

# GRANTS 101

## Summary of Funding Programs

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### Proposition 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program



- **Purpose:** Assist small DACs develop, fund, and implement eligible drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, or groundwater projects
- **Funding:** Variable
- **DAC Priority:** Systems out of compliance, extension of service, consolidation projects, systems serving less than 200 connections
- **Types of Assistance:** May include but are not limited to:
  - Capital improvement projects
  - O&M Facilitation
  - Audits
  - Engineering and environmental analysis
  - Legal assistance
  - TMF assessments
  - Board or operator training
- **How to Apply:** Complete TA Request Form and email it to [DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov)

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[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/tech\\_asst\\_funding.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/tech_asst_funding.html)



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## Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)



- **Purpose:** Provide low cost financing for a wide variety of water quality projects
- **Funding:** Variable
- **DAC Components:** DAC Projects are a priority
- **Eligible Projects:** Wide variety of water quality improvement projects that are not specific to drinking water
- **How to Apply:** Submit applications to FFAST

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/)

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## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)



- **Purpose:** provide low-cost financing for drinking water systems
- **Funding:** Variable
- **DAC Components:** DAC Projects are a priority
- **Eligible Projects:** May include
  - Construction of new water sources, distribution systems, and treatment facilities
  - Water system consolidation
  - Replacement of aged infrastructure
  - Water supply meters
  - Community water system creation or extension
- **How to Apply:** Submit applications to FFAST

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/services/funding/SRF.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html)

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## Safe and Affordable Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER)



- **Purpose:** Set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to help at-risk water systems provide safe drinking water
- **Funding:** \$130M for FY20-21
- **DAC Components:** Top priority projects
- **Eligible Projects:** Includes interim water supplies/emergencies, TA, Planning, O&M ★
- **How to Apply:** Submit pre-application on the [Small Community Funding Program](#). Uses CWSRF or DWRSF application.

Water System Category	Subtotal by Category
Systems Out of Compliance	\$44M
Systems At-Risk	\$50M
State Small Systems/ Domestic Wells	\$20M

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/sustainable\\_water\\_solutions/safer.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions/safer.html)

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## 2021 Nonpoint Source Grant Program



- **Purpose:** Support projects that install treatments or management practices to reduce and mitigate the effects of nonpoint source pollutants (sediment, pesticides, nutrients) to waters of the State
- **Funding:** \$4M but varies annually, 25% cost share
- **DAC Components:** Full or partial cost share waiver and application points
- **Eligible Projects:** Projects that include invasive species, copper, total nitrogen, total phosphorous, indicator bacteria, sediment, and trash
- **How to Apply:** Submit applications to FFAST by Tuesday, December 17 by 5:00 PM for the 2021 program

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html)

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## Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program



- **Purpose:** Funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage and solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage to households and business in eligible rural areas
- **Funding:** Grant and loan program
  - Technical Assistance also offered.★
- **Eligible Applicants:** Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 people or less, tribal lands in rural areas, and colonias
- **Eligible Projects:** Includes drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater
- **How to Apply:** Submit applications year-round to RD Apply

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>

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## Hazard Mitigation Assistance



- **Purpose:** Reduce the effects of future natural disasters
  - Includes the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program
- **Funding:** 25% Cost Share
  - BRIC has a \$20M set-aside for tribes for this round of funding ★
- **Eligible Applicants:** Federally-recognized Tribes are eligible Applicants. Eligible Sub-applicants include state agencies, Indian tribal governments, and local governments/communities
- **Eligible Projects:** Dependent on funding program, includes Direct TA ★
- **How to Apply:** Dependent on funding program, but generally requires 2-step process

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/404-hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

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## Clean Drinking Water Well Replacement Program



- **Purpose:** Assist individual households and small water systems (<15 connections) in CA to address drought related water emergencies
- **Funding:** \$45,000 for individual wells, up to \$100,000 for small water systems
- **DAC Components:** Household income must be less than \$51,026
- **Eligible Projects:** New home and small water system construction is not eligible
- **How to Apply:** Complete online application at the website below

<https://www.rcac.org/lending/household-water-well-loans/#:~:text=Clean%20Drinking%20Water%20Well%20Replacement,State%20Water%20Resources%20Control%20Board>

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