The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

**PROJECT NAME:** Drinking Water Reliability Project  
**LOCATION:** La Mesa, CA  
**INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** $15 million  
**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 3,338,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**
The Drinking Water Reliability project will modernize portions of the Helix treatment and distribution system and construct infrastructure necessary to provide drinking water treatment as part of the East County Advanced Water Purification Project. The purpose of these projects is to improve drinking water supply reliability in the Helix Water District service area.

**FY 2021 SELECTION ROUND**

**NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED:** 40  
**NUMBER OF PROJECTS WAITLISTED:** 4  
**TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT:** $8.9 billion  
**TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED:** $19 billion  
**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT:** 50 million in 24 states

The WIFIA program will provide selected entities with innovative financing tools to address pressing public health and environmental challenges in their communities. Consistent with the announced priorities, selected projects will support infrastructure improvements in historically disadvantaged communities, modernize and protect infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and use new and innovative approaches to address community needs.