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WIFA Awards Grants to Improve Drinking Water and Protect Public Health

PHOENIX (May 14, 2014) The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona recently awarded \$150,000 in grant funds to improve drinking water and protect public health. All seven of the grant awards went to small, rural communities throughout Arizona to complete the planning or design phase of a drinking water infrastructure project.

Grant awards are listed below:

Applicant	Project Title	County	Award Amount
Clay Springs Domestic Water Improvement District	Preliminary Engineering Report for System Improvements and Water Loss Remediation	Navajo	\$14,612
Payson Water Company	East Verde Park Supply Study	Gila	\$35,000
Mayer Domestic Water Improvement District	Production Well Aquifer Study, Energy Efficiency Analysis & SCADA Preliminary Design	Yavapai	\$34,950
Picacho Water Improvement Corporation	Design of Replacement Water System Campus	Pinal	\$21,000
Alpine Domestic Water Improvement District	San Francisco River Waterline Relocation Project	Apache	\$15,900
Town of Fredonia	Filtration Plant Backwash Basin Re-engineering	Coconino	\$18,602
City of Nogales	Extreme West Pressure Zone Storage Tank	Santa Cruz	\$9,936

The purpose of WIFA's Planning and Design Grant Program is to help facilitate future construction of capital improvements related to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. "Although WIFA can provide funding to both small and large communities, we give priority to communities with limited resources, those that really need assistance," said WIFA Executive Director, Sandy Sutton. "Receiving funding assistance to take a project through the planning or early design phase is often the key to making the project happen at all. We're happy that WIFA can play a role in making these important projects a reality for Arizona's communities."

WIFA funds roughly \$450,000 per year in infrastructure planning and design projects. Funding comes from the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds, which WIFA manages for the state of Arizona. Individual grants of up to \$35,000 are awarded twice a year, while WIFA's low-interest financing (loan program) is available year-round and in any amount. The grant program is designed to complement WIFA's low-interest loan program, which funds construction as well as planning and design.

WIFA is a state agency dedicated to protecting public health and promoting environmental quality through funding and technical assistance programs.

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