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ARPA ELIGIBILITY FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS

Washington State Department of Health
Office of Drinking Water

US Treasury – ARPA eligibility

- The Interim Final Rule generally aligns eligible uses of the Funds with the wide range of types or categories of projects that would be eligible to receive financial assistance through the Environmental Protection Agency's DWSRF
- ARPA Interim Final Rule and FAQ

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf> (section 6)

US Treasury – ARPA eligibility

- To determine eligibility recipients should review federal statutes, regulations, and guidelines from EPA,
- the Interim Federal rule does not incorporate any other requirements contained in the federal statutes governing the SRFs or any conditions or requirements that individual states may place on their use of SRFs.
- Not all projects eligible for ARPA would be eligible for Washington State DWSRF

EPA DWSRF Eligibility Categories

● 6 broad categories of eligible projects

- Treatment
- Transmission and Distribution
- Source
- Storage
- Consolidation
- Creation of new systems

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_version1.pdf

Eligible projects

○ Treatment

- New facilities or portion of facilities
- Upgrades, rehabilitation or replacement of facilities
- Potable reuse or reuse that mitigates the need for additional potable supply
- Desalination plants
- Raw water storage that is part of the treatment process and located on the same property
- Point of access or use treatment to meet water quality compliance and owned by the public water system

Eligible projects

● **Transmission and Distribution**

- Installation, replacement or rehabilitation to improve water pressure or prevent contamination
- Service line replacement
- New water main extensions to serve existing residents not served by a safe supply of potable water
- Reclaimed wastewater effluent and water reuse infrastructure and distribution systems where it mitigates the need for additional potable supply

Eligible projects

○ Source

- Development of new sources to replace contaminated source or increase drought resilience
- Raw water intakes, wells or other constructed infrastructure that allows the movement of raw water to the treatment plant
- Alternative supply in case of emergency or drought
- Aquifer storage and recovery system for water storage
- Riverbank filtration wells

Eligible projects

○ **Storage**

- New or replacement of existing structures to maintain compliance and protect public health

○ **Consolidation**

- Purchase of a water system and all its assets
- Interconnection of systems
 - to resolve non-compliance, achieve TMF, reduce overall per household cost of service or for drought resiliency

Eligible projects

○ **Creation of New Systems**

- To address an existing public health problem with serious risk caused by unsafe drinking water provided by individual wells or surface water sources
 - Must be limited in geographic area affected by contamination
- Creation of a new regional community water system to elimination individual systems with TMF difficulties

Additional eligible activities

● **Water Security Projects**

- Installation of security measures (fencing, gates, lighting, cameras, close circuit television)

● **Water Energy efficiency Projects**

- Energy efficient retrofits, renewable energy, pump refurbishment, pipe replacement to reduce water loss.

● **Other Capital project**

- Large capital equipment purchase (SCADA, Generators, leak detection devices)
- Administration buildings, acquiring existing infrastructure, land purchase to construct facilities

Additional eligible activities

- **Preconstruction costs – of eligible construction project**
 - Planning, design, permit, etc.
- **Road repairs associated with water project**

Ineligible Projects

- Construction or rehabilitation of dams
- Purchase of water rights, unless the water rights are owned by a system to be purchased for consolidation
- Construction or rehabilitation of reservoirs, except for finish water reservoirs or are part of treatment process and located on the treatment facility property
- Projects needed primarily for fire protection
- Projects needed primarily to serve future population growth

Q & A

- Q: Are planning documents required for a project to be eligible for ARPA funding?
 - A: No, this is a state specific requirement.
- Q: ARPA can't be used as the match for federal funding (DWSRF) Can I use ARPA funding with DWSRF?
 - A: Yes, WA meets our matching requirement when we receive our grant from EPA, but your entire project must comply with SRF requirements even if it has other funding sources.

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