



Congress can advance **water supply** and **water quality** by investing **\$41 million in the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Grants Program, \$30 million of which shall be for projects as authorized in section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act (Public Law 114-322).**

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 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 local economies.

Through Title XVI-WIIN, the Bureau of Reclamation provides competitive grants to local governments to plan, design, and/or construct water recycling projects.

Due to strong demand and a lack of available dollars, the backlog for federal cost-share amongst eligible Title XVI-WIIN projects exceeds \$360 million, and Reclamation receives roughly 10 newly completed Title XVI-WIIN feasibility studies each year.

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.

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