



Arkansas Water and Wastewater Funding and Financing Resources, July 2026

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Arkansas Department of Agriculture	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) <i>Wastewater, Stormwater, Nonpoint</i>	✓	✓	✓	Eligible applicants include: - Municipalities, counties, cities, and towns - Tribal governments Nonpoint projects also include: - Nonprofits - Small businesses - Cooperatives - Homeowners To be eligible for CWSRF nonpoint source funding, a project must be included in an approved nonpoint source management plan.	Planning, design, and construction of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure including, but not limited to: - Rehabilitation or replacement of aging sewer collection and treatment facilities - Solid waste collection or disposal; - Flood control and drainage - Erosion and sediment control - Agricultural Best Management - Remediation if groundwater contamination - Practices (non-point source pollution prevention)	- Submit WWAC Pre-Application: - Required for review by the Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee. - Pre-Application - Signatory Authority Resolution - Request Priority Ranking: - Your project must appear on the Project Priority List to be considered. - Use separate forms for Clean and Drinking Water SRF. - Complete Water Plan. - Compliance Review: - Required for all water and sewer projects. - Request access to EnABLE using this form emailed to agri.applications@arkansas.gov - Submit Final Application in EnABLE. - Apply through the online loan management system.	Water and Wastewater Funding	Email: info@agriculture.arkansas.gov Phone: (501) 225-1598
	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRLF) <i>Water</i>	✓			Eligible applicants include: - Statewide counties - Cities - Special purpose districts	Planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure including: - Rehabilitation or replacement of aging facilities - Improvement of water quality and supply reliability			
	Nonpoint Source Management <i>Wastewater, Stormwater, Nonpoint</i>	✓	✓		Local governments, state agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and watershed groups	Projects that address nonpoint source pollution, such as agricultural runoff, urban runoff, and forestry practices. Eligible activities include: - Watershed planning - Restoration - Implementation of best management practices (BMPs) - Stream and Riparian Restoration, including aquatic organism passage - Water Quality Monitoring - Education and Outreach - Title X Cost Share (Conservation Districts) - Unpaved Roads	- Submit application to County Conservation District. - Department reviews and approves application. - Begin implementation after approval. - District conducts final inspection. Submit inspection report for reimbursement (processed within 60 days).	Nonpoint Source Management	



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Arkansas Economic Development Commission	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	✓			Eligible applicants include cities and counties with a population of under 50,000 with a low- to moderate-income (LMI) population of at least 51 percent, or for projects which benefit a targeted eligible clientele.	Eligible activities include but are not limited to: - Water or wastewater service extensions - Sewer system rehabilitation - Water wells or new water sources - Disinfection equipment/facilities - Elevated and/or ground storage tanks, pump stations, etc. - New water lines and/or water line replacement - New treatment facilities or improvements to existing facilities	- Please see the Application Guidelines before beginning the applications process. - Complete the Water and Wastewater Application.	Community Development Block Grant	Phone: (501) 682-0547 Email: AGRI.wwac@agriculture.arkansas.gov
USDA Rural Development	Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program <i>Water, Wastewater, Stormwater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas with populations less than 10,000, as well as Tribal lands in rural areas.	Speak to your local RD office before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.	Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program	Arkansas Local RD Office: Contact Page Arkansas State Office Phone: (501) 301-3216
	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program assists low-income communities and federally recognized tribes with initial planning and development of an application for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee program.	Applications for this program are accepted year-round through your local RD office . Program resources - forms needed, guidance, certifications, are available online with help from program specialists	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning	
	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants <i>Water</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Rurally located public bodies - Nonprofit organizations - Federally recognized tribes - Grants are also awarded when a significant decline in quality and quantity of water is imminent.	This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Water transmission line grants to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water.	Speak to your local RD office before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	



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	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grants (SEARCH) <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Rural areas with a population of 2,500 or less.	Applications for this program are accepted year-round through your local RD office . Program resources - forms needed, guidance, certifications, are available online with help from program specialists	SEARCH Grants	Arkansas State Office Phone: (501) 301-3216
Communities Unlimited	Water & Wastewater Loans <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Local governments - Nonprofit organizations *Must serve a significant amount of low-income customers, have a population of less than 20,000, be able to repay the loan or have evidence of permanent take out financing and will accept no-cost technical assistance if it improves your ability to repay.	Communities Unlimited provides financing to small, rural communities and tribal nations for water and wastewater projects. Flexible funding options include pre-development loans, interim financing, construction loans for system improvements and equipment loans.	To begin the application process, submit your contact information on the "let's talk" section.	Water & Wastewater Loans	Phone: (479) 443-2700
National Rural Water Association	Rural Water Loan Fund <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Public municipalities and counties - Special-purpose districts, - Native American Tribes, Corporations not operated for profit, including cooperatives with up to 10,000 population, and rural areas with no population limits.	Short-term costs incurred for the replacement of equipment, service extensions, or other small capital projects that are not part of regular operations and maintenance for drinking water and wastewater projects. - Pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects - Replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital projects - Energy efficiency to lower costs and improve system sustainability	1. Fill out application and gather all required supporting documents: - Income, expense and capital budgets for two (2) years. - Most recent audit report - Legal opinion that the borrower has the legal authority to incur the debt. - Names of officers, address, telephone numbers and terms of office - Submit application by mail	National Rural Water Association	Email: nrwarwf@nrwa.org



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Delta Regional Authority	States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Local governments - Federally recognized tribal governments - Nonprofit organizations	States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) provides direct investments for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, and workforce development.	See the program summary before starting the application process. Applicants are encouraged to contact their Local Development District for additional information as well as for assistance in developing their applications. Technical questions about the NOFA should be directed to sedap.cif@dra.gov . Applications are Accepted via the online portal .	States' Economic Development Assistance Program	Email: info@dra.gov Phone: 225-219-9600
	Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) <i>Water, Wastewater, Stormwater</i>	✓	✓			The Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) complements the States' Economic Development Assistance Program as a primary investment tool for DRA. Investments support projects that address flood control, basic public infrastructure, and transportation infrastructure improvements.	See the program summary before starting the application process. Applicants are encouraged to contact their Local Development District for additional information as well as for assistance in developing their applications. Technical questions about the NOFA should be directed to sedap.cif@dra.gov . Applications are Accepted via the online portal .	Community Infrastructure Fund	

