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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Allotments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 for the Assistance to Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities (SUDC) Grant, Authorized under Section 1459A of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as Amended by Section 2104 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act

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OVERVIEW

This memorandum announces grant funding rooted in the EPA's commitment to collaborating with states, tribes, territories, local governments, and other stakeholders to prioritize funding to small, underserved, and disadvantaged communities. This funding supports water infrastructure improvements and compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and effective administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as authorized under Section 1459A. This funding, in tandem with funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58, Nov. 21, 2021) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will reinforce the priority to reach the nation's most vulnerable communities. Working collaboratively through investments like these, the EPA, federal, and Tribal partners are making progress towards President Biden's Justice40 commitment, which aims to ensure that federal agencies deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from certain investments to disadvantaged communities.

All communities deserve access to safe, clean, and reliable drinking water. Yet too many communities across America—rural, urban, and suburban, small and large—face challenges providing safe drinking water to their residents. The Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities (SUDC) grant funding support communities' access to improved public health and safe drinking water. The funding will expand the ability for these communities to meet the water challenges they face through the

building of technical, financial, and managerial capacity, and continue reinforcing a foundation for compliance and improvements in water infrastructure. The program will ensure more communities have improved water infrastructure, access to clean water, water service reliability and compliance.

Public water systems, water systems located in areas governed by an Indian Tribe, or states and territories applying on behalf of an underserved community are eligible to apply for the SUDC grant funding. The attachment contains the FY 2024 SUDC grant allotments for the states and territories. The final amount available for this program is \$25,080,000 for states and territories, and \$2,850,000 is designated for regional allotment to support activities in American Indian and Alaska Native Village communities. The EPA intends to release a separate memo pertaining to the FY 2024 funding designated to support SUDC projects in American Indian and Alaska Native Village communities. Like the FY22-23 allotments, the EPA is waiving the 10 percent cost share requirement for all grant applicants to minimize the potential for significant financial burden among eligible entities, and to increase access to the underserved, small, and disadvantaged communities that are the intended beneficiaries of this funding.

UPDATED ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIVATE WELLS IN FY 2024

The FY 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act updated the eligible uses of the funds to include “one or more owners of drinking water wells that are not public water systems or connected to a public water system” as eligible beneficiaries of the FY 2024 SUDC grant funds awarded to states and territories. This allows FY 2024 SUDC funds to be used to benefit owners of private drinking water wells for appropriate projects under the SUDC program. Because this is a new eligibility for the grant program, the EPA anticipates releasing updates with additional details to the grant Implementation Document later this year. The updates will be posted at <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-small-underserved-and-disadvantaged-communities-grant-program-0>. Currently, the private well eligibility is only authorized for the FY 2024 funding for states and territories. Eligibility for future funding will be determined by future Congressional action.

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ATTACHMENT

1. FY 2024 SUDC Grant Allotments for States and Territories

**FY 2024 SUDC Grant Allotments for States and Territories
Based on FY 2024 Appropriations of \$25,080,000**

State/Territory	FY 2024 Allotment	State/Territory	FY 2024 Allotment
Alabama	\$369,000	Montana	\$326,000
Alaska	\$571,000	Nebraska	\$284,000
American Samoa	\$141,000	Nevada	\$293,000
Arizona	\$490,000	New Hampshire	\$259,000
Arkansas	\$342,000	New Jersey	\$406,000
California	\$1,624,000	New Mexico	\$393,000
Colorado	\$462,000	New York	\$1,047,000
Connecticut	\$273,000	North Carolina	\$679,000
Delaware	\$195,000	North Dakota	\$210,000
District of Columbia	\$151,000	Northern Mariana Islands	\$142,000
Florida	\$961,000	Ohio	\$609,000
Georgia	\$664,000	Oklahoma	\$492,000
Guam	\$135,000	Oregon	\$425,000
Hawaii	\$170,000	Pennsylvania	\$799,000
Idaho	\$316,000	Puerto Rico	\$478,000
Illinois	\$702,000	Rhode Island	\$168,000
Indiana	\$422,000	South Carolina	\$375,000
Iowa	\$348,000	South Dakota	\$240,000
Kansas	\$381,000	Tennessee	\$403,000
Kentucky	\$340,000	Texas	\$1,821,000
Louisiana	\$641,000	Utah	\$291,000
Maine	\$238,000	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$138,000
Maryland	\$305,000	Vermont	\$210,000
Massachusetts	\$348,000	Virginia	\$469,000
Michigan	\$650,000	Washington	\$566,000
Minnesota	\$382,000	West Virginia	\$315,000
Mississippi	\$420,000	Wisconsin	\$439,000
Missouri	\$524,000	Wyoming	\$238,000