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604(b) Funding



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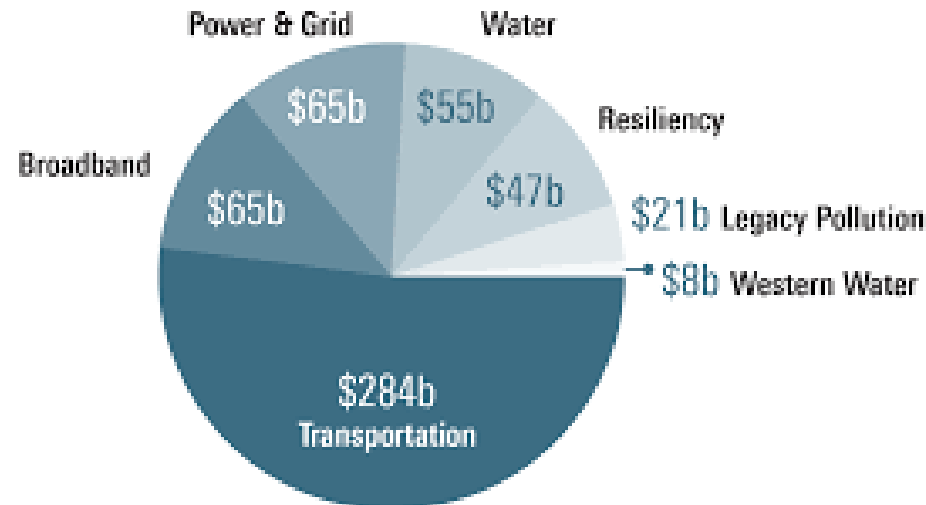


Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act provides approximately 1% of [Clean Water State Revolving Fund allotments](#) (or \$100,000 if greater) to support State water quality planning activities under 205(j) and 303(e) of the Act.



2021 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed.

New guidelines to help states and territories build on their successes and more fully integrate equity, environmental justice (EJ), and climate considerations into water quality planning efforts.



Who is eligible

EPA: regional public comprehensive planning organizations (RPCPOs) and appropriate interstate organizations (IOs)

Designated Planning Agencies (DPAs)

Maricopa Association of Governments - MAG

Pima Association of Governments - PAG

Northern Arizona Association of Governments - NACOG

SouthEastern Association of Governments - SEAGO

Central Arizona Governments - CAG

LaPaz County

Mohave County

Also

Council of governments

Counties, conservation districts

Cities and towns



What can the 604(b) grant fund?

Historically:

- improving stormwater systems
- determining ways to expand green infrastructure programs
- determining the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint source water pollution problems, and developing plans to resolve these problems

New emphasis in 2022

- Targeting funds towards equity and climate

Planning only - not implementation

Town of Kearney: Kearney Lake: Planning for improvements - \$6,405

The lake is a centerpiece of this town. However, the lake is unhealthy and fish do not survive. Study to determine the cause and plan for improvements to make it safe for fishing and swimming.



CAG: Pinal County Septic System Location Study - \$60,595

identify, quantify, and qualify septic systems and their impact on nearby water sources in rural areas of Pinal County. Analysis will include guidance documents for communities on remediation measures and possible funding opportunities to protect groundwater drinking supplies. The data collected will also be used for public education campaigns for Best Management Practices for septic system users.

Town of Pinetop-Lakeside - Billy Creek Watershed Assessment and Outreach. \$80,000 - *pending*

Assessments, planning and outreach

NACOG - Upper/Middle Verde Watershed Effluent Generation and Stormwater Infiltration Optimization Plan

In the face of growth and a drier climate, effluent and stormwater are critical resources for the future of a healthy flowing Verde River.



photo by Chris Fetzer

Keep an eye on the ADEQ web page

<https://www.azdeq.gov/604b-water-quality-grant-program>

When it is time to apply (typically due in January), go to the web page and fill out the form.

Email it to me at rowe.julia@azdeq



Questions?



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- Summary and Analysis of CWA Section 604(b) ARRA-Funded Planning Projects. EPA. April 2021.
- <https://www.azdeq.gov/604b-water-quality-grant-program>
- <https://www.epa.gov/nps/water-quality-management-planning-grants>