



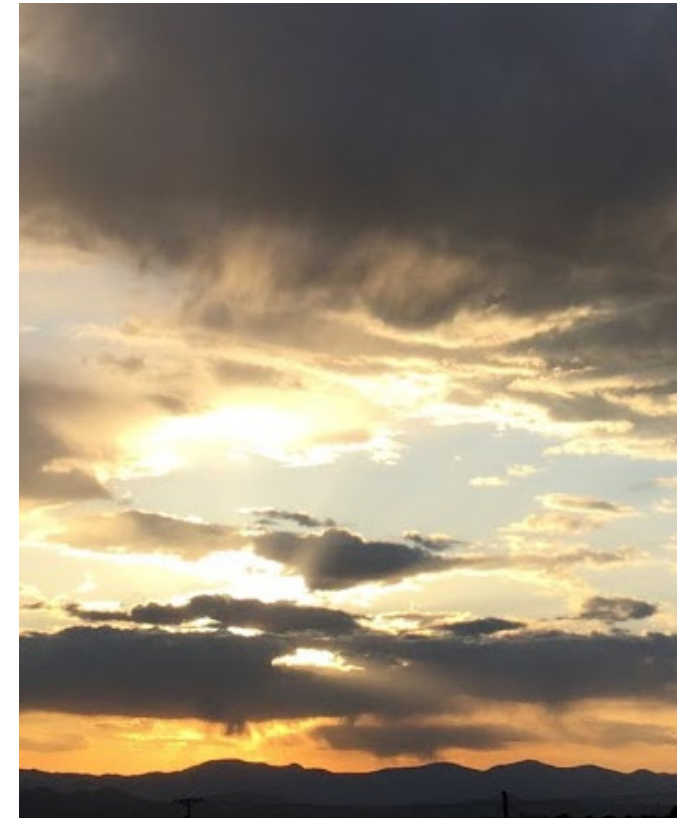
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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding for Utilities

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New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference

Rebecca Roose  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary



## We will cover...


- Online resources
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund basics
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund basics
- Overview of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding for water programs
- Related state efforts

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# Historic Investments in Local Water Infrastructure

Learn more about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



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## Mission

Our mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations. We implement our mission guided by four tenets:

## Frequently Viewed

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# Funding opportunities

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## **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Drinking Water and Wastewater Investments**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) delivers more than \$50 billion to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the next five years to improve our nation's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure – the single largest investment in water that the federal government has ever made. During the first year of funding, 2022, allocations for New Mexico's State Revolving Funds (SRFs) total \$63 million. This investment into our state will mean safe drinking water, clean water for communities and healthier watersheds.

Communities and other eligible applicants should apply now through the Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF programs to express interest in BIL funding for specific projects. Scroll down on this Funding Opportunities page for program details.

- [NMED BIL Fact Sheet](#)
- [EPA Fact Sheet: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: State Revolving Funds Implementation Memorandum](#)
- [EPA Memo: Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)

For more information about Clean Water SRF funding, contact [NMENV-cpinfo@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-cpinfo@state.nm.us) or 505-469-3365.

For more information about Drinking Water SRF funding, contact [NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us](mailto:NMENV-dwbfunding@state.nm.us) or 505-231-2120.

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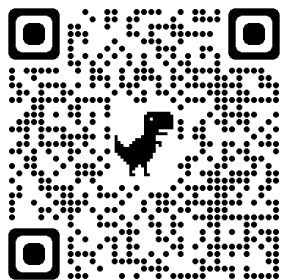
- [NMED one-page fact sheet](#)
- [EPA guidance for BIL implementation](#)
- [NMED contact information](#)
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# Water Infrastructure: Clean Water SRF Basics

- NMED is lead on project review, prioritization and loan administration
- Eligibilities include wastewater treatment, sewer lines, storm water projects, energy and water efficiency associated with wastewater, landfills, and many others with water quality protection components
- Below-market interest rates: 0-.01% for public entities, 2.375% for private borrowers
  - Grant-Loan combination funding available for public entities
  - Private borrowers can only access loans
- Application open all the time and funding is awarded year-round
- Application, Forms, tools and staff contacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>



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# Water Infrastructure: Drinking Water SRF Basics

- NMED is lead on project review, prioritization; NMFA administers loans
- Projects: Protect drinking water quality or public health
  - New eligibilities include repairs or minor upgrades of dams & reservoirs and some water rights purchases.
- Offers loans of up to 30 years at fixed, below-market interest rates
  - Disadvantaged public entities: 0% for the first \$1 Million
  - Community water systems: .01%
  - Non-profit water systems: 3%
- Subsidy amounts range from 25% for publicly-owned water systems and up to 75% of the project cost for qualifying severely disadvantaged systems.
- Principal forgiveness subsidy may also be available to reduce the cost of projects.
- Forms, tools and staff contacts... 



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# Outreach and Education for BIL Water Funding

## **OVERWHELMED** BY THE DWSRF APPLICATION PROCESS?

*Applying for funding is easier than it seems  
with our staff by your side.*



Pre-applications are a screening tool used by Drinking Water Bureau staff to gauge where you are in the planning process of your project. After submitting the pre-application, we will guide you through the process to ensure that your application is complete and you receive the maximum amount and best terms that you qualify for.

**WE WILL HELP YOU  
GET THE FUNDING  
YOU DESERVE**

APPLY TODAY!  
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NMED is expanding outreach to communities and other prospective borrowers throughout the year:

- One-on-One discussions, including during ongoing water and wastewater needs surveys
- Conferences and legislative hearings
- Live and on-demand recorded training webinars
- Travel to communities and meet with municipal leaders, staff and utility managers
- Share information through partnerships with Tribal governments, COGs, NM Rural Water and other organizations engaged at the community-level

# Water Infrastructure Funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

## *Five New Pots of Funding for Five Years*



- NMED administration
  - Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) general
  - CWSRF Emerging Contaminants

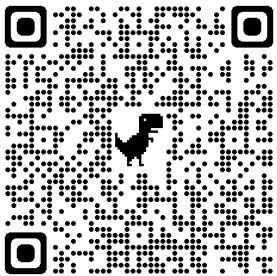
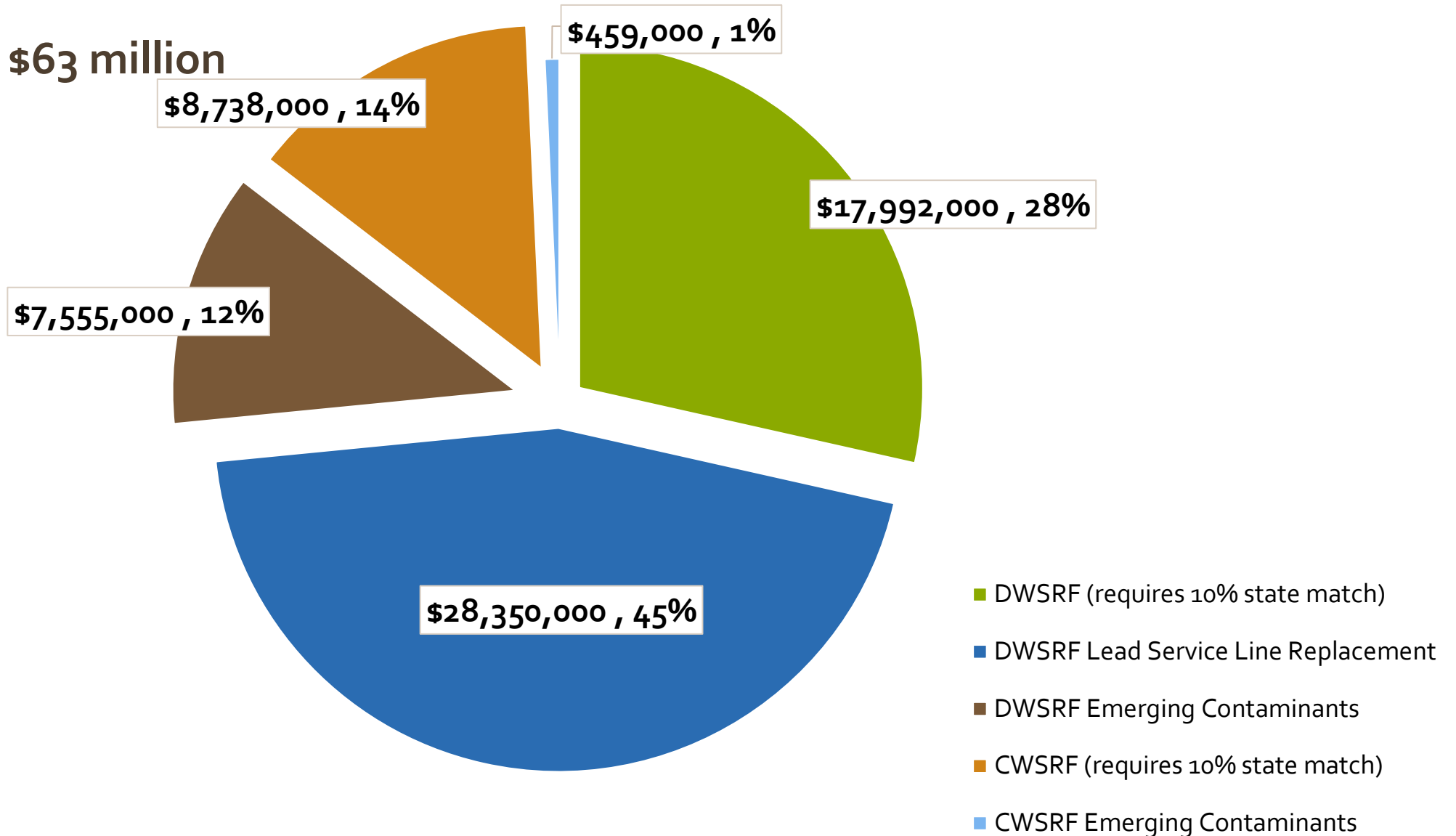


- Joint NMED and New Mexico Finance Authority administration
  - Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) general
  - DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement
  - DWSRF Emerging Contaminants



# NM Allocations for BIL Water Infrastructure Programs

Funding in 2022: \$63 million



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# BIL Water Funding Basics



The Town of Bloomfield CWSRF 103 WWTP Construction

- National focus is to support:
  - “Shovel worthy” projects
  - Disadvantaged communities
  - Domestic sourcing of materials for infrastructure projects
- Increased federal and state resources for technical assistance
  - Example: Closing Wastewater Access Gap Pilot
- Below market-rate loans and increased grant funding
  - 49% of state allocation to go toward subsidy for disadvantaged communities
- New federal funding for 2022 through 2026
- “Buy America” requirements

# BIL Water Funding Timeline for 2022

- March: USEPA determined state allocations
- August: New Mexico received first BIL awards – ***\$26.7 million***
- Rolling: Communities submit applications to get their project reviewed and added to the Priority List



Scan for more details on our  
Sept. 29 BIL announcement →



# Building Capacity at All Levels

- Increased funding for technical service providers
- Increased demands on NMED and NMFA technical and financial staff
- Workforce and supply chain challenges
- Growing demand for engineering firms, construction companies, equipment and supplies

Coming soon! Report and recommendations from the *Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force*. Follow the Task Force at <https://nmwater.org/>.



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