



Congress can advance **water supply** and **clean water** goals by **reauthorizing the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants (33 U.S.C. 1300) before the end of FY 2026**, building upon investments made in FY 2026 appropriations legislation.

As water resources become increasingly strained, it is vitally important that the nation invest in water reuse to build dependable water supplies, support public and environmental health, and ensure economic prosperity.

The **Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants, Section 220 of the Clean Water Act**, 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 helps ensure that communities in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico can access tools to solve local water challenges.

Congress provided start-up funding for the program in FY 2026; however, the **program's authorization expires at the end of the fiscal year**.

#### **Investments in water reuse:**

- Ensure reliable, long-term community water supplies in the face of frequent, severe, and prolonged droughts, wildfire, and other threats.



- Generate stable, locally controlled water sources.
- Support economic prosperity, agricultural production, advanced manufacturing, and well-paying employment opportunities by providing business and industry with a reliable, long-term supply of water.
- Provide a tool for attracting business development and protecting water resources simultaneously.
- 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 base flows.

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We ask that Congress build on FY 2026 funding by reauthorizing the Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Grants to create long-term water supplies for manufacturing, irrigation, drinking, and other beneficial uses.

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