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.

RIALTO WATER SERVICE LLC

PROJECT NAME: Microgrid and System Improvements
LOCATION: Rialto, CA
INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: $68 million
POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 99,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Microgrid and System Improvements project consists of wastewater and drinking water treatment plant improvements, the creation of retention ponds at the wastewater treatment plant outfall, a detailed analysis of condition assessments, cybersecurity enhancements, the installation of Automatic Meter Infrastructure, and the expansion of the existing gravity sewer system. The purpose of these projects is to guarantee that the city’s infrastructure is secure, resilient, and has sufficient capacity and reliability for sustainable growth. In addition, they will move Rialto to a more diversified energy plan, supporting the city’s efforts to protect the community from the impacts of climate change.

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.