

# TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

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## ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

### Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program

Funding to restore fish and wildlife passage by removing, instream barriers and provide technical assistance to non-federal entities carrying out such activities.

**\$115M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### WRDA Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Funding to carry out major aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects that improve the quality of the environment, are in the public interest and are cost-effective.

**\$1.9B**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### Reclamation Competitive Grant Program for Habitat Restoration

Funding for a new Reclamation competitive grant program for the design, implementation and monitoring of conservation outcomes of habitat restoration projects that improve watershed health in river basins adversely affected by a Reclamation project, with priority given to projects with multi-benefit environmental outcomes.

**\$115M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

**SPEND PLAN BY 60 DAYS (JAN 14, 2022)**

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

### Colorado River Basin Endangered Species Recovery Program

Funding for implementation of Upper Colorado and San Juan Endangered Fish Recovery Programs, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan and the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

**\$50M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### WaterSMART Grants

Increased funding for a variety of WaterSMART programs including natural infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, water marketing and drought response.

**\$400M**

### Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan

Funding to DOI for allocation to Basin States for implementing the Upper Basin and Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plans, with \$ 50 Million allocated to the Upper Basin and the remainder to the Lower Basin.

**\$300M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### WaterSMART - Cooperative Watershed Management

Significant additional funding for BOR grants for development and implementation of cooperative watershed management plans.

**\$100M**

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

## EPA

### Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds

Reauthorization of and funding for Sec. 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, which includes allowing states to set aside funding for various source water protection activities, including forest management and protection, use of natural infrastructure and voluntary, compensated changes in agricultural practices.

**\$11.7B**

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### Clean Water State Revolving Funds

Funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program which can support water conservation, watershed enhancement projects, water reuse, among many other activities.

**\$11.7B**

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### Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants

Funding for EPA grants to states for controlling and reducing sewer or stormwater overflows, with a twenty percent set-aside for green infrastructure approaches.

**\$280M**

### BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program

New emergency funding for tribal climate resilience and adaptation projects.

**\$216M**

## BIA

### Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Funds

Funding to capitalize grants to states, to be used for revolving loan funds to support projects that reduce risks from natural disasters, including drought, extreme weather and wildfire. Priority on projects that increase resilience of natural and built infrastructure.

**\$500M**

## FEMA

### Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act

Reauthorization of a low-interest loan and tax-free bond program for funding projects eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which can include water recycling, aquifer recharge and drought mitigation.

**\$50M**

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## NRCS / USFS

### Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Program

Establishment of and funding for a new program between the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service for landscape scale initiatives to reduce wildfire threats, protect water quality and enhance wildlife habitat, with proposals coming through Regional Foresters and State Conservationists.

**\$90M**

**SPEND PLAN BY 90 DAYS (FEB, 14 2022)**

### Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations

Additional emergency funding for USDA Watershed and Flood Protections Operations, which supports projects that benefit agriculture and rural communities in addressing watershed protection, erosion control, fish and wildlife habitat, and water supply development.

**\$500M**

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## NRCS

### Good Neighbor Authority Agreements

New funding for Good Neighbor Authority providing for federal/state/tribal cooperation in promoting forest health, encompassing activities that restore or improve forests, rangeland and watershed health, including fish and wildlife.

**\$200M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

## USFS / BLM

### Watershed Rehabilitation Program

Additional funding for NRCS program that makes grants to local sponsors for rehabilitation of aging dams that are reaching the end of their design lives to address public health and safety.

**\$118M**

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### National Fish Passage Program

Provides additional funding for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program to remove instream barriers to fish and wildlife, including providing technical assistance.

**\$200M**

## USFWS

## OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING

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### DOT

#### Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

Establishes and funds a new competitive grant pilot program to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

**\$350M**

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### EPA

#### Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Establishment of and funding for a new EPA grant program for resilience and sustainability of publicly-owned water treatment works by reducing vulnerability to natural hazards through, among other things, water conservation, improved water efficiency and watershed enhancements through the use of natural and green infrastructure.

**\$25M**

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### USFS / DOI

#### Collaborative-Based, Aquatic-Focused Landscape-Scale Restoration Program

Funding for a new program between USDA and DOI to establish a collaborative, landscape-scale program for 5-year projects that restore water quality and fish passage on federal, tribal and private lands, with priority given to proposals that restore the most stream miles for the lowest federal cost.

**\$80M**

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### NEW PROGRAM RULE MAKING REQUIRED

### USFS

#### Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program

Additional funding for the U.S. Forest Service's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, focused on science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes, with priorities to include public drinking water source areas.

**\$100M**

#### Large Scale Water Recycling

Funds a new competitive grant program for planning, design and construction of large-scale water recycling and reuse projects, with priority for multi-benefit projects that advance multi-state water management plans.

**\$1B**

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### EPA

#### Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Resilience & Sustainability Program

Creates and funds a new program at EPA for public water suppliers serving 10,000 or more people to obtain grants for planning, design, construction and implementation of programs to increase drinking water systems' resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather, including water conservation and efficiency, water reuse enhancement of water supply through watershed management and source water protection and formation of regional partnerships, among other eligible approaches.

**\$50M**

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#### Small Water Storage and Groundwater Storage Projects

Establishes and funds a new BOR competitive grant program for new surface or groundwater storage projects of up to 30,000 acre-feet, with priority for projects that increase water management flexibility, provide multiple benefits (including ecosystem benefits) and address environmental justice considerations.

**\$100M**

#### Water Desalination

Funding for certain water desalination projects and studies in accordance with the Water Desalination Act of 1996.

**\$250M**

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#### BOR Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program

Funding for the design, study and construction of aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects, with certain priorities for regional benefits, including affecting water resources in two or more river basins and other factors.

**\$250M**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### TO BE DETERMINED

#### Cross-Boundary Ecosystem Restoration Projects

Funding for DOI, in partnership with USDA, to fund voluntary ecosystem restoration projects on public, tribal or private land, with priority given to cross-boundary projects.

**\$400M**

#### Water Storage, Groundwater Storage, and Conveyance Projects

Funding for certain water desalination projects and studies in accordance with the Water Desalination Act of 1996.

**\$1.15B**

#### Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund

Funding for a new Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund, to be expended in accordance with Indian water rights settlements already approved and authorized by Congress.

**\$2.5B**

Minimal Non-Federal Match

### USFS

#### Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

Creates and funds a new grant program at the U.S. Forest Service to provide grants for communities, including tribal communities, at high risk for wildfires, with support for projects that reduce likelihood of fire, including those that contribute to forest restoration and watershed health.

**\$500M**

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This fact sheet is focused on federal programs that are accessible to tribal governments. For more information on the details of these programs and others that are accessible to state and local governments and non-governmental organizations, go to [www.tenstrategies.net](http://www.tenstrategies.net).