

FUNDING NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECTS THROUGH WIFA



Arizona's largest water quality financing source

Finance your nonpoint source project with WIFA

Utilizing clean water and drinking water state revolving funds, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) has invested over **\$2 billion** dollars to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and proper wastewater treatment.

Traditionally, much of WIFA's Clean Water funding has been provided and used to build wastewater treatment and collection facilities. WIFA is now spearheading an initiative to direct some of these funds to address one of the most serious threats to our water supply, **nonpoint source pollution**.

State and local governments, local watershed organizations and many others are working to devise solutions to address nonpoint source pollution, but their efforts are frequently underfunded. WIFA can help alleviate the financial hurdles facing these projects.

Nonpoint source pollution, unlike pollution from industrial facilities and sewage plants (also known as point sources), flows into our waterways from many different sources. Nonpoint source pollution occurs when rainfall or snowmelt creates runoff that carries natural and human-made pollutants into lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater.



Who is eligible for WIFA's nonpoint source funding? Cities, towns, tribal entities and special districts. WIFA encourages nonprofits and other groups to form partnerships with an eligible entity to establish a dedicated revenue stream to repay the loan.

What types of nonpoint source projects are eligible? Planning, design and construction projects that improve water quality in Arizona's lakes or streams, or protect drinking water sources.

What makes WIFA a good funding option? Low-interest loans allow borrowers to complete a large project and spread project costs over a repayment period of up to 20 years. No application fees or closing costs.

Project Examples:

- Watershed management
- Forest restoration
- Flood control
- Wetlands restoration
- Riparian improvements
- Stream channel restoration
- Streambank stabilization



Funding Available	2015 Avg. Interest Rate (for public entities)	Loan Term
\$100 million	2.17%	20 years

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- protecting water quality and public health.*