



Congress can advance **climate resiliency** and **clean water** goals by investing **\$25 million in the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (33 U.S.C. 1300) in FY 2024**, as authorized by the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021*.

President's Budget Request FY 2024: **\$25 million**

As climate change accelerates, and its associated adverse impacts on water resources increase, it is vitally important that the nation invest in water recycling to build resilience, manage energy demands, support public and environmental health, and ensure economic prosperity.

The Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants authorizes the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make competitive grants to state, interstate, and intrastate water resource development agencies to engineer, design, construct, and test alternative water source systems, including water reuse systems. The program will ensure that communities in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico can access water recycling tools to solve local water challenges.

Investments in water reuse:

- Compare favorably to other options for providing new water supplies by often using less energy, imposing a smaller carbon footprint, and generating fewer air pollution emissions.
- Ensure reliable and resilient community water supplies in the face of increasingly



frequent, severe, and prolonged droughts, wildfire, and other climate-related risks by drawing on a stable, locally generated and controlled water source.

- Support sustainable economic prosperity, advanced clean manufacturing, and well-paying high-skill employment opportunities by providing business and industry with a reliable, long-term supply of water.
- Protect our rivers, lakes, and streams—as well as America's aquifers and wetlands—by reducing extractive water demands, reducing nutrient and other pollutant loads, and providing high quality water for replenishing groundwater and riparian base flows.

We ask that Congress meet the President's Budget Request for \$25 million for the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants in FY 2024 to create new, sustainable water supplies for irrigation, drinking, and other beneficial uses.
