



Congress can advance **water supply** and **clean water** goals by **reauthorizing the Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects Competitive Grants Program** by the end of FY 2026.

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

The Bureau of Reclamation's Large-Scale Water Reuse Projects Competitive Grants Program helps Western communities build drought resilience, save money relative to importing water, and grow local economies.

Through the program, the Bureau of Reclamation provides competitive cost-share grants to local governments to plan, design, and build large-scale projects that deliver multiple and often regional benefits.

Authority for the program **expires in November 2026**. Moreover, while Congress provided funding for the program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, it did not **authorize annual appropriations**.

Yet demand for cost-share through the program remains high as project sponsors secure financing from a multitude of sources. Federal cost-share helps ensure that ratepayers do not shoulder the full cost of securing drought-resistant water supplies.



Investments in the Large-Scale Water Reuse Projects Competitive Grants Program:

- Increase the supply of fresh drinking water, generate irrigation water for agricultural use, protect water quality, and help industries create jobs.
- Limit funding to 25 percent of the total project cost, ensuring that local project sponsors have skin in the game.
- Help both urban and rural communities build water supplies and a strong and secure economic future.
- Reduce extractive water demands and ensure that communities retain local control of their resources.

We urge Congress **reauthorize the Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects Competitive Grants Program**, and to **authorize discretionary appropriations for the program** beyond FY 2026.
