



2023 CLEAN WATER CONSTRUCTION COALITION PRIORITIES

OVERALL GOAL - To ensure that commitments for robust funding for programs of interest to the Coalition are met and expanded. More funding means more projects and more projects means more jobs.

PRIORITY #1: Fully Fund Commitments (IIJA + Base FY Appropriation) and Increase Funding

- Fund Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Water Reuse Programs to IIJA levels + Base FY Appropriation Levels for FY24:
 - **Clean Water SRF Funding at minimum of \$4.58 Billion** (\$2.95 Billion IIJA + \$1.63 Billion FY Base). In addition:
 - **Drinking Water SRF Funding at minimum of \$4.05 Billion** (\$2.95 Billion IIJA + \$1.10 Billion FY Base)
 - **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), including State WIFIA (SWIFIA) at a minimum of \$80 Million**
- If Congress chooses to continue the use of Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) for water infrastructure projects, these funds must be additive to the overall EPA budget and NOT come out of the baseline SRF funding moving forward; and
- Inclusion of additional funding for the SRFs, Alternative Water Source Program and other water programs of interest in the final version if anything emerges from the “Build Back Better” framework; and
- Enactment of Title XVI WIIN grant funding and Federal share increase.

PRIORITY # 2: Accelerate the Work

- Enactment of legislation, policies, regulations, and specifications that accelerate the project pipeline and bring more water projects to construction in a timely manner. Advocate that EPA require State SRF’s to streamline review and approval processes for the replacement or improvement of existing water infrastructure assets.

PRIORITY #3: Price Escalation / Build America, Buy America Requirements

- Recognize near-term challenges, such as inflation, disruptions to supply chains, and lack of domestic capacity or supply when implementing new domestic preference procurement requirements for construction materials and manufactured products. Protecting public health and the environment, while maintaining affordable user rates, requires the flexibility to source the most cost-effective materials and best available technologies.

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