



Congress can advance **climate resiliency** and **clean water** goals by investing **\$20 million in the Title XVI-WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Grants Program in FY 2024 appropriations legislation.**

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 Title XVI-WIIN Program has helped communities across the West build drought resilience, keep nutrients and other pollutants out of sensitive waterways, save billions of dollars relative to importing water, and grow sustainable economies. Through Title XVI-WIIN, the Bureau of Reclamation provides competitive grants to local governments to plan, design, and/or construct water recycling projects.

Investments in the Title XVI Program:

- Increase the supply of fresh drinking water, generate sustainable irrigation water for landscaping and agricultural use, restore sensitive ecosystems, and help industries expand and create jobs.



- Have leveraged non-federal funding at nearly a 5:1 ratio, ensuring that local communities have skin in the game.
- Help both urban and rural communities across the West build sustainable water supplies and a strong and secure economic future.
- Protect our rivers, lakes, streams, aquifers and wetlands by reducing extractive water demands, reducing nutrient and other pollutant loads, and providing high quality water for replenishing groundwater.

We urge Congress to provide \$20 million in FY 2024 discretionary appropriations to create new, sustainable water supplies for irrigation, drinking, environmental restoration, business development, and other beneficial uses.
