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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Allotments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for the Small, Rural, and Tribal Drinking Water Assistance Grant Program, Authorized under Section 1459A(a)-(j) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

FROM: Marietta Echeverria, Director, for
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OVERVIEW

This memorandum announces grant funding for the Small, Rural, and Tribal (SmaRT) Drinking Water Assistance Grant Program (formerly known as the Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities – SUDC – Grant Program). Rooted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's commitment to collaboration with states, Tribes, territories, and other stakeholders, by statute, this funding prioritizes support for small and rural communities. This funding supports water infrastructure improvements and compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) and effective administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as authorized under Section 1459A(a)-(j).

The SmaRT Drinking Water Assistance grant funding aligns with the EPA's Powering the Great American Comeback initiative by providing resources to protect human health and the environment, including access to clean water for every American. Funding from this grant will build technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capabilities of water systems across the country and support compliance with the SDWA. This grant program will ensure more communities have improved water infrastructure with access to clean, reliable, and compliant water services. This critical funding will benefit Americans nationwide, especially in rural areas where small systems face unique challenges operating and maintaining vital water infrastructure.

The EPA is committed to strengthening cooperative federalism by working with states, Tribes, and territories to maximize the impact of these funds in addressing compliance with NPDWRs and to build the infrastructure to address compliance challenges. All 56 states and territories are eligible to

participate in this program. The EPA is now announcing the states funding allotments for the current fiscal year.

The attachment contains the FY 2026 SmaRT Assistance grant allotments of \$25,080,000 (Attachment 1) and FY 2024 carryover reallotment¹ funding of \$7,176,517 (Attachment 2) for states and territories. This program has an amount of \$2,850,000 in FY2026 funding available for regional allotments to support activities in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities. The EPA intends to release a separate memo pertaining to the funding designated to support SmaRT Drinking Water Assistance projects in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities. The EPA is waiving the 10 percent cost-share requirement for all grant applicants to reduce barriers to program participation which is intended to assist small, underserved, and disadvantaged communities to deliver safe drinking water, consistent with Section 1459A(h) of SDWA. This ensures infrastructure affordability and long-term regulatory compliance maintenance to remediate health risks to support small, rural and Tribal communities.

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 and FY 2025 SmaRT Drinking Water Assistance grant funds awarded to states and territories. Owners of these wells continue to be eligible beneficiaries of FY 2026 grant funds. The program’s implementation document can be found on the [program’s website](#) and includes additional information on eligibilities.

If you have any questions, please contact WIINDrinkingWaterGrants@epa.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 2026 Small, Rural, and Tribal Drinking Water Assistance Grant Allotments for States and Territories
2. FY 2024 Small, Rural, and Tribal Drinking Water Assistance Carryover Reallotments for States and Territories

¹ These are unspent funds appropriated from previous years up to FY 2024.

**Attachment 1: FY 2026 Small, Rural, and Tribal (SmaRT) Drinking Water Assistance Grant
Allotments for States and Territories
Based on FY 2026 Appropriations of \$25,080,000**

State/Territories	FY 26 Allocation
Alabama	\$367,000
Alaska	\$683,000
American Samoa	\$138,000
Arizona	\$449,000
Arkansas	\$333,000
California	\$1,594,000
Colorado	\$432,000
Connecticut	\$307,000
Delaware	\$171,000
District of Columbia	\$151,000
Florida	\$987,000
Georgia	\$647,000
Guam	\$159,000
Hawaii	\$174,000
Idaho	\$321,000
Illinois	\$698,000
Indiana	\$436,000
Iowa	\$344,000
Kansas	\$344,000
Kentucky	\$342,000
Louisiana	\$553,000
Maine	\$222,000
Maryland	\$348,000
Massachusetts	\$324,000
Michigan	\$644,000
Minnesota	\$378,000
Mississippi	\$448,000
Missouri	\$494,000

State/Territories	FY 26 Allocation
Montana	\$297,000
Nebraska	\$274,000
Nevada	\$288,000
New Hampshire	\$236,000
New Jersey	\$370,000
New Mexico	\$314,000
New York	\$1,039,000
North Carolina	\$741,000
North Dakota	\$205,000
Northern Mariana Islands	\$141,000
Ohio	\$639,000
Oklahoma	\$517,000
Oregon	\$415,000
Pennsylvania	\$732,000
Puerto Rico	\$524,000
Rhode Island	\$166,000
South Carolina	\$364,000
South Dakota	\$221,000
Tennessee	\$392,000
Texas	\$2,055,000
Utah	\$280,000
US Virgin Islands	\$176,000
Vermont	\$199,000
Virginia	\$451,000
Washington	\$562,000
West Virginia	\$290,000
Wisconsin	\$469,000
Wyoming	\$235,000

Attachment 2: FY 2024 Carryover Reallotments for States and Territories of \$7,176,517

State/Territories	FY 24 Carryover
Alabama	\$107,000
Alaska	\$168,000
American Samoa	\$40,000
Arizona	\$135,000
Arkansas	\$108,000
California	\$451,000
Colorado	\$132,000
Connecticut	\$76,000
Delaware	\$50,000
District of Columbia	\$42,000
Florida	\$264,000
Georgia	\$185,517
Guam	\$45,000
Hawaii	\$49,000
Idaho	\$95,000
Illinois	\$191,000
Indiana	\$122,000
Iowa	\$99,000
Kansas	\$107,000
Kentucky	\$102,000
Louisiana	\$186,000
Maine	\$65,000
Maryland	\$88,000
Massachusetts	\$95,000
Michigan	\$176,000
Minnesota	\$108,000
Mississippi	\$117,000
Missouri	\$149,000

State/Territories	FY 24 Carryover
Montana	\$94,000
Nebraska	\$81,000
Nevada	\$83,000
New Hampshire	\$77,000
New Jersey	\$114,000
New Mexico	\$117,000
New York	\$300,000
North Carolina	\$186,000
North Dakota	\$60,000
Northern Mariana Islands	\$41,000
Ohio	\$174,000
Oklahoma	\$148,000
Oregon	\$120,000
Pennsylvania	\$219,000
Puerto Rico	\$152,000
Rhode Island	\$48,000
South Carolina	\$103,000
South Dakota	\$68,000
Tennessee	\$113,000
Texas	\$544,000
Utah	\$88,000
US Virgin Islands	\$43,000
Vermont	\$55,000
Virginia	\$137,000
Washington	\$167,000
West Virginia	\$94,000
Wisconsin	\$124,000
Wyoming	\$74,000