pay.
  - Shut off water if don't payHealth & Human Services has some money for water bills
- What is the impact on your community if you wait for grants?!
  - It might serve you well to take loans to get a project completed because there is a cost (s) to the community if things aren't fixed!

Unincorporated areas are often left out of emergency response plans, etc. Need to educate water systems about water and fire/post-fire (e.g., Mora).

→ Association of Counties = partnership to give presentation/educational materials

Must tie operations & maintenance with planning and design (e.g., can do planning and design without considering how the system will operate and maintain over time).

## Potential Locations for Future Meetings

- Heron Lake
- Lumberton – school?
- Barranco Mesa – Abiquiu
- Chama?
- Ask communities to host to encourage attendance

### 3. Status of Our Work on the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aguas del Norte Alliance will be Friday 20 October, from 10 am – 1 pm At St. Thomas Parish Hall, 1 Church Plaza, Abiquiu, NM 87510. The topic will be: Networking /Sharing Resources and Information on NMED Lead Line Inventory requirements. Melanie Delgado, joni palmer, and Sami Stroud are working on advertising this event via email, phone calls, posting flyers in communities (See flyer on next page), and local newspapers and radio.

We will be building on the July 7<sup>th</sup> ABCD activity during the group community networking exercise at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE:**  
**Aguas del Norte Water Alliance Meeting**  
**Friday, October 20th from 10 am - 1 pm**  
**Networking/ Sharing Resources and**  
**Information on NMED Lead Line Inventory**  
**requirements**



**Location:** St. Thomas Parish Hall, 1 Church Plaza,  
Abiquiu, NM 87510

Snacks and coffee will be provided

**RSVP to:**

Melanie Delgado: [melanie.delgado@env.nm.gov](mailto:melanie.delgado@env.nm.gov)  
or joni palmer: [palmerjonim@unm.edu](mailto:palmerjonim@unm.edu)



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**Final Thoughts**

As stated in the previous report, we could use your help getting the word out about these regular quarterly meetings (with special topics meetings as needed): Please share information about events, and invite people to join the email listserv that Melanie created: [env-northernnmdiscussion@state.nm.us](mailto:env-northernnmdiscussion@state.nm.us). Send names and emails to [Melanie Delgado at NMENV](mailto:Melanie Delgado at NMENV) and she will get people on the listserv. Also, if you have contacts at local newspapers and local radio stations, please let joni ([palmerjonim@unm.edu](mailto:palmerjonim@unm.edu)) know—we would like to use additional platforms (other than email/listserv) to advertise these meetings!

Thanks, again, for participating in the Aguas del Norte Alliance meetings: we look forward to continuing these conversations with and for all of you!

## Resources Sheet for Northern NM Group

- SWEFC main webpage: <https://swefc.unm.edu/home/>
- SWEFC Integrated Asset Management Framework Webpage: <https://swefc.unm.edu/iamf/>
- SWEFC Asset Management InfoHub: <https://swefcamswitchboard.unm.edu/am/>
- SWEFC Wastewater InfoHub: <https://infohub.swefc.unm.edu/>
- SWEFC Water Loss InfoHub: <https://swefc.unm.edu/wlswitchboard/>
- SWEFC State Revolving Fund InfoHub: <https://swefcsrfswitchboard.unm.edu/srf/>
  - Resources for NM SRF: <https://swefcsrfswitchboard.unm.edu/srf/new-mexico-state-revolving-fund-resources/>
- New Mexico Water and Wastewater Funding Table, updated 2019: <https://efcnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/NM-Water-Wastewater-Funds-2019.pdf>
- PFAs Cost Recovery Program (sign up here): <https://nrwa.org/cost-recovery/>
- EPA webpage on revised lead and copper rule: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/revised-lead-and-copper-rule>
- NM 811: <https://geocall.nm811.org/geocall/portal>
- RCAC Trainings Calendar: [https://www.events.rcac.org/rcac/calendar.asp?Cal\\_View=YEARVIEW&Cal\\_Day=1](https://www.events.rcac.org/rcac/calendar.asp?Cal_View=YEARVIEW&Cal_Day=1)

### **Attachments: See next pages**

- Aguas del Norte Alliance: Northern NM Water Systems Water Systems Community Profiles
- Sign-in Sheet
- Handouts
- Navigating Water Project Application Cycles (Ramon's slide deck)

**Aguas del Norte Alliance: Northern NM Water Systems**  
 Water Systems Community Profiles

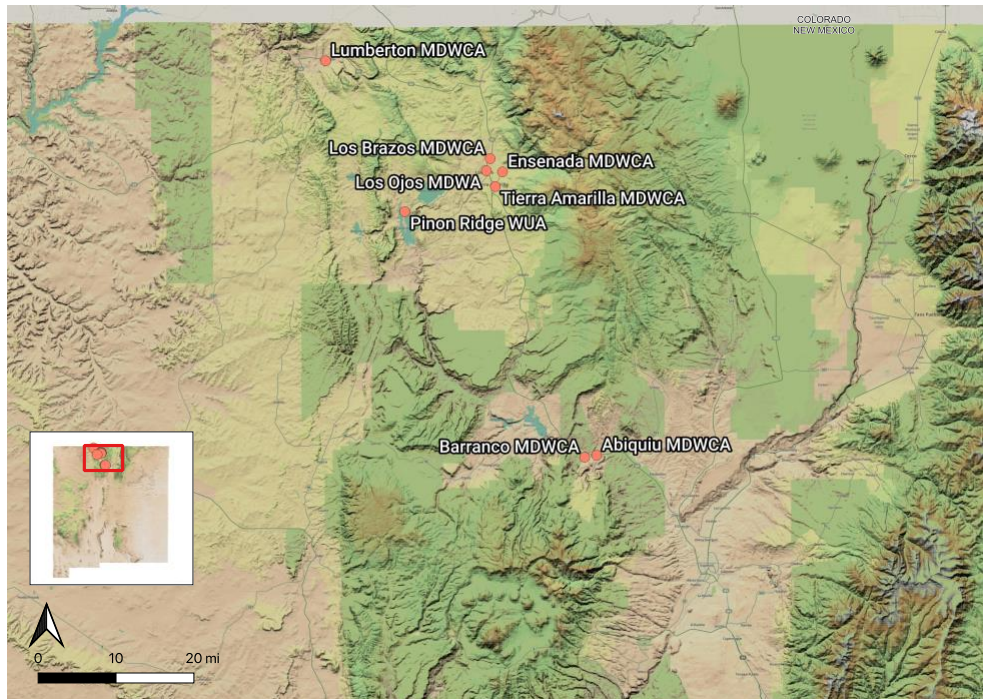
Water system	Population	Per Capita Use (gpcd)	Withdrawals (acre-ft)	# connections	Website	Board
Abiquiu Mutual Domestic Water & Sewer Works Association (Abiquiu MDWCA)	400 (a)	80 (a)	36 (GW) (a)	147 (b)	-	Unknown
Barranco MDWCA	51(a)	102 (a)	6 (GW) (a)	35(b)	-	Unknown
Ensenada MDWCA (Ensenada Water)	150 (a)	57 (a)	10 (GW) (a)	79 (b)	-	Unknown
Los Brazos MDWCA	30 (a)	139 (a)	5 (GW) (a)		<a href="https://upperbrazoswater.org/">https://upperbrazoswater.org/</a>	Yes, Board of Directors
Los Ojos MDWA	500 (a)	80 (a)	45 (GW) (a)		-	Unknown
Lumberton MDWCA (Lumberton Water)	203 (c)			85 (b)	-	Unknown
Pinon Ridge WUA				61 (b)	-	Unknown
Tierra Amarilla Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (TA MDWCA)	470 (a)	97 (a)	51 (GW) (a)	150 (b)	<a href="https://www.tawater.org/">https://www.tawater.org/</a>	Yes, Board of Directors

**Attendees that are not Water Utilities**  
 RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation)  
 NM meters  
 NMRWA (New Mexico Rural Water Association)

(a) Source: Rio Chama Regional Water Plan 2016

(b) Source: NMRWA System Member Directory <https://nmrwa.org/system-members/page/8/>

(c) Source: 2020 US Census Bureau






# SIGN-IN SHEET for Northern New Mexico Regional Conversation

EPA H2O Community Solutions Teams / Southwest Environmental Finance Center / NMED Northern NM Regional Conversation

Friday 7 July, 2023 at Rio Arriba County -Old Tierra Amarilla Elementary Gymnasium

#	Name	Water system and Mailing Address	Telephone, Email, and Fax (if appropriate)	Op Cert # (If applicable)	Credit Hours (For Trainer Use Only)
6	Galen Knight, Ph.D (Chemistry/biochemistry)	Studying for Water Op. Canjilon MDIUCA P.O. Box 619 Canjilon, NM 87515	T: 575-684-0148 E: galenvtp@highfiber.com Fax: NA	In Training	
7	MARK LAMB MARKI.LAMB@EMNRD .NM.90Y	HELM LAKE HC 75 BOX 1051 LOS OJOS NM 87557	T: 575-779-4954 E: Fax:	NM 07799	
8	WILLIE PICARO	BARRANCO MOWCA P.O. BOX 1053 ABIQUIU NM 87510	T: 505 685-4352 E: JSP407NJT@GMAIL AND willore@ Fax: WINDSTREAM.NET		
9	Jim Giesen	T.A. LOS OJOS, LOS OJOS RUTHERFORD, MDWA	T: 505 481 9700 E: aguavides575@gmail.com Fax:	NM 12956	
10		 <p>Vital Therapeutics, Inc.</p> <p><b>Galen D. Knight, Ph.D</b> Founder, Director and President</p> <p>(575) 684-0148 galenvtp@highfiber.com <a href="http://vitaltherapeutics.org/">http://vitaltherapeutics.org/</a></p>			

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1	Jennifer Viereck <i>Asset Management? training w/ start inventory + map</i>	Abiquiu MDUCA PO Box 133 Abiquiu NM 87510	T: 505-685-0597 E: jvriereck@gmail.com Fax:		
2	Charlotte Paetzold <i>Next Mtg location</i>	Abiquiu Water	T: 505-685-4434 E: 505-210-5959 buttons.ecpegmail.com Fax:		
3	Christine Romnes	Lumberton	T: 575 209 0603 E: lumbertonwater@gmail.com Fax:		
4	José Agapito Caudetari	Los Ojos	T: 575-779-5786 E: josecardeleiria78@gmail.com Fax:		
5	José B Ambrulet	Los Ojos NM	T: 575-209-0606 E: 06 Fax:		

Tierra y Libertad MDWCA is seeking engineering consulting services to include planning, design, construction management, and construction observation for the Tierra y Libertad MDWCA Water System Improvement Project. The scope of work includes, but not limited to, a Preliminary Engineering Report, an Environmental Report, a Geohydrology Report for the purpose of siting a supplemental water supply well, water supply well, renovations to the existing pumphouse including upgrades to pump controls and telemetry, new electrical, a new plumbing manifold including a water master meter, a sodium hypochlorite pump, water storage tank, transmission and distribution lines to include gate valves, fire hydrants and water meters.

- Request for Proposals
  - January 2023 – Develop and Submit draft RFP to PTAB
  - February 2023 – Obtain PTAB RFP approval
  - March 2023 – Advertise RFP to seek engineering consultant
  - April 2023 – Receive and review engineering consultant proposals
  - April 2023 – Select engineering consultant
  - May 2023 – Execute PER contract with engineering consultant for PER
  
- NMED or NCNMEDD Planning Grant
  - March 2023 – Submit Geohydrology Report funding request to NMED/NCNMEDD
  - April 2023 – Obtain funding award
  - May 2023 – Execute contract for Geohydrology Report
  - July 2023 – Submit Geohydrology Report to NMED/Owner for review
  - Aug 2023 – Receive NMED/Owner comments
  - Aug 2023 – Revise Geohydrology Report
  - Sept 2023 – Finalize Geohydrology Report
  
- NMFA Planning Grants
  - January 2023 – Submit LPGF application to NMFA for PER
  - March 2023 – Obtain NMFA LPGF Award Letter
  - May 2023 – Execute PER contract with engineering consultant
  - June 2023 – Begin work on PER
  - June 2024 – Submit draft PER to NMED/Owner for review
  - July 2024 – Obtain comments from NMED/Owner
  - Aug 2024 – Revise PER and resubmit for final review
  - Sept 2024 – Receive NMED approval for PER
  
- 2024 Capital Outlay \$250,000 Appropriation Request (Project Design)
  - December 2023 – Submit Capital Outlay Application
  - January 2024 – Meet with Legislative Delegation about Project
  - March 2024 – Capital Outlay legislation signed by Governor
  - May 2024 – Bond questionnaires sent to Local Governments
  - June 2024 – Bonds are sold to make funding available
  - August – September 2024 – Grant agreements sent to Local Governments
  - October 2024 – Fully execute grant agreements
  - November 2024 – Enter into a contract with engineering consultant for project design
  - May 2025 – Submit preliminary design to NMED/Owner for review
  - July 2025 – Obtain Owner and NMED approval for project design

- 2025/2026 Water Trust Board Application (Construction)
  - August 2025 – Submit WTB Letter of Intent
  - September 2025 – Submit WTB application
  - December 2025 – January 2026 – Submit WTB Readiness Application
    - May 2026 – Funding Awards
    - October 2026 – Readiness Items Due
    - January 2027 – Execute loan/grant agreement
    - February 2027 – Execute construction contract with engineering consultant
    - March – April 24, 2027 – Advertise project for construction bids
    - May 2027 – Award construction project to lowest qualified bidder
    - July 2027 – Begin construction
    - December 2027 – Complete construction of project

**Appendix III: Permission for Access Form**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Current ICIP User
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional ICIP User
<input type="checkbox"/>	New ICIP Entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPMS Access Only

**FY 2025-2029 ICIP Permission for Access/  
New Entity Request Form/CPMS Access**

(Must be a political subdivision of the state - municipality, county, special district, tribe, or senior center facility )

Choose Entity Type from drop downs below:

Entity Type: N/A

Special District: N/A

\_\_\_\_\_ (Entity Name) agrees to provide the following agency or individual the authority to enter the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the FY 2025-2029 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan database for this entity.

**Person with signatory authority for this local government entity to give such permission:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Agency or individual who has been given authority to enter the ICIP data on behalf of said entity:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix I: ICIP Completion Certification Form

## FY 2025-2029 ICIP Completion Certification Form

Official Entity Name

ICIP Entity Code

This certifies that the official has completed and entered the information required for the FY 2024-2028 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP), to include the following for each project (please check mark each item completed):

### 1. Entity Information

- ICIP Officer, Procurement Officer, Financial Officer: name, telephone, email
- COG District number
- Address Information
- Entity type
- Compliant with Executive Order 2013-006
- Comprehensive plan and other planning documents

### 2. Capital Project Detail

- Priority
- Year/Rank
- Project Title
- Project Contact Information
- Total Project Cost
- Class
- Type/Subtype
- Project Location (include Latitude/Longitude)
- Legislative Language
- Scope of Work
- Secured/Potential Funding Budget
- Project Budget
- Phasing Budget
- Operating Budget
- Who will Own, Operate, Fiscal Agent, Own Land, Own Asset, and Maintain
- #19 Answer all questions as related to each specific project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (xx/xx/xxxx)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## Appendix II: Resolution Template

County, Municipality/Tribal Government/Special District of

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2025-2029 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a major concern in New Mexico and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, systematic capital improvements planning is an effective tool for communities to define their development needs, establish priorities and pursue concrete actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

WHEREAS, this process contributes to local and regional efforts in project identification and selection in short and long range capital planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ that:

1. The county/municipality/tribal government/special district has adopted the attached FY 2025-2029 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.
3. This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/County Commission Chair/Board Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal/County Clerk/Other Testator



# New Mexico Environment Department

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## Water Protection Division

October 2022

In November 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL). The BIL provides for significant federal investments in transportation, broadband, water, and other types of infrastructure. In many programs, the increased funding will flow to states, tribes, and communities over five years, beginning in 2022.

In 2022, New Mexico is eligible to receive over \$63 million through the BIL for five water infrastructure programs:

1. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) supplemental (for wastewater, stormwater, and other eligible water quality infrastructure projects)
2. Clean Water Emerging Contaminants
3. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) supplemental (for drinking water infrastructure)
4. Drinking Water Emerging Contaminants
5. Drinking Water Lead Service Line Replacement

For more information on water infrastructure and the BIL, see the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) guidance memo, available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>.

### Timeline:

- Ongoing: Applications for projects can be submitted at any time. Projects are reviewed for eligibility and necessary documentation. Applicants are encouraged to submit preliminary applications now.
- Quarterly: Projects with complete applications are ranked and placed on the Priority List.

### CWSRF Basics:

- NMED administers the program.
- Open application cycle, and you can apply at any time.
- Beginning July 1, 2022, loan interest rates are between 0% and 0.01% for public borrowers, depending on your community's per capita income and user rates.
- The repayment period starts one year after project completion and the repayment period is calculated based on the useful life of the infrastructure constructed up to 30 years.
- There is no obligation to accept funding if you apply.
- The application for the CWSRF program is available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>.
- Contact the NMED team with your comments or questions at [NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us) or 505-470-6385.

### DWSRF Basics:

- NMED and the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) jointly administer the program with NMFA acting as the fiscal agent for the DWSRF.
- Water systems can submit preliminary applications to NMED year-round to be reviewed for the quarterly Priority List.
- Applicants are required to meet minimum technical, managerial, and financial capacity.
- DWB can assist DWSRF applicants with capacity development in order to be eligible for these loans.
- Projects are rated with respect to six categories to determine their ranking and selection for funding: Source Water Vulnerability, Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance, Affordability, Regionalization and Water Efficiency Sustainability.
- The preliminary DWSRF application is available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>.
- Contact the NMED team with your comments, questions, or if you need assistance with funding eligibility at [NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us) or 505-231-2120.





In order to secure enough money from the EPA we need to know if your water system intends to apply for funding for lead service line replacement projects.



# HELP US HELP YOU

**Without a list of public water system project needs, the state will not be able to apply to EPA for the full funding under the Lead Service Line Replacement BIL. Please help us bring money to New Mexico by filling out the pre-application.**

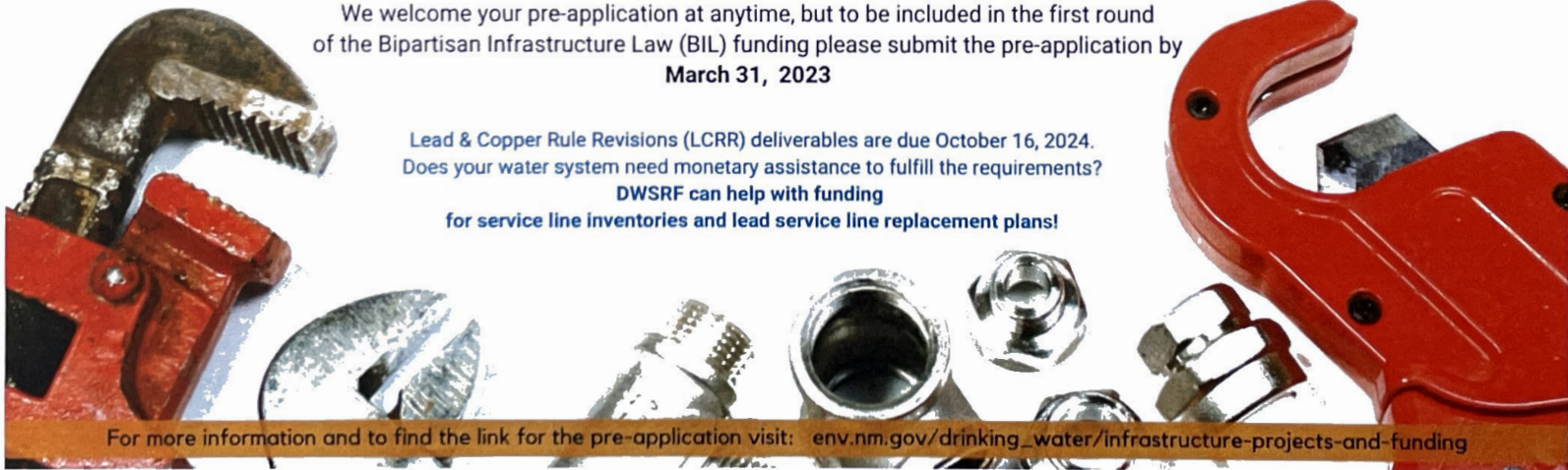
## PLEASE CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE PRE-APPLICATION

There is NO OBLIGATION to move forward with a loan under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

We welcome your pre-application at anytime, but to be included in the first round of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding please submit the pre-application by **March 31, 2023**

Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) deliverables are due October 16, 2024.  
Does your water system need monetary assistance to fulfill the requirements?  
**DWSRF can help with funding  
for service line inventories and lead service line replacement plans!**

For more information and to find the link for the pre-application visit: [env.nm.gov/drinking\\_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding](https://env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding)



APPLYING FOR DRINKING WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING?

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

**NMED**

New  
Mexico  
Environment  
Department



**THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND**

APPLICATION PROCESS IS COMPLEX, SO LET OUR STAFF DO THE HARD PART!

**INTEREST RATES FROM 0%**

**PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS UP TO 75%**

**GIVE US A CALL**

**505-231-2120**

**EMAIL US**

[NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us)



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[env.nm.gov/drinking\\_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding](http://env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding)

# Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

## Four Funding Options

- ❖ Base Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant (\$5 million)
- ❖ BIL General Supplemental Capitalization Grant (\$22 million)
- ❖ BIL Lead Service Line Replacement Capitalization Grant (28 million)
- ❖ BIL Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant (\$7.5 million)

## Apply

[https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking\\_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/](https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/)

Select the Pre-Application Form

**Water Infrastructure Projects and Funding**

Drinking Water Bureau Home  
Drinking Water Sampling  
Lead and Copper Program  
Public Drinking Water System Assistance  
Water Infrastructure Projects and Funding  
Utility Operator Certification Program

**DWSRF Funding Quick Links**  
Pre-Application Form (accepted any time)  
Current Priority List-SFY2023

**Engineering Project Quick-Links**  
Construction Application & other Forms  
More water infrastructure construction info below

## Eligibility

Communities that meet the definition of a public water system (private systems and Co-ops are eligible).

Meet the Managerial, Technical and Financial capacity review

Meet federal compliance items (Wage Rates, Environmental review, MBE/WBE solicitation, American Iron and Steel/ Build America Buy America, Etc.)

## Financial Considerations

Interest rates 0%, .01%, 3% 4%

Administration fee .25%

Up to 30 year repayments

Cost of Issuance fee 1% (waived for disadvantaged communities)

Subsidy available. Up to 75% for Base, BIL General Supplemental, BIL Lead Service Line Replacement. 100% for Emerging Contaminants.

# Local Government Planning Fund

## Funding Options

Provides up to \$50,000 in grant funds for planning related documents.

- ◆ Preliminary Engineering Reports, Environmental information Documents, Asset Management Plans, Water Conservation Plans, Comprehensive Plans, Economic Development Plans (LEDA), Metropolitan Redevelopment Act Plans, and Economic Development Feasibility Studies.

Communities can qualify for two grants per 24-month period not to exceed \$100,000.

- ◆ Municipalities, Counties, Mutual Domestic, Public Water Associations, Irrigation Districts, Indian nations, tribes or Pueblos (whole or partially in NM) and Agencies or Institutions of State.

## Apply

NMFA's EnABLE system, applications accepted monthly.

- ◆ LGPF enrollment form on NMFA's website, send form to [lgpf@nmfa.net](mailto:lgpf@nmfa.net) to receive log in

## Financial Considerations

0% - 100% grants available- three tests to confirm eligibility. Non- grant is local match.

- ◆ Cash Test, no more than ½ total expenditures in available cash.
- ◆ Medium Household Income Test- based on community's percentage of States MHI (chart below)
- ◆ Local Burden Ratio Test- based on community's burden ratio compared to the average water and waste water rates (chart below)

Local match waivers

- ◆ Projects that cure regulatory compliance issues cited by NMED, Public health threats, Acute road hazards, Flood and drainage issues, Dam safety projects, projects that cure conditions brought on by unforeseeable calamity.

MHI TEST	
STATE AVERAGE = \$51,243	
Local communities MHI %	Grant Percentage
100%	0%
76% - 99.99%	25%
50% - 75.99%	50%
0% - 49.99%	75%

Local Burden Test	
Ave Rates: \$28.81 Wastewater -- \$39.90 Drinking Water	
Burden ratio	Grant Percentage
1 - 1.49	25%
1.5 - 2.49	50%
2.5 and greater	75%

### **Parameters for WTB Funding**

- Water Trust Board Policies requires:
  - minimum contributions from all applicants in the form of local or federal matching funds;
  - mandatory loan component of between 10% - 40% for all entities supported by rate-paying constituency; and
  - to the greatest extent possible, awards will be sized to projects that represent a functional project or stand-alone phase of a project that can be accomplished within 12-24 months of award.

### **Application Overview-dates are currently being finalized.**

- Notice of Intent and On-line Project Application: July/August 2023- email WTBadmin@nmfa.net
- WTB Recommendation to the Legislature: October 2023
- Readiness Application: December 2023 – January 2024
- Expected WTB Decision: May 2024

### **Small Water System Opportunities**

#### ***Design Only Projects: 100% grant to “design only” projects with the following conditions:***

- The Project serves or will serve fewer than 500 connections;
- Scope is limited to design only “design” is defined as necessary technical work required to prepare a complete and final set of plans and specifications ready to be bid;
- Costs for the design must be substantiated with the coordinating \*planning document(s); (*\*planning documents are required as part of the submission of the project application unless the funding is for planning*); and
- Grants for design may not exceed \$500,000.

#### ***Loan waiver: Loan waiver requirements for water projects when:***

- The applicant serves fewer than 500 connections and has previously secured WTB funding for the same project; or
- The project is to consolidate with another system.
- To qualify for the loan waiver, the Applicant must have implemented an asset management plan for the current and future maintenance, replacements, and repair of the system.

#### ***Match waiver: Waiver of the match requirement for water systems when:***

- The applicant serves fewer than 250 connections and has previously secured WTB funding for the proposed project as defined by planning documents; or
- System upgrade is to consolidate with another system; or
- System upgrade/expansion is to incorporate previously unserved customers (not for future development);
- To qualify for the match waiver, the Applicant has implemented an asset management plan for the current and future maintenance, replacements, and repair of the system.

## About Us

The Construction Programs Bureau (CPB) directly manages three funding sources, Capital Outlay Appropriations (CO), the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program (CWSRF), and the Rural Infrastructure Program (RIP). CPB engineering staff provide technical oversight for these funding programs as well as for programs funded by the New Mexico Finance Authority for water, wastewater, drainage, watershed restoration, and solid waste projects.



CPB strives to ensure projects are sustainable, environmentally sound, completed on a timely basis, free of waste, fraud, and abuse.

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*Communities develop sustainable and secure water, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure through funding and technical assistance.*

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# New Mexico Funding Preparedness

## Water and Wastewater Planning, Design and Construction

### Regulatory Compliance Readiness

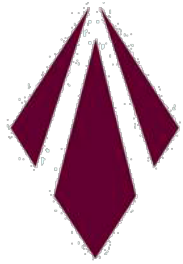
- New Mexico Secretary of State
  - Annual Corporate Report
- Attorney General's Office
  - Open Meetings Act Resolution
- Department of Finance Administration-Local Government Division (DFA-LGD)
  - Budgets and Quarterly Reports if Revenue if > than \$50,000
  - Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
- State Auditor's Office
  - Tiered 1 or Tier 2 Certification if Revenue if < than \$50,000
  - Tier 3 through Tier 6 if Revenue is > than \$50,000 and/or if you have spent 50% or greater amount of your capital outlay appropriation within one budget year
- New Mexico Environmental Department-Drinking Water Bureau
  - Safe Drinking Water Act
    - Sanitary Survey Deficiencies must be addressed
    - Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR)
    - Certified Operator
- Taxation and Revenue
  - NM Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)
  - Water Conservation Fees (WCF)
- New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
  - Water Right Permit Compliance
    - Water Right Proof of Beneficial Use or Extensions
    - Submittal of Meter Production Data

### Funding Readiness

- Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
- Environmental Report (ER) or Environmental Information Document (EID)
  - Federal Funding and Federal Land
- Asset Management Plan
- Funding Match
- Easements, Rights-of-way, and Permits
- Financially Solvent
  - 1.3 debt coverage ratio

### Post Funding

- Attorney Representation
- Design approved by NMED-DWB and CPB
- Liability Insurance
- Bonded



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# **Navigating Water Project Application Cycles**

Marquita Russel, Chief Executive Officer



# Governance



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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
  - **Wayne Propst**  
NM Dept of Finance & Administration
  - One vacancy
- ◆ Broad-based finance agency created as a government instrumentality
  - ◆ Governed by an 11-member independent Board
    - Gov. Lujan Grisham appointed Kathy Keith as Chair in March 2023
    - Approves rules, policies, and projects
    - Oversees operations and approves budget
  - ◆ Active Committee process provides high level of oversight of NMFA's diverse and complex operations:
    - Executive Committee
    - Finance & Disclosure Committee
    - Audit Committee
    - Public Lending Committee
    - Economic Development Committee
  - ◆ Overseen by 32-Member NMFA Oversight Committee:
    - Representative Joy Garratt, Chair
    - Senator Michael Padilla, Vice Chair

## About NMFA

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- ◆ Expansive programming and service to New Mexico
  - New Mexico Finance Authority Act (Section 6-21-2):
    - Purpose: “...to coordinate the planning and financing of state and local public projects ... and to improve cooperation among the executive and legislative branches of state government and local governments in financing public projects.”
  - Statewide Economic Development Finance Act (Section 6-25-6):
    - Purpose: “assist eligible entities in financing projects” and to promote “achievement of economic development goals...”
  - Administrator of six Boards and their respective Committees
    - 11-member New Mexico Finance Authority Board and its five committees
    - 16-member Water Trust Board and its two committees
    - 11-member Colonias Infrastructure Board and its two committees
    - 12-member Opportunity Enterprise Review Board and its two committees
    - 9-member Finance New Mexico Advisory Board
    - Drought Task Force
  - Authorized to operate 24 programs through 13 Acts

# Statutory Authority

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Active	Funded	FY	Program Name	Enabling Act	Statute	Partner
✓	✓	1992	Public Project Revolving Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21-6.0	Legislature
✓		1994	Primary Care Capital Fund	Primary Care Capital Funding Act	24-1C-4	DoH
✓	✓	1997	Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Act	6-21A-4	NMED
		1999	Water and Wastewater Grant Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21-6.3	Legislature
✓	annually	2001	Water Project Fund	Water Project Finance Act	72-4A-9	WTB/LEG
✓	✓	2002	Local Government Planning Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21-6.4	Various
✓	?	2003	Economic Development Revolving Fund (Smart Money)	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-25-6.1	NMEDD
		2003	Child Care Revolving Loan Fund	Child Care Facility Loan Act	24-24-4.0	ECECD
		2004	Acequia Project Fund	Water Project Finance Act	72-4A-9.1	WTB/ISC/Leg
✓	✓	2004	Behavioral Health Capital Fund	Behavioral Health Capital Funding Act	6-26-4	HSD
		2005	Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Bonding Act	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21D-5	EMNRD
		2005	Local Transportation Infrastructure Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21-6.8	DOT
✓		2006	New Markets Tax Credit	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-25-6.1	FNM/NMEDD
		2007	Local Government Transportation Fund	New Mexico Finance Authority Act	6-21-6.12	DOT
✓	annually	2010	Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund	Colonias Infrastructure Finance Act	6-30-8	CIB
✓	?	2011	Collateral Support Participation Program	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-25-13	NMEDD
✓		2021	Essential Services Working Capital Program	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-25-13	NMEDD
✓		2021	New Markets Tax Credit Small Loan Pool	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-21-6.12	FNM/NMEDD
✓		2021	Small Business Recovery Loan Fund	Small Business Recovery and Stimulus Act	6-32-3	Leg/SIC
✓		2021	New Mexico LEDA Recovery Grants	Local Economic Development Act	5-10-16	NMEDD/Leg
✓	✗	2022	Cannabis Microbusiness Program	Statewide Economic Development Finance Act	6-25-13	RLD/NMEDD
✓	✓	2022	Venture Capital Fund	Venture Capital Program Act	6-33-3	(NMEDD)
✓	✓	2022	Charter School Facility Revolving Fund	Charter School Facility Improvements Act	6-21-6.16	(PSCOC)
✓	✓	2022	Opportunity Enterprise Fund	Opportunity Enterprise Act	6-34-12	OERB

# NM Funding Programs

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<b>State Funded Programs</b>	<b>Year Established</b>	<b>Administering Agency</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Waste-water</b>	<b>Eligible Entities</b>	<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Planning Docs Req'd?</b>	<b>Environmental Review</b>	<b>Legislative Authorization</b>	<b>Executive Order Compliance</b>	<b>Match Required</b>
Special Appropriation Grants (Capital Outlay)	1977	NMED	✓	✓	Public	Grant	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Local Government Planning Fund	2002	NMFA	✓	✓	Public	Grant	N/A	No	No	No	Sliding Scale
Colonias Infrastructure	2011	NMFA	✓	✓	Public	Loan/Grant	No	No	No	Yes	10% Match
Tribal Infrastructure Board	2011	IAD	✓	✓	Tribal	Grant	No	No	No	Yes	No
Water Trust Board	2001	NMFA	✓	✓	Public	Loan/Grant	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Sliding Scale
Rural Infrastructure Program	1988	NMED	✓	✓	Public	Loan	No	No	No	Yes	No
Public Project Revolving Fund	1994	NMFA	✓	✓	Public	Loan	No	No	Yes for loans greater than \$1 million	No	No
<b>Federally Funded Programs</b>											
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	1972	NMED		✓	Public & Private	Loan/Grant	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	1997	NMFA	✓		Public & Private	Loan/Grant	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

State Funded Programs	Application Frequency	Application Timeline*	Standards Based Funding	Interest Rate	Funding Terms
Special Appropriation Grants (Capital Outlay)	N/A	3-4 months	No	N/A	Timing from signing of capital outlay bill
Local Government Planning Fund	Monthly	6-24 months	No	N/A	Funding occurs upon completion and acceptance of planning document
Colonias Infrastructure	Annually	8-12 months	Yes	0%	10% loan / 90% grant; no-interest loans with 20-year payback
Tribal Infrastructure Board	Annually	9 months	Yes	N/A	100% grants
Water Trust Board	Annually	12-15 months	Yes	0%	Loans of 10% - 40%, based upon 3-year analysis of borrowing capacity, remainder delivered as grant. 20-year payback at 0% interest
Rural Infrastructure Program	As Needed	2-3 months	No	2.375%	\$2 million maximum per year
Public Project Revolving Fund	Monthly	3 months	No	Market and below market rates, fixed at closing	Loans up to 30 years; 'AAA' tax-exempt bond market interest rates based upon term of loan; 0% available to Severely Disadvantaged Entities (less than 75% of the State's MHI) and 2% to Disadvantaged Entities (76-100% of State's MHI)
<b>Federally Funded Programs</b>					
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	As needed	6-9 months	Yes	Public: 0% or 0.01% Private 2.375%	Loan terms of up to 30 years; project must appear on fundable priority list published by NMED. Limited grant dollars.
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	3x per year	9-12 months	Yes	0% - 2%	Loan terms of up to 30 years; project must appear on fundable priority list published by NMED. Limited grant dollars.
<i>*from point of application to funding</i>					

# Water Project Fund Overview

The Water Project Finance Act created the **16-member Water Trust Board**, composed of a diverse set of water users and experts.

NMFA, as staff to the WTB and administrator of the Water Project Fund, **annually** accepts applications for water projects to be funded from the Water Project Fund.

WTB **recommends a list of projects to the Legislature** to be authorized for funding from the Water Project Fund.

The Act requires the WTB consider projects that:

- ❑ leverage local and federal funds;
- ❑ are shovel-ready;
- ❑ are identified as “urgent to meet the needs of a regional water plan accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission”;
- ❑ implement the State Water Plan

## What kinds of water projects can be funded?

- ❑ Water storage, conveyance and delivery
- ❑ Flood prevention
- ❑ Water conservation or treatment, recycling and reuse
- ❑ Watershed restoration and management
- ❑ Endangered Species Act collaborative implementation

## How is the Water Project Funded?

- ❑ The Water Project Fund annually receives a net 8.1% of senior Severance Tax Bonds and a distribution from the Water Trust Fund, creating a reliable revenue stream for the program.
- ❑ Water Trust Board awards are a combination of grants and loans, (with required match component). *Size of the loan is dependent on the financial capacity of the applicant.*
- ❑ Match is determined by project type, requested amount & applicant's Median Household Income.
- ❑ Estimated available funding for the 2024 cycle is \$130 - \$135 million.

## Water Trust Board Policies Requirements

- ❑ All projects require local or federal matching funds; **waivers may apply**
- ❑ Loan component of between 10% - 40% for projects supported by a rate-paying constituency; **waivers may apply**
- ❑ Awards will be sized to projects that represent a functional project or stand-alone phase of a project that can be accomplished within 12-24 months of award
- ❑ Applicants applying for one or more projects in a given cycle may not receive more than 15% of the available funds in any year

## August 2022 Changes to the WTB policies:

- ❑ **Reduced planning document requirements** - A Technical Memorandum prepared by a licensed engineer with cost estimates not older than one year may be accepted in lieu of a full Preliminary Engineering Report.
- ❑ **Additional time to meet regulatory compliance requirements** - Regulatory agencies will certify applicants' compliance with all relevant regulations as part of the Project Application. This will allow applicants to work directly with regulatory agencies much earlier in the process to resolve any compliance issues.
- ❑ **Grants for Design-Only Applications from small water systems** (fewer than 500 connections):
  - Design only – “design” is defined as necessary technical work required to prepare a complete and final set of plans and specifications ready to be bid for construction; and
  - Costs for design must be substantiated an approved planning document; and
  - Grants for design may not exceed \$500,000.



## August 2022 Changes to the WTB policies:

### ❑ Decrease Loan requirements for certain applicants:

- Small water system applicants (fewer than 500 connections) that have previously secured WTB funding for the proposed project (as defined by planning document); or
- Application supports the direct consolidation with another system; and
- **Applicant has implemented an asset management plan for the current and future maintenance, replacement and repair of the system.**

### ❑ Decrease match requirements for certain applicants:

- Small water system applicants (fewer than 250 connections) that have previously secured WTB funding for the proposed project (as defined by planning document); or
- Application supports the direct consolidation with another system; or
- Application for system upgrade/expansion is to incorporate previously unserved customers (not for future development); and
- **Applicant has implemented an asset management plan for the current and future maintenance, replacement and repair of the system.**

# Preliminary Expenditure Test & Acceptable Local Matches



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## Preliminary Expenditures Target

- **To be eligible for recommendation to the Legislature:** Applicants must demonstrate that all open WTB awards (those not yet certified as complete) from 2022 and prior have been drawn down by the application due date in the following amounts:
  - State-sponsored regional infrastructure projects must expend at least 35% of awards
  - Regional water association applicants must expend at least 60% of awards
  - All other applicants must expend at least 70% of awards
- **Waivers for consideration on the preliminary expenditure target must be submitted within the project application**

## Match Requirements

### Eligible Local Match

- ▶ Any Non-WTB Loans;
- ▶ Any Non-Severance Tax and/or Capital Outlay Funds;
- ▶ Federal Funds;
- ▶ Local Cash Contributions;
- ▶ Private Donations;
- ▶ Cost of PER, Engineering Study, Design (not paid for by state funds);
- ▶ Local Government Planning Fund award (PER);

### Ineligible Local Match:

- ▶ WTB previous awards;
- ▶ Colonias awards;
- ▶ Tribal Infrastructure Fund awards;
- ▶ Capital Outlay Funds (including Severance Tax and/or General fund);
- ▶ Previous phased project expenditure;
- ▶ Legal fees;
- ▶ Any costs not associated with the proposed project
- ▶ \*Soft match” – in-kind labor and equipment

# Are you Ready for Funding?

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## *Project Application (September 2023)*

- Preliminary Expenditure Target Met?
- Project-specific planning document:
  - Preliminary Engineering Reports complete and accepted within the last five years (non-watersheds)
  - Technical Memorandum in lieu of PER
  - Current Watershed Planning Documents
- Required match secured? Determined by:
  - Type of project
  - MHI of Applicant
  - Amount of WTB request
  - Additional loan can be substitute for local match

## *Readiness Application (January 2024)*

- Plans & Specs Complete? (construction only)
- Permits/Licenses/ROW/Easements secured?
  - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
  - Railroads
  - Department of Transportation (DOT)
  - Private Landowners
  - Utilities (PNM)
- Regulatory/Policy Compliance:
  - WTB Project Continuation policy
  - Budget/State Audit Act/EO Compliance
  - Water Rights secured (OSE)
  - Federal Safe Drinking Water Act/NMED water regulations
  - Conservation Plan complete

# Water Project Fund Application Process



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## How to Access WTB Funding

- ❑ Attend the Application Trainings!
- ❑ Submit a Notice of Intent to NMFA. Choose a local administrator who is authorized to submit applications for you. This person will be the “Super User/Primary Contact.”
- ❑ NMFA will assign a username and initial password to the Super User and local users. The password should be changed.
- ❑ In the Notice of Intent, Applicant will authorize NMFA to attach any consultants and/or engineers to the applicant application.
- ❑ Using your username and password, access the WTB application through the NMFA application system, EnABLE.
- ❑ Complete the application and submit it to NMFA via EnABLE.

## SAMPLE timeline from 2023:

- ❑ 8/1/22: Notice of Intent opens
- ❑ 9/19/22: Project Application Training
- ❑ 9/23/22: Project Application due
- ❑ 9/28 – 10/25/22: Eligibility/Policy Compliance Review
- ❑ November 2022: WTB Recommendation to the Legislature
- ❑ 12/8/22: Readiness Application Training
- ❑ 1/27/23: Readiness Application due
- ❑ 1/27/23: Policy Compliance Deadline
- ❑ 3/22/23: Regulatory Compliance Deadline
- ❑ 5/3/23: WTB Award Decisions

## Project Recommendation to Legislature

- The WTB relies upon a Project Management Team to evaluate applications using WTB-established criteria.
  - NM Environment Department
  - NM Department of Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources (State Forestry)
  - NM Department of Agriculture
  - NM Department of Game & Fish
  - Office of the State Engineer
  - NM Finance Authority
  
- List is culled to the amount expected to be available
  
- WTB Policies defines targeted annual funding percentages by project type:

▪ Water Storage, Conveyance or Delivery	50% - 75%
▪ Water Conservation or Recycling, Treatment, Reuse	15% - 30%
▪ Watershed Restoration and Management	10% - 20%
▪ Flood Prevention	Up to 10%
▪ Endangered Species Act Implementation	Up to 5%

# Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund



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DWSRLF offers low-cost financial assistance to water systems to:

- ◆ Finance repair and replacement of drinking water infrastructure
- ◆ Ensure compliance with drinking water regulations
- ◆ Protect drinking water quality and public health

DWSRLF is jointly administered by NMFA and the New Mexico Environment Department - Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB).

Access the pre-application form at [pre-application for DWSRLF](https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/) or from [https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking\\_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/](https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/).

## New Federal Funding

The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund received three new programs from the Infrastructure Improvements and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

- ◆ **Lead Service Line Replacement** – Lead service line surveys are eligible for funding. Up to 75% principal forgiveness.
- ◆ **Emerging Contaminants** – Focus on PFAS/PFOS but all items on the [Contaminant Candidate List \(CCL\)](#) list are eligible. This program is intended to be 100% principal forgiveness.
- ◆ **General Supplemental** – Similar to the base DWSRF but with higher funding levels. Up to 75% principal forgiveness.

## Same Advantages

- Broad eligibility
- Low interest rates
  - 0% - 4%
- 25% - 75% subsidy
  - Subject to availability
- 100% subsidy for emerging contaminants
- Funding requests accepted year-round
- Technical Assistance provided to unsuccessful applicants to enable them to qualify
- High level of customer service

## Eligibility

All public water systems are eligible, including co-ops and for-profit systems, as long as they meet the EPA definition of a public water system:

- ◆ **Community water systems** serve at least 25 people or at least 15 residences that are primary residences (municipalities, mutual domestics, mobile home park, subdivisions).
- ◆ **Non-community water systems** are composed of transient and non-transient systems.
  - Transient non-community water systems provide water to 25 or more people for at least 60 days/year, but not to the same people and not on a regular basis (gas stations, campgrounds).
  - Non-transient non-community water systems regularly supply water to at least 25 of the same people at least six months per year, but not year-round (schools, factories, office buildings, and hospitals).

## Examples

- New and replacement sources
- Treatment
- Transmission/Distribution
- Storage
- Meters
- Infrastructure to regionalize water systems
- Water rights
  - Not for growth
- Dams and reservoirs
  - Not for growth
  - Must be part of the water treatment process
  - Cannot raise dam face



# Local Government Planning Fund



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## Overview

- ◆ Provides grants up to \$50,000 for planning-related documents
- ◆ Communities can qualify for two grants per 24-month period, not to exceed \$100,000
- ◆ Matching funds are determined by a community's MHI, and local water rates as compared to state averages. Waivers of local match include:
  - Applicant serves fewer than 250 households and does not have taxing authority
  - Project cures NMED compliance issues
  - Public health threats, waterborne disease outbreak & inadequate water supply
  - Projects that cure conditions brought on by unforeseeable calamity
- ◆ Applications accepted monthly. Access enrollment form at [www.nmfinance.com/local-government-planning-fund/](http://www.nmfinance.com/local-government-planning-fund/)

## Eligible Plans

- Preliminary Engineering Reports
- Asset Management Plans
- Environmental Information Documents
- Water Conservation Plans
- Comprehensive Plans
- Economic Development Plans (LEDA)
- Metropolitan Redevelopment Act Plans
- Economic Development Feasibility Studies

## Eligible Entities

- Municipalities
- Counties
- Mutual Domestics
- Irrigation Districts
- Indian nations, tribes or Pueblos

## Test 1: Median Household Income Entity MHI / State MHI

State Average = \$46,718

Applicant MHI %	Grant %
100%	0%
76% - 99.99%	25%
50% - 75.99%	50%
0% - 49.99%	75%

## Test 2: Local Burden Ratio Test Local Rate / State Average Rate

Average Water Rate (6,000 gal): \$35.63

Average Wastewater Rate: \$28.61

Burden Ratio	Grant %
1.0 - 1.49	25%
1.5 - 2.49	50%
2.5 and greater	75%

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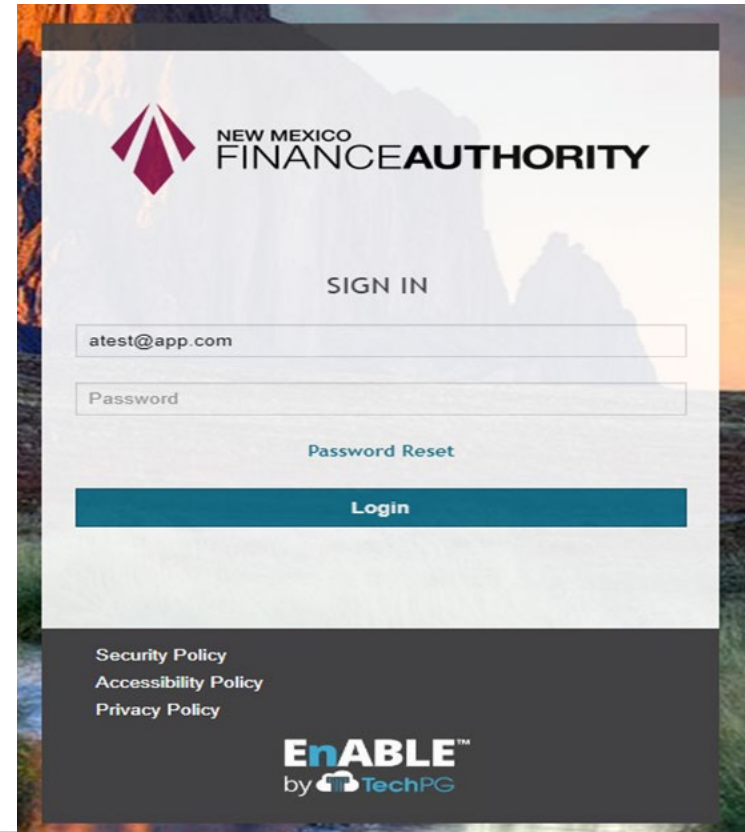
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# EnABLE On-Line Application

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- Through the NOI, the Applicant assigns a local administrator (“Super User/Primary Contact”) that is authorized to submit applications on behalf of the Applicant
- NMFA will assign \*new Super Users and \*\*Local Users a “User Name” and an initial “Password” (must be changed by the User)
  - \*previous users may use their current passwords if there is no change in identified user
  - \*\*local users must be members or employees of the Applicant
- Applicant must authorize NMFA (through the NOI) to attach any \*consultants and/or engineers to the Applicant’s profile
- Consultants and/or engineers cannot be “Super Users/Primary Contacts”



The screenshot shows the login interface for the EnABLE system. At the top left is the New Mexico Finance Authority logo. To its right, the text "NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY" is displayed. Below this, the words "SIGN IN" are centered. There are two input fields: the first contains the email address "atest@app.com" and the second is labeled "Password". Below the password field is a link for "Password Reset". A large blue button labeled "Login" is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the page, there are three links: "Security Policy", "Accessibility Policy", and "Privacy Policy". In the bottom right corner, the logo for "EnABLE™ by TechPG" is visible.

# EnABLE Home Screen



Search menu option...

- Borrower Data
- Application
- User Maintenance

Select "Applications"

Choose the application type

EnABLE Home

My Tasks - 0 Tasks [View All](#)

View	Task	Description	Due Date	User / Group
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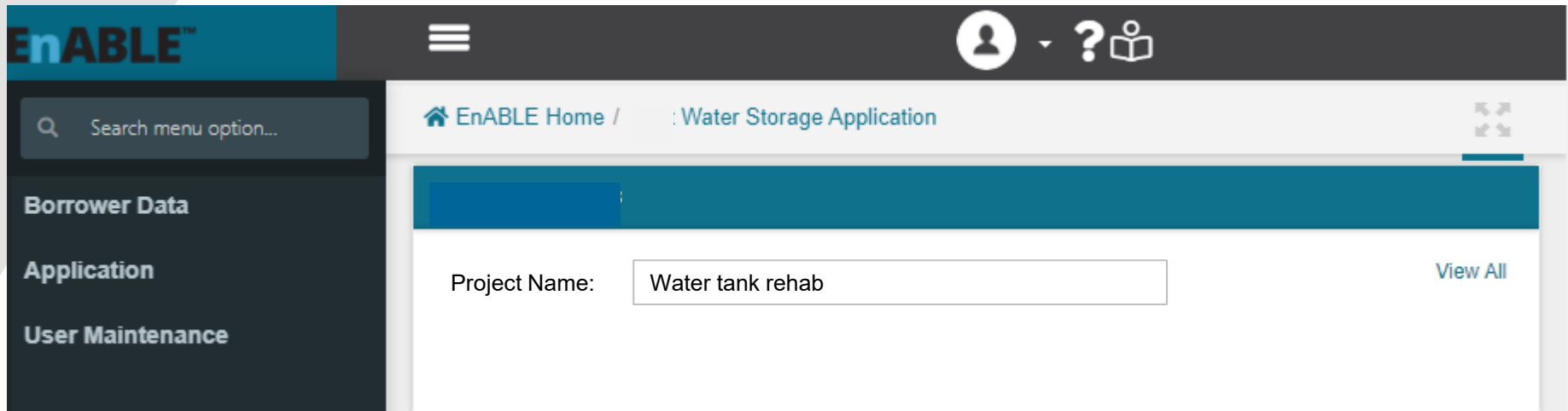
My Stuff [View All](#)

Type	Name	Amount	Date 1	Date 2	Status / Type
Application	2023 WTB Water Storage Application	\$0.00	02/17/2022	//	Started
Application	2023 WTB Water Conservation Application	\$0.00	03/17/2022	//	Started
Application	2023 WTB Flood Prevention Application	\$0.00	08/12/2022	//	Started
Application	2023 WTB Watershed Application	\$0.00	08/12/2022	//	Started

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*Name your project: Do not name your project 2023 WTB Application*





The screenshot displays the EnABLE web application interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the EnABLE logo and menu items: "Borrower Data", "Application", and "User Maintenance". The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "EnABLE Home / : Water Storage Application". Below this, there is a form with a "Project Name:" label and a text input field containing "Water tank rehab". A "View All" link is positioned to the right of the input field. The top navigation bar includes a hamburger menu, a user profile icon, a question mark, and a help icon.

Top of every screen

**2023 WTB Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Project Form Entry**

2023 WTB Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Projects

Attachments/Forms

Download	Description
	WTB-Applicant Certification
	WTB-Permits Licenses Detail
	WTB-Project Funding-Budget Detail
	2023 OSE Verfication Request Form

**Applicant Comments**

Bottom of every screen

Current Step:

**Validate** **Save** **Submit** **Print**

\* Required field

Validate Button saves the data before Validation starts.

- “Validate” – Saves and Identifies missing information
- “Save” – Saves information
- “Submit” – will only be visible to Applicant “Super User”

## Re-entering the Application

<b>General</b>	Related Contacts	Attachments	Notes
<b>Account Name</b>	Test Water and Sanitation District		
<b>Title</b>	2023 WTB Water Storage, Conveyance and Delivery Project		
<b>Program</b>	Water Project Fund		
<b>Open Date</b>	08/25/2022		
<b>Closing Date</b>	09/23/2022		
<b>Name</b>	Test Water Storage Application		
<b>Description</b>			
<b>Data Account</b>	0		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Status</b>	<input checked="" type="button" value="Started"/> <input type="button" value="Submitted"/> <input type="button" value="Review"/> <input type="button" value="Approved"/> <input type="button" value="Returned"/> <input type="button" value="Denied"/> <input type="button" value="Cancelled"/>		
<b>Comment</b>			
<b>Primary Reviewer</b>			
<b>Date Started</b>	08/12/2022 <b>Started User</b> clarragoite@nmfa.net		
<b>Date Submitted</b>	// <b>Submitted User</b>		
<b>Review Start Date</b>	//		
<b>Current Review Date</b>	// <b>Current Review User</b>		
<b>Date Returned</b>	// <b>Returned User</b>		
<b>Board Approved Date</b>	// <b>Approved User</b>		
<b>Date Denied</b>	// <b>Denied User</b>		
<b>Cancelled Date</b>	// <b>Cancelled User</b>		
<b>Amount Authorized</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Associated Account Name</b>			
<input type="button" value="View or Edit Application"/>	<input type="button" value="View History"/>		



Hit "View or Edit Application"



Water Storage	Water Conservation	Flood Prevention	Watersheds	ESA
•PER accepted within 5 years; or	•PER accepted within 5 years; or	•PER or Design Analysis Report, as appropriate for project complexity	•Current appropriate watershed-based planning document; and	•Species Management Plan; and
•Design Analysis Report;	•Design Analysis Report;	•Flood Control Plan with maps of impact area; and	•Stakeholder/ Partner agreements; and	•Stakeholder/ Partner agreements; and
•Updated costs within 2 years	•Updated costs within 2 years	•Emergency Action Plan, including inundation maps; and	•Environmental documents, as applicable	•Environmental documents, as applicable
• Technical Memorandum		•O&M plan for dam projects, as applicable		

- Planning documents are used to substantiate application responses
- PERs within 5 years, with costs updated not less than 2 years ago (non-watershed projects)
- Watershed documents must be current

Project Type	Scale of Request (in thousands)	Category I = or > than State MHI	Category II = or > than 75% but less than State MHI	Category III less than 75% of State MHI
Storage	\$2,500 or larger	20%	15%	10%
	\$1,000 to \$2,499	15%	10%	5%
	Less than \$1,000	10%	5%	0%
Conservation	\$1,500 or larger	20%	15%	10%
	\$750 to \$1,499	15%	10%	5%
	Less than \$750	10%	5%	0%

**WTB STAFF ONLY**

Project Number:  
 Status Date:  
 Comment:  
 Project Funding Source:  
 Status:  
 Status Date:  
 Type:  
 Amount:

**DO NOT TYPE IN SHADED AREAS (Please Follow Instructions)**  
**Contact staff at WTBAAdmin@nmfa.net if you have any questions or need clarification.**

DESCRIPTION:	WTB Funds	Local Funds	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Feasibility/PERs		\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00
Design & Specifications				\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Construction Inspection					\$0.00
Environmental Surveys					\$0.00
Archaeological Surveys					\$0.00
Construction	\$750,000.00			\$250,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Land Acquisition					\$0.00
Easements & ROW					\$0.00
Project Management	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
Legal Costs		\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$760,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$285,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>

## WTB Funding Request vs Total Project Cost vs Project Description vs Project Budget

- WTB Funding Request Amount: \$1,635,000

- WTB Project Description:
  - *“Construction of water system to include replacement of waterlines”*

DESCRIPTION:	WTB Funds	Local Funds	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Feasibility/PERs					\$0.00
Design & Specifications		\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00
Construction Inspection		\$65,000.00			\$65,000.00
Environmental Surveys					\$0.00
Archaeological Surveys					\$0.00
Construction	\$1,600,000.00		\$275,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$2,125,000.00
Land Acquisition					\$0.00
Easements & ROW					\$0.00
Project Management	\$35,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$45,000.00
Legal Costs					\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,635,000.00</b>	<b>\$115,000.00</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,275,000.00</b>