



## WIFA Planning and Design Technical Assistance Funding Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Applications

### Eligible Projects

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona is soliciting applications for Planning and Design Technical Assistance funding. These awards provide funding for **planning and design** to help prepare facilities for water and wastewater infrastructure construction.

*Drinking water projects primarily intended for future growth/development or fire protection are **not** eligible.*

*Construction, construction management and post-construction activities are also **not** eligible. See WIFA's Applicant's Guide for a complete list of ineligible activities.*

### Eligible Applicants

**Cities, towns, special districts, tribal entities, and ACC-regulated private water companies.** Additional eligibility criteria apply to non-community water systems; contact WIFA for more details.

*Private entities seeking funding to form a political subdivision to facilitate future infrastructure projects may also be eligible.*

*Applicants who received funding in FY 2017 are **not** eligible.*

### Available Funding

**Drinking Water - \$200,000**

**Wastewater/Stormwater - \$100,000**

Funding is limited to \$35,000 per project.

### Requirements

For an application to be considered eligible for review and funding, it must:

- Design or plan for a critical system improvement(s) to ensure long-term facility compliance or efficiency
- Yield benefits to the facility at a level commensurate with the costs
- Provide adequate description of the project and expected outcome
- Provide for at least a 40% applicant funding contribution (match) of the total project cost (unless green – see text box above right)
- Be filled out in its entirety and received by the deadline

Note: After awards are made, projects may be subject to environmental review requirements. Planning-level projects (no design included) may be exempt from this requirement. Contact WIFA for more details.

### Applications and Due Date

Register for an account and apply through WIFA's e-application system at [azwifa.gov/application](http://azwifa.gov/application).

Applications must be received through the e-application system by **5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2017**.

### Program Priorities

WIFA has identified the following high priorities for funding this cycle:

- Projects that address a public health concern
- Projects that are green (primary purpose/majority of project)

### Green Projects

Green projects may qualify for a waiver of the applicant match requirement. Eligibility for the match waiver is determined by WIFA and is based on the documentation provided by the applicant and whether the primary purpose/majority of the project is green. For more information on green projects, visit WIFA's Green Project Reserve web page at [azwifa.gov/green-project-reserve](http://azwifa.gov/green-project-reserve). Examples of green projects include:

#### Water Efficiency

- Leak detection (drinking water)
- Water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources
- Effluent Reuse

#### Energy Efficiency

- Energy audits
- Energy efficient retrofits and upgrades
- Renewable energy

#### Green Stormwater Infrastructure

- Stormwater management systems for streets and parking areas
- Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects
- Establishment or restoration of wetlands, bioengineered stream banks

### Evaluation

Eligible applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria, in order of importance:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Critical Need for Project | 4. Costs and Benefits                            |
| 2. Green Components          | 5. Need for Funding Assistance                   |
| 3. Project Description       | 6. Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity |

### Awards

Awards will be posted on WIFA's website on **October 26, 2017**, and letters will be mailed to all applicants.

Technical assistance agreements between WIFA and the recipient must be executed by January 31, 2018. Projects must be initiated by April 30, 2018 and should be completed by April 30, 2019.

**Please see WIFA's Applicant's Guide at [azwifa.gov/technical-assistance-program](http://azwifa.gov/technical-assistance-program) for more information on eligible projects, evaluation criteria, and program terms and conditions.**

*If you have questions about your project or application, contact Sara Konrad, Environmental Program Supervisor, at [skonrad@azwifa.gov](mailto:skonrad@azwifa.gov) or (602) 364-1319.*