



### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY

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## WIFA Announces Redesign of Funding Program for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects

**August 23, 2018 (PHOENIX)** The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA), the state's clean water and drinking water revolving fund administrator, recently announced the redesign of its popular Technical Assistance Program. The program awards funding for design and project development activities for water and wastewater capital improvement projects throughout the state. The program's redesign includes a higher per-project funding limit and expanded project support.

First offered in 2003, WIFA's Technical Assistance Program has helped fund 310 projects throughout the state, providing more than \$6,896,167 in total funding. As a fundamental feature of the program, funds awarded do not have to be repaid by the recipient, saving the community money while helping to improve water quality for its residents.

Beginning in July 2018, the amount awarded to selected applicants increased from a maximum of \$35,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 per qualifying project. In addition, technical assistance funding will coincide with the application and approval of a WIFA construction loan, intended to ensure that infrastructure projects are able to move forward through construction following the planning, design and environmental review phases. WIFA will manage all available funding sources to provide the best possible funding package.

Two types of technical assistance will be available: Project Design and Support for Federal Requirements. The Project Design funds will help cover the cost of designing a water or wastewater project and are intended for communities who are in the planning stage of construction. The Support for Federal Requirements funds will help cover the cost of required project development activities necessary for some projects to move forward with construction.

In total for fiscal year 2019, \$300,000 will be available for drinking water projects and \$150,000 for wastewater/stormwater projects. To be considered for technical assistance funding, applicants should contact WIFA at 602-364-1310 to discuss their options.

For more information about the program, please visit WIFA's Technical Assistance webpage at [www.azwifa.gov/technical-assistance-program](http://www.azwifa.gov/technical-assistance-program).

**About WIFA**

WIFA is a governmental organization dedicated to protecting public health and promoting environmental quality through financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure. WIFA offers funding for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects designed to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and proper wastewater treatment. Over the last 25 years, WIFA has invested over \$2 billion in Arizona's communities.

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