

# QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING TO MITIGATE DROUGHT?

Opportunity for free advice for your Colorado utility on potential drought funding and mitigation projects

*One-stop shop of government funding agencies and experts*



Even with recent heavy snow, a long-running drought continues to create both short- and long-term challenges in Colorado, contributing to potential cascading disasters including wildfires, floods, and landslides. What can water and wastewater utilities do, especially small and overburdened utilities?

**Who is providing help?** U.S. EPA is coordinating with federal and state partners to offer a one-stop shop to help water and wastewater utilities with identifying possible drought mitigation strategies, as well as to help utilities understand the types of funding available to mitigate drought and who to contact if they want to get started.

**What types of drought projects could be eligible?** Aquifer storage and recovery, groundwater replenishment, green infrastructure, deeper wells, infiltration wells, water reuse, alternative water sources, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, water loss audits, leak detection projects, etc. Nature-based solutions are especially encouraged.

**If you answer yes to any of the following questions, EPA would like to hear from you:**

- Do you need help in developing a drought contingency plan?
- Do you have any projects in mind to address drought and need funding?
- Do you need help in identifying possible mitigation strategies to address drought and other associated hazards?



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## How to get free assistance for your utility:

Email your utility name, city, state and phone number to: [DroughtQuestions@epa.gov](mailto:DroughtQuestions@epa.gov) and we will contact you. We encourage small and overburdened utilities to reach out.

## WHO SHOULD REQUEST HELP?

Drinking water, wastewater and storm water utility staff and management staff involved in finance and risk.

## Drought Funding Resources for Water and Wastewater Utilities

- [EPA's Drought Response and Recovery Guide](#)
- [EPA's Federal Funding for Utilities – Water/Wastewater – in National Disasters \(Fed FUNDS\)](#)
- [EPA Water Technical Assistance](#)
- [EPA's Addressing and Mitigating Drought with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [Colorado's Drinking Water and Wastewater State Revolving Fund Program](#)
- [EPA's Integrating Water Reuse into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act](#)
- [Colorado Hazard Mitigation Program](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Water Grants/Loans](#)
- [USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant \(ECWAG\) Program](#)
- [Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants](#)
- [HUD Community Development Block Grants](#)
- [Colorado Water System Drought Assistance](#)
- [Colorado Local Community Funding Guide](#)

