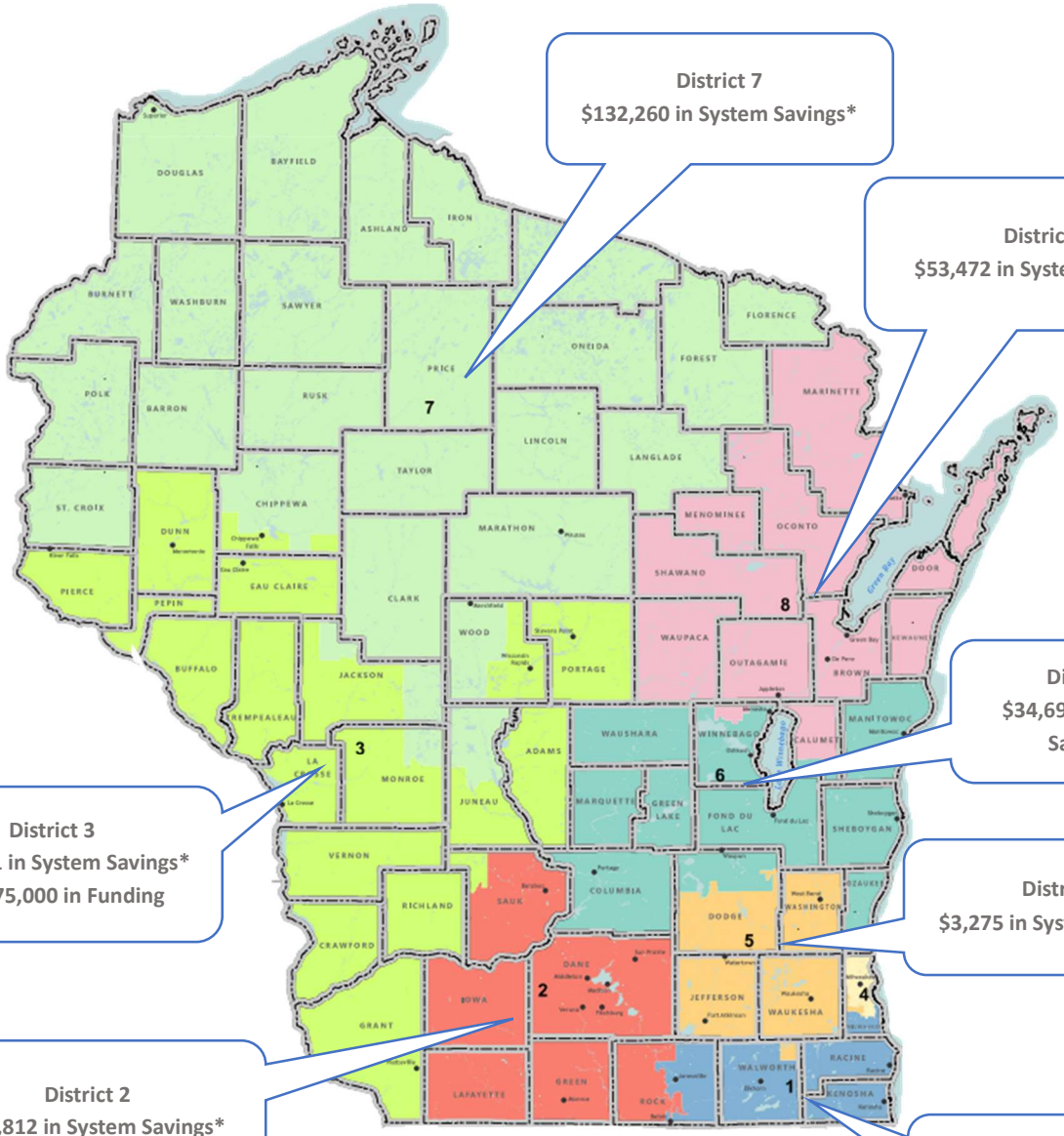
Wisconsin Rural Water Association
2025 Impact on Wisconsin



District 7
$132,260 in System Savings*

District 8
$53,472 in System Savings*

District 6
$34,697 in System Savings*

District 3
$201,851 in System Savings*
$39,375,000 in Funding

District 5
$3,275 in System Savings*

District 2
$104,812 in System Savings*

District 1
$15,391 in System Savings*

** Includes significant visits only. Does not reflect all WRWA assistance provided throughout the year.*

Provides Training…

WRWA continues to be the leading provider of training in the state of Wisconsin to those in the water and wastewater industries. In fact, WRWA is one of the leading trainers of water and wastewater system personnel in the nation. In 2025, WRWA conducted a total of **147** training sessions and events. These were attended by **5,350** operators, managers, administrative personnel, plumbers, and business representatives.

Technical Assistance…

Providing technical assistance to operators of small rural water and wastewater systems throughout Wisconsin is the backbone of our services. WRWA conducted **3,207** on-site technical assistance visits in 2025 in addition to over **5,670** phone calls to and from systems. WRWA currently has a field staff of 11 providing on-site technical assistance to water and wastewater systems in the state.

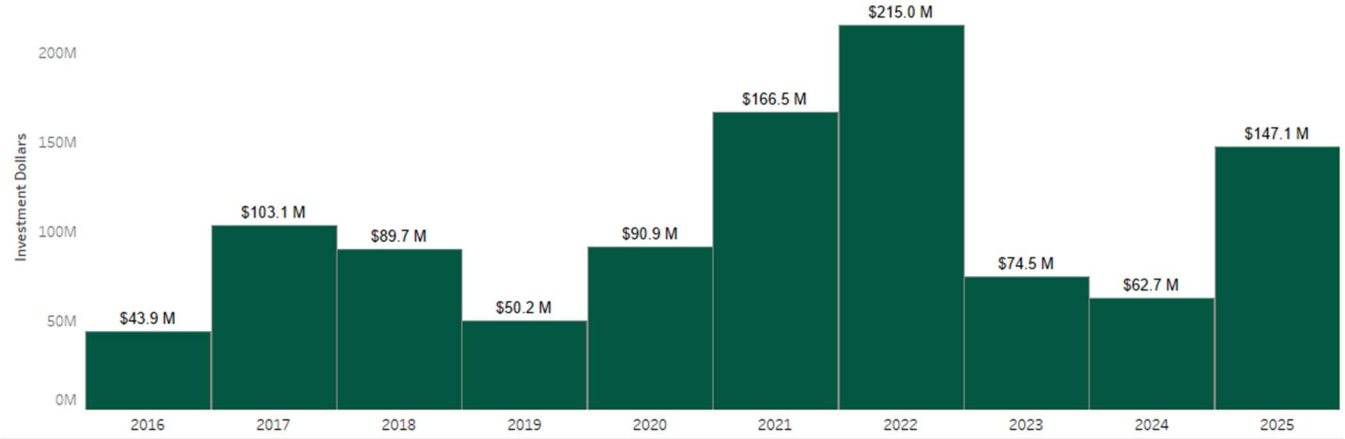
WRWA technical assistance is provided in several areas, including regulatory compliance, utility management, solving distribution system problems, treatment, emergency response, source water protection, system operations assistance, energy efficiency, and providing loaner equipment.

And Resources for Project Funding!

WRWA works closely with USDA Rural Development to help rural communities secure loans, grants, and loan guarantee programs necessary for replacing worn out equipment and expanding operations. During 2025, Rural Development assisted the town of Campbell with a low-interest loan for $30,835,000 and a grant of $8,540,000 to install a municipal water system necessary to reduce their high levels of PFAS. The 4,500 residents of Campbell have been on state-funded bottled water for five years due to the high PFAS levels.

Rural Development
Community Facilities & Water/Environmental
Project Funding History – All Districts

District: All
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental

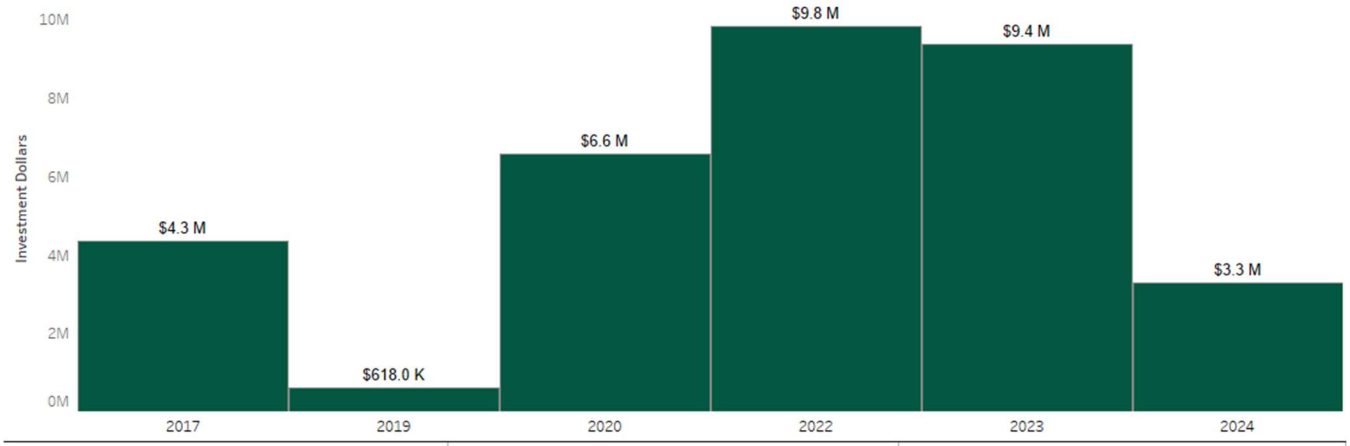


$1.0 B	$855.9 M	$187.6 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

The view shows Wisconsin. Congressional districts shown: All. Program areas shown: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental. Investment types shown: All. All fiscal years will always be shown.

Rural Development
Community Facilities & Water/Environmental
Project Funding History By District

District: 1
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$34.0 M	$30.7 M	$3.4 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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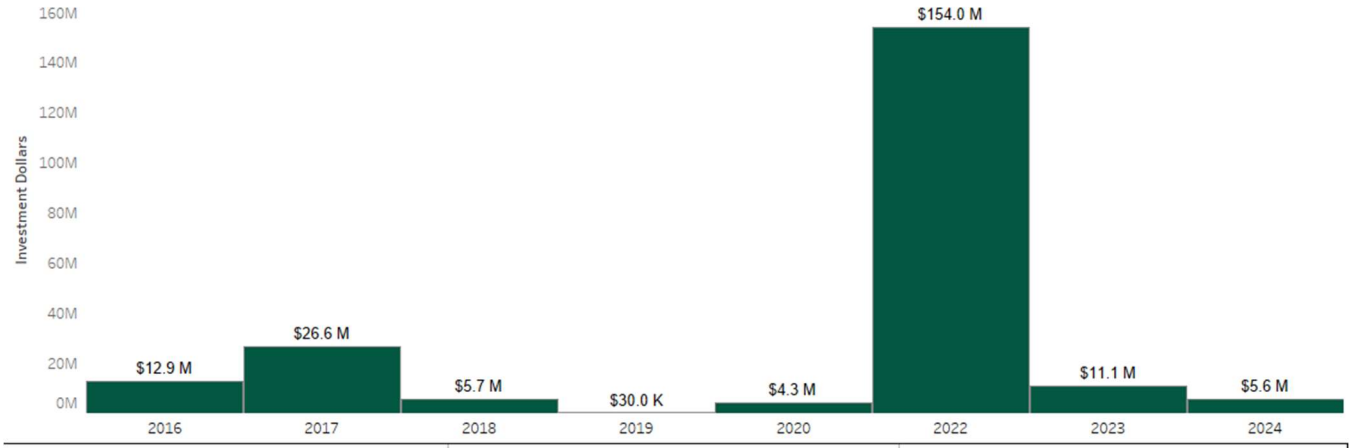
District: 2
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$220.1 M	$198.4 M	$21.7 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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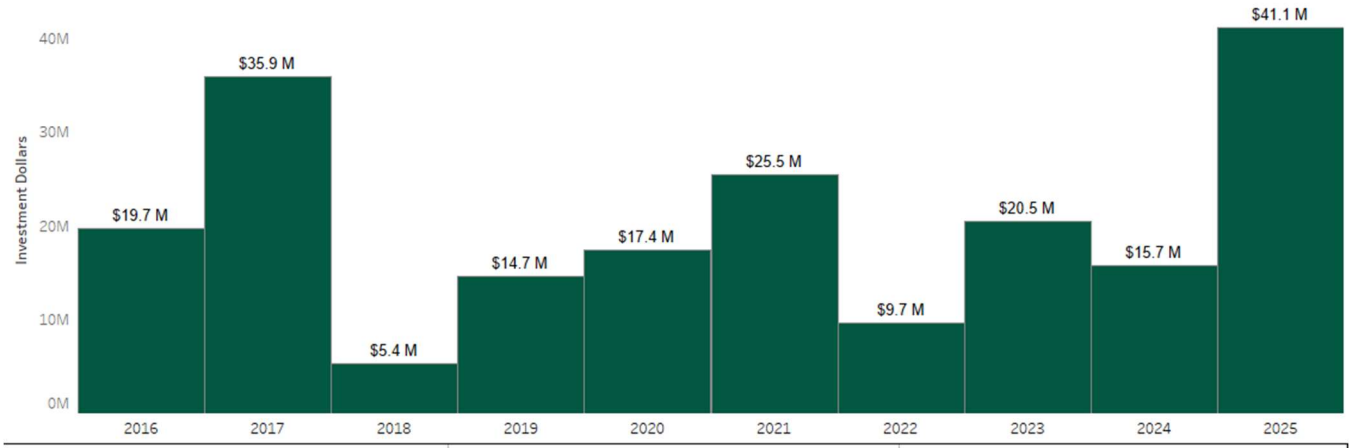
District: 3
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$205.7 M	$148.5 M	$57.2 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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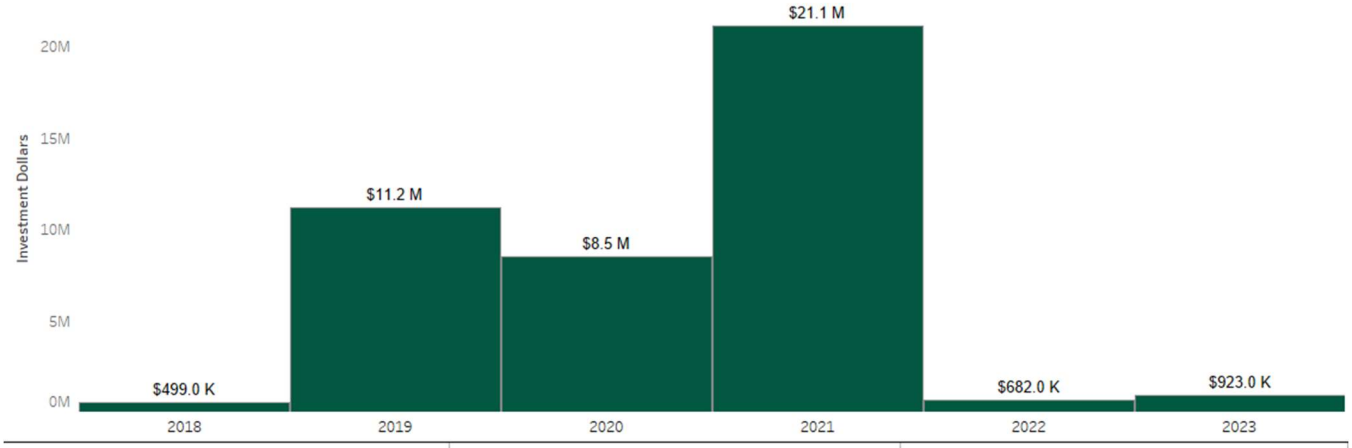
District: 5
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$42.9 M	$29.7 M	$13.2 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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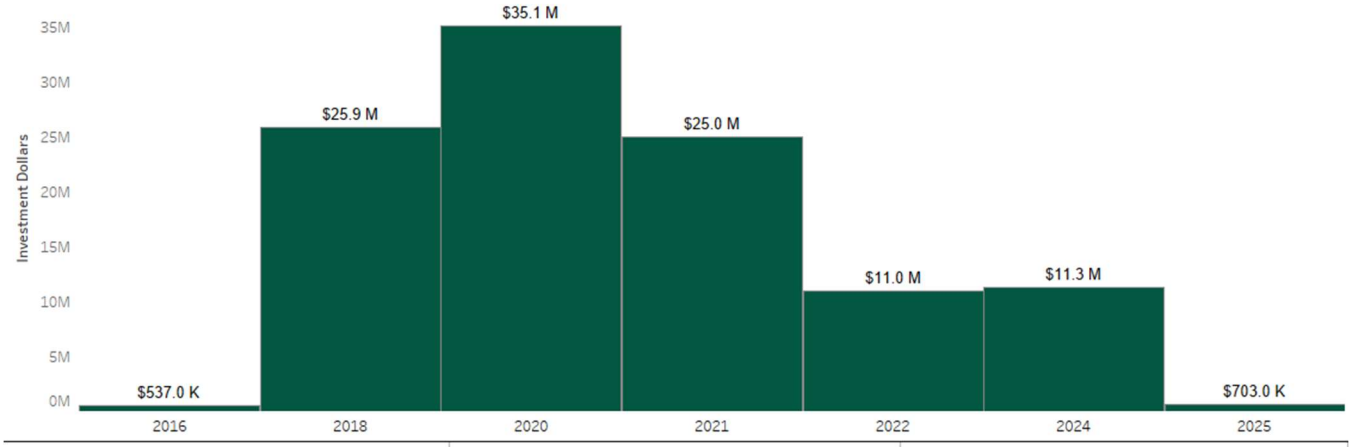
District: 6
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$109.5 M	$99.3 M	$10.2 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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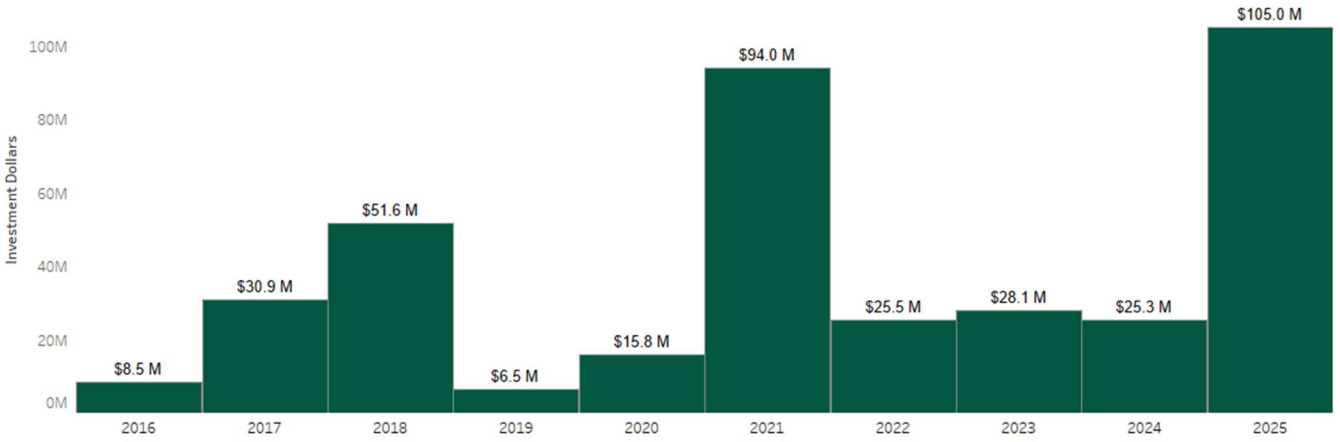
District: 7
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$391.0 M	$321.0 M	$70.1 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

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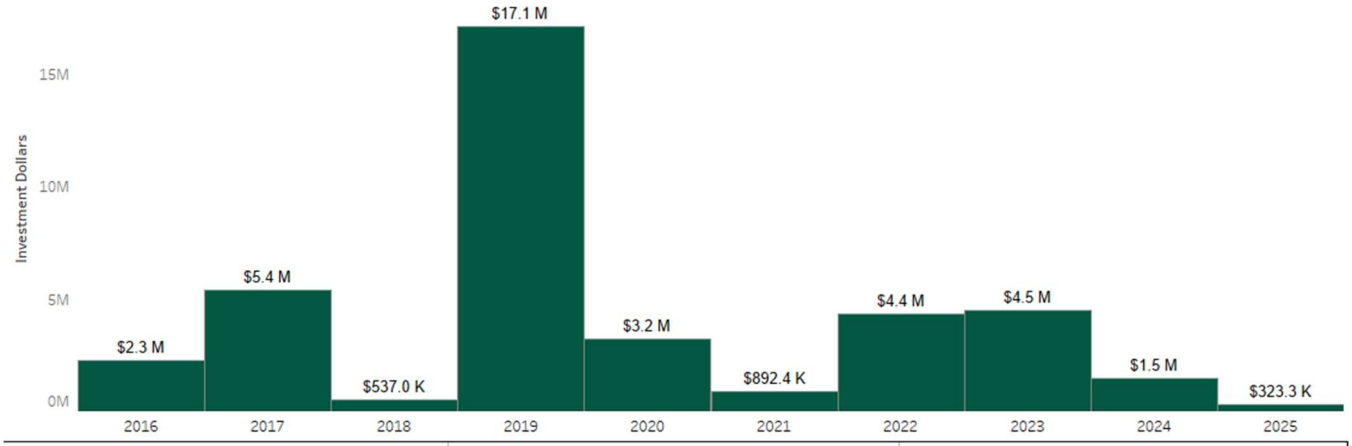
District: 8
Program Area: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental



$40.1 M	$28.3 M	$11.8 M
TOTAL	LOANS	GRANTS

The view shows Wisconsin. Congressional districts shown: 8. Program areas shown: Community Facilities & Water and Environmental. Investment types shown: All. All fiscal years will always be shown.

National Rural Water Association

Rural Water FY2027 Appropriations Priorities

February 2026

Dear Congress: Please prioritize what is working.

Small and rural communities have the very important public responsibility of complying with all applicable federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act regulations and for supplying the public with safe drinking water and sanitation every second of every day. Over 91% of the approximately 50,000 community water systems serve fewer than 10,000 persons and 81% serve fewer than 3,300 persons. Small and rural communities often have difficulty complying with complicated federal mandates and providing safe/affordable drinking water and sanitation due to limited economies of scale and lack of technical expertise. This difficulty is eased due to ongoing and continuing support offered through rural water training and technical assistance programs as highlighted below.

	Initiative	FY2023 Enacted	FY2024 Enacted	FY2026 Enacted	FY2027 Request
USDA	Circuit Rider Technical Assistance	$21,180,000	$21,817,000	$23,900,000	**$24,617,000**
USDA	Wastewater Disposal Technical Assistance	$37,500,000	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	**$35,000,000**
USDA	Grassroots Source Water Protection Program	$7,500,000	$7,000,000	$7,500,000	**$7,500,000**
USDA	Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program	$596,404,000	$595,972,000	$445,864,564[A]	**$500,000,000**
USDA	Water & Waste Disposal Revolving Loan Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	**$1,000,000**
EPA	Safe Drinking Water Act Technical Assistance	$30,700,000	$30,700,000	$30,700,000	**$35,000,000**
EPA	Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance	$27,000,000	$25,500,000	$25,500,000	**$26,000,000**
EPA	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	$1,638,861,000	$1,638,861,000	$1,638,861,000[B]	**$1,638,861,000**
EPA	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	$1,126,101,000	$1,126,101,000	$1,126,101,000[C]	**$1,126,101,000**
DOL	National Water and Wastewater Operator Apprenticeship Program	Language included	Language included	TBD	**$20,000,000**

***A:** WEP Earmarks $110,488,564 **B:** CWSRF Earmarks: $892,762,272 **C:** DWSRF Earmarks: $715,364,627*

How Can Representatives/Senators Support Rural Water?

1. Write the Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members in support of Rural Water's **five** funding priorities (or include in Members' formal appropriations requests);
2. Personally contact the Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members in support of Rural Water's **five** funding priorities; and
3. Ask the key staff person in each office to contact the Subcommittees in support of Rural Water's **five** funding priorities.

Subcommittee	House	Senate
USDA	Chair Andy Harris (MD) Ranking Member Sanford Bishop (GA)	Chair John Hoeven (ND) Ranking Member Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
Interior (EPA)	Chair Mike Simpson (ID) Ranking Member Chellie Pingree (ME)	Chair Lisa Murkowski (AK) Ranking Member Jeff Merkley (OR)
Labor	Chair Robert Aderholt (AL) Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (CT)	Chair Shelley Moore Capito (WV) Ranking Member Tammy Baldwin (WI)

The National Rural Water Association represents over 31,000 small and rural community members dedicated to drinking water quality, environmental protection and public health protection.

Description of Rural Water Priorities

1. USDA Circuit Riders

Since 1980, Circuit Riders have provided the primary assistance to small communities for the operation of safe and clean drinking water supplies and compliance with water regulations. This assistance protects the sizable investment the federal government has made in rural water infrastructure. Circuit Riders are in the field every day helping systems with compliance, operations, maintenance, management, disaster response and training. The Circuit Rider Program has long been one of USDA's most successful public-private partnerships, efficiently and effectively using appropriated funds to provide technical assistance and training to rural communities through state based nonprofit associations.

2. USDA Farm Service Agency Grassroots Source Water Protection

This is the only statewide local community-based initiative ensuring environmentally progressive local land-use decisions without the controversy and bureaucracy of regulatory programs. It provides each state with at least one full-time person to organize and assist rural communities, farmers, and other land-use interests in the implementation of source water protection plans including non-point source (runoff) protection practices in agriculture regions. This initiative allows the people who benefit from environmental protection to take responsibility for achieving it—ensuring its success and eliminating local controversy.

3. EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Technical Assistance and Training

Since 1977, small and rural communities have relied on local/on-site technical assistance and training for compliance with the myriad of federal EPA regulations, avoiding EPA fines, and operating drinking water and wastewater supplies. According to small and rural communities, EPA-funded local initiatives are the most effective environmental protection efforts for drinking water & wastewater, ground water, source water, and compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Small communities want to ensure quality water and stay in compliance—rural water provides them the shared technical resources to do it.

4. EPA Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance

Small and rural communities have more difficulty affording public wastewater service due to lack of population density and lack of economies of scale. This challenge is compounded by the fact that rural communities have lower average median household incomes and often have higher rates of poverty. PL 155-270, enacted in October 2018, authorized a new technical assistance program for small and rural communities to improve water quality, operate and maintain public wastewater treatment utilities and comply with federal Clean Water Act standards.

5. National Rural Water Apprenticeship Program

Since 2016, NRWA has collaborated with State Rural Water Associations, USDA, DOL, EPA, and local rural water utilities to build the first nationally recognized DOL Registered Apprenticeship Program for water and wastewater system operators. Employment data indicates up to 50% of the rural water workforce will leave the water industry over the next 10 years. Rural water and wastewater utilities need a pipeline of skilled workers to help ensure clean and safe water for the public and to maintain the water infrastructure necessary to keep rural service areas economically viable. To date, thirty-five State Rural Water Associations have federally approved Registered Apprenticeship Programs and are currently offering a job creation program specifically designed by industry leaders to attract, train and retain the next generation rural water workforce with over 1200 apprentices enrolled or graduated so far.

NRWA™
Celebrating 50 Years

NATIONAL RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUMMARY

Name of program: **Circuit Rider Program**

Appropriations bill: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Senate subcommittee Chairman: John Hoeven (ND)

Senate subcommittee Ranking Member: Jeanne Shaheen (NH)

House subcommittee Chairman: Andy Harris (MD)

House subcommittee Ranking Member: Sanford Bishop (GA)

Department: United States Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service (within Rural Development)

Appropriations account: Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account

Authorization: 7 USC 1926(a)(22)

FY2027 President's budget request: TBD

Funding History	
FY2021	$20,157,000
FY2022	$20,762,000
FY2023	$21,180,000
FY2024	$21,817,000
FY2026	$23,900,000

***FY2027 request*: $24,617,000**

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) requests an appropriation of $24,617,000 for the Circuit Rider Program for FY2027.

The Circuit Rider Program is a five-year competitive contract that was awarded to NRWA on November 1, 2020. The final year of that contract began on November 1, 2024, and expired on November 1, 2025. On October 31, 2025, USDA granted a 6-month extension to the existing contract. The FY2026 enacted level of $23,900,000 fully funded the fifth-year contract costs and included additional funding to add a full-time position within the State of Rhode Island. This increased the total number of Circuit Riders from 132 to 133.

The Rural Development contracting officer requires NRWA to include a cost escalator for annual inflationary purposes necessary to maintain 132 Circuit Riders and to provide the same level of services. Also required is the establishment of a management reserve account to address unforeseen circumstances.

USDA Circuit Rider Justification: Increase the FY2026 enacted level of $23,900,000 by 3%, or $717,000, to $24,617,000 for FY2027.

USDA Rural Development Circuit Rider: Since 1980, the Circuit Rider Program has been one of USDA's most successful public-private partnerships, efficiently and effectively using appropriated funds to provide technical expertise, training, regulatory compliance, management and disaster assistance to rural communities through state based nonprofit organizations.

There are currently 132 full-time permanent Circuit Riders deployed in rural America in all 50 states and Territories. As previously mentioned, this funding request is based on the federal contract requirements and regardless of the appropriations level, the terms and conditions of the contract require NRWA to continue to provide the same level of service, even with interrupted, delayed or reduced federal funding.

State Rural Water Associations provide non-federal matching money to cover their actual cost. In the last reporting cycle, State Rural Water Associations provided $1,933,947 in non-federal funds to cover the full cost of delivering this program.

In addition to the core services Circuit Riders have provided for decades, demand for these critical services has increased and evolved. Included in these expanded efforts are additional emergency response and recovery efforts and requests, cyber security assistance, and increased regulatory demands to include compliance with the Lead and Copper and PFAS rules. Circuit Riders have also increased their assistance to address operator vacancies attributed to an aging workforce and addressing the increased challenges related to operating and maintaining aging infrastructure.

Experience and Benefits: Personnel turnover within this program is very rare. Circuit Riders have approximately 3,000 years of combined experience in the water and wastewater industry. This experience and dedication to the overall mission reaps rewards in additional cost savings provided to the communities served. With this seasoned experienced staff, salary and benefit costs are higher.

Circuit Riders Protect Federal Investments and Public Health: Circuit Rider assistance has become even more critical with the loss of over 1,000 USDA Rural Development staff in the field. Circuit Riders' on-site, hands-on assistance, combined with trusted peer-to-peer relationships, enhances all operations including fiscal management, disaster assistance, governance, regulatory compliance, all essential for the sustainability of water and wastewater utilities. This assistance enhances the water system's ability to repay their government debt, protects the low cost of this program while maintaining and enhancing the public health in rural communities. In addition, the Circuit Riders are considered essential employees to perform Mission Critical Services for the U.S. Government during a lapse of appropriations and public health emergencies.

NATIONAL RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUMMARY

Name of program: **Grassroots Source Water Protection Program**

Appropriations bill: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Senate subcommittee Chairman: John Hoeven (ND)

Senate subcommittee Ranking Member: Jeanne Shaheen (NH)

House subcommittee Chairman: Andy Harris (MD)

House subcommittee Ranking Member: Sanford Bishop (GA)

Department: United States Department of Agriculture

Agency: Farm Service Agency

Appropriations account: Grassroots Source Water Protection Program

Authorization: 16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2

FY2027 President's budget request: TBD

Funding History	
FY2021	$6,500,000
FY2022	$6,500,000
FY2023	$7,500,000
FY2024	$7,000,000
FY2026	$7,500,000

***FY2027 request*: $7,500,000**

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) requests an appropriation of $7,500,000, consistent with the FY2026 enacted bill, for the FSA Grassroots Source Water Protection Program. NRWA requested, and Congress appropriated $6.5 million to carry out this initiative from FY2016 to FY2022. For FY2023, Congress increased this account by $1,000,000 to allow additional activities to include, but are not limited to, enhanced assistance to address nutrient run-off from highly erodible cropland; decline in water quantity and quality related to drought; chemical security mapping; and coordination implementing source water protection practices in high priority areas, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

NRWA currently maintains 55 full-time Grassroots Source Water Protection Program Specialists in the field. Every state has one full-time Source Water Specialist with two Specialists currently provided in Colorado, California, Kansas, Minnesota, and Montana.

FSA Source Water Justification: Enact the FY2026 funding level to maintain current field staff, services, and activities in FY2027.

Grassroots Source Water Protection Initiative: Protecting public health is the top priority in every water and wastewater system in America. Since 1990, the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) and State Rural Water Associations have assisted water utilities and rural communities in identifying, controlling, and eliminating pollutants from the nation's water resources. The NRWA Source Water Protection Program is built around small water utilities, local businesses, agriculture, government, and other groups working together to develop and implement strategies to protect their drinking water sources. It is a voluntary, grassroots planning effort that builds local responsibility and creates more sustainable communities.

Source Water Protection: The FY2027 source water protection program appropriation of $7,500,000 will allow NRWA to maintain 55 full-time field employees to continue to provide this essential service with enhanced activities.

Prevention vs. Remediation: This cooperative program has made significant progress in reducing point source pollution from industrial, agricultural, municipal, and even household sources. The program has also made progress in the challenging area of nonpoint source pollution. Nonpoint source pollution results from activities over large areas, such as runoff from agriculture, industry, and transportation that flows into water sources. In addition to protecting the health and welfare of U.S. communities, source water protection efforts save consumers money. The USDA estimates damages from soil erosion costs between $2 billion to $8 billion per year. The EPA estimates that public water systems spend an additional $200 million per year just to remove excess nitrate to meet federal drinking water standards. A small community's nominal investment in implementing and adhering to a source water protection plan can avoid substantial remediation costs.

This is the only statewide local community-based initiative ensuring environmentally progressive local land-use decisions without the controversy and bureaucracy of regulatory programs. Currently there are 55 full-time specialists employed to organize and assist rural communities, farmers, and other land-use interests in the implementation of source water protection plans including nonpoint source (runoff) protection practices in agriculture regions. State Associations provided $342,151 of non-federal matching funds to carry out this initiative from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. This initiative allows the people who benefit from environmental protection to take responsibility for achieving it- ensuring its success and eliminating local controversy. Through comprehensive planning efforts that identify potential threats to the water supply, communities proactively maintain local sources of safe and clean water. Additionally, by developing and implementing a source water protection plan, communities can help minimize the future need for expensive upgrades to treatment facilities.

NATIONAL RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUMMARY

Name of program: **EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Technical Assistance**

Appropriations bill: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Senate subcommittee Chairman: Lisa Murkowski (AK)

Senate subcommittee Ranking Member: Jeff Merkley (OR)

House subcommittee Chairman: Mike Simpson (ID)

House subcommittee Ranking Member: Chellie Pingree (ME)

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Appropriations account: Environmental Programs and Management

Authorization: Safe Drinking Water Act (42 USC 300j-1(e))

FY2027 President's budget request: TBD

Funding History

FY2021	$21,700,000
FY2022	$25,700,000
FY2023	$30,700,000
FY2024	$30,700,000
FY2026	$30,700,000

***FY2027 request:* $35,000,000**

The National Rural Water Association requests report language, consistent with the House FY2026 reported bill (see below) appropriating $35,000,000 under this account to provide $26,000,000 dedicated to the technical assistance activities as prescribed under the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Act. Small and rural communities rely on local/on-site technical assistance and training for compliance with federal EPA regulations, avoiding EPA fines, and operating drinking and wastewater supplies.

> **Report Language**: *Environmental Protection: National Priorities.*- The bill provides $35,000,000. The Committee directs that funds be used for a competitive grant program for qualified non-profit organizations to provide technical assistance for improved water quality or safe drinking water, adequate wastewater to small systems, or individual private well owners. The Agency shall provide $26,000,000 for Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act, for activities specified under Section 1442(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–1(e)(8)). The Agency is directed to provide funding to the most qualified and experienced non-profit organizations in providing technical assistance to small water systems and to issue the grant awards from this program on an annual basis.

EPA Technical Assistance Justification: Enact the House's FY2026 reported level of $35,000,000 and follow the Congressional intent of Public Law 114-98 for FY2027.

EPA Technical Assistance Authorization: The President signed the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act into law (Public Law 114-98) on December 11, 2015. The House of Representatives unanimously passed the bill on November 30, 2015 and the Senate on June 9, 2015 (also unanimously). The authorization was modified in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (H.R.3684, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) to ensure the funding is used in the most beneficial manner for rural and small communities.

The purpose of the Act is to require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) follow Congressional intent in administering directed appropriations to assist small and rural communities to comply with federal environmental mandates. The Act authorizes the EPA to provide technical assistance to small and rural communities to assist them with: (1) compliance with the myriad of federal regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act; (2) operation and maintenance of their water utilities; and (3) public health protection through the supply of safe public drinking water.

Technical Assistance Demand: Small and rural communities often have a difficult time, due to their limited customer base and technical capacities, providing safe water and complying with federal standards. This is compounded by the fact that small and rural communities often have lower median household incomes and higher water rates compared to larger communities. As a result, the cost of compliance is often dramatically higher per household.

The vast majority of U.S. drinking water supplies are small; 91% of community water systems serve a population of fewer than 10,000 people. Some communities are so small they rely on volunteers to operate their drinking water supply. Small communities in violation of the federal rules are subject to $25,000 per-day civil penalties. We are urging Congress to fully fund the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act portion at $26,000,000 and ensure funding is limited to qualified, experienced technical assistance providers to effectively serve the needs of rural utilities

Experience: Since 1977, NRWA has assisted small and rural communities in providing safe drinking water and ensured access to the expertise of an experienced, trustworthy technician. This technical assistance provides for efficient system operation and maintenance and affordable compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act mandates. Small and rural communities are struggling under new federal regulations, complex funding program applications, and continuing mandatory operator training requirements. Recent EPA awards for this initiative do not adequately address the needs of small and rural communities that need help as soon as possible.

NATIONAL RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUMMARY

Name of program: **EPA Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance**

Appropriations bill: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Senate subcommittee Chairman: Lisa Murkowski (AK)

Senate subcommittee Ranking Member: Jeff Merkley (OR)

House subcommittee Chairman: Mike Simpson (ID)

House subcommittee Ranking Member: Chellie Pingree (ME)

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Appropriations account: State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account

Authorization: America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (section 4103), *"Technical Assistance for Treatment Works"*

FY2027 President's budget request: TBD

Funding History

FY2021	$18,000,000
FY2022	$20,000,000
FY2023	$27,000,000
FY2024	$25,500,000
FY2026	$25,500,000

***FY2027 request:* $26,000,000**

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) requests $26,000,000, consistent with the FY2026 House reported level, to fund section 4103 America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. This competitive grant program provides small and rural communities with the technical assistance necessary to improve water quality, operate and maintain public wastewater treatment utilities, assist with permitting, comply with federal Clean Water Act regulations and apply for federal funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Funds. Small and rural communities strive to ensure quality wastewater stays in compliance—this initiative provides them with the technical resources to do so.

> **Bill Language:** $26,000,000 shall be for grants under section 104(b)(8) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1254(b)(8)).
>
> **Report Language:** The Agency is directed to issue awards on an annual basis to the most qualified and experienced non-profit organizations necessary to provide quality uninterrupted training and technical assistance. The Agency is directed to allocate funds to grantees within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

EPA Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance Justification: Enact the FY2026 House reported level of $26,000,000 for section 4103 of America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 in FY2027

EPA Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance: This technical assistance authorization, section 4103, “Technical Assistance for Treatment Works,” was included in America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and signed into law by the President on October 23, 2018.

Small and rural communities have more difficulty affording public wastewater service due to lack of population density and lack of economies of scale. This challenge is compounded by the fact that rural communities have lower average median household incomes and often have higher rates of poverty. Likewise, rural communities have a much more challenging time complying with federal Clean Water Act permits and operating complex wastewater treatment systems due to the lack of technical resources and expertise in small communities. While most rural communities have fewer resources, they are regulated in the exact same manner as a large community - and often operating similarly complex treatment systems that are smaller in scale but no less sophisticated to operate and troubleshoot. Many small communities may only have one (or one part-time) operator with multiple duties (not just wastewater treatment) - while a large community may have a team of technical experts including engineers, chemists, and highly trained operators - all as part of their full-time staff.

Many small and rural communities are currently struggling to comply with the EPA sewer permits (i.e. federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits), experiencing issues with inflow and infiltration of their collection systems, meeting Clean Water Act ammonia standards, biochemical oxygen demand standards, new nutrient standards, stormwater regulations and changing permits due to implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulations.

This recent law provides direct on-site assistance to communities to support the efficient operation of their wastewater utilities and ensure compliance with all the federal regulations under the Clean Water Act. Funding and implementation will allow communities to comply with the federal Clean Water Act requirements, potentially save thousands of dollars, prevent the hiring of consultants to comply with the Clean Water Act and limit exposure to civil penalties. Instead of a “must” mandate from the federal government, this provision will provide small and rural communities with “how-to” guidance for cost-effective compliance with the federal government's Clean Water Act.

NATIONAL RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUMMARY

Name of program: **National Water and Wastewater Operator Apprenticeship Program**

Appropriations bill: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies

Senate subcommittee Chairman: Shelley Moore Capito (WV)

Senate subcommittee Ranking Member: Tammy Baldwin (WI)

House subcommittee Chairman: Robert Aderholt (AL)

House subcommittee Ranking Member: Rosa DeLauro (CT)

Department: United States Department of Labor

Agency: Employment and Training Administration

Appropriations Account: Training and Employment Services

FY2027 President's budget request: TBD

Apprenticeship Grant Program Funding History	
FY2021	$185,000,000
FY2022	$235,000,000
FY2023	$285,000,000
FY2024	$285,000,000
FY2026	TBD

***FY2027 request:* $20,000,000 set-aside within the Apprenticeship Grant Program**

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) requests $20,000,000 for a national water and wastewater operator apprenticeship program to be funded by the available resources within the Apprenticeship Grant Program account.

> **Bill Language**: $20,000,000 shall be for national water and wastewater operator industry workforce training through apprenticeship programs registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor or a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship pursuant to the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the "National Apprenticeship Act"; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).
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> **Report Language**: The Committee directs the Secretary to make $20,000,000 in grant funding available for a nonprofit organization working with community water systems to establish, implement, expand, and administer registered apprenticeship programs consistent with the National Guideline Standards of Apprenticeship for Water and Wastewater System Operations Specialists to address nationwide shortages of qualified drinking water and wastewater operators, especially in rural America.

DOL Rural Water Workforce Initiative Justification: Provide the FY2026 House reported level of $20,000,000 for a national water and wastewater operator apprenticeship program.

NRWA, State Rural Water Associations, USDA, DOL, EPA, and local rural water utilities are collaborating successfully to establish the first nationally recognized Registered Apprenticeship Program for water and wastewater system operators, while creating jobs in rural America. In July 2024, NRWA achieved a significant milestone by securing $7,631,873 in DOL competitive grant funding to support the development and expansion of these vital rural water apprenticeships. As of January 2026, 35 State Rural Water Associations have completed the rigorous process of obtaining federally approved Registered Apprenticeship Programs and are now attracting, training, and retaining the next generation water workforce with over 687 apprentices enrolled and over 519 have completed their apprenticeship as of December 31, 2025.

To bolster this effective initiative, Congress "urged" the Secretary of Labor to make funding available for the NRWA Registered Apprenticeship Program in the FY2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act and the FY2026 DOL House Appropriations report includes a set-aside directing the Secretary of Labor to invest $20 million:

> *The Committee directs DOL to make $20,000,000 in grant funding available to establish, implement, expand, and administer registered apprenticeship programs consistent with the National Guideline Standards of Apprenticeship for Water and Wastewater System Operations Specialists to address nationwide shortages of qualified drinking water and wastewater operators, especially in rural America (page 18)*

To continue the growing, successful NRWA Apprenticeship Program, we also request a $285 million funding level for the Apprenticeship Grant Program account, the same as the House and Senate's FY2026 reported level with a $20,000,000 set-aside for a national water and wastewater operator apprenticeship program to be funded by the available resources within that account.

Safe and effective water utility management is vital to rural America and the nation. There are currently over 50,000 community water supplies in the country, 91% serve populations of 10,000 or less. Employment data indicates up to 50% of this workforce will leave the water industry within the next 10 years. A vast majority of community water systems have been unable to attract, train and retain the next generation workforce due to the lack of an identifiable career path coupled with low salary levels and population density. Rural water utilities need a pipeline of skilled workers to ensure clean and safe water for the public and to maintain the water infrastructure necessary to keep service areas economically viable. These operators serve as public health officials and are often the only person responsible for complying with all the applicable federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act regulations and for supplying the small community with safe drinking water and sanitation every second of every day. Water and wastewater systems will be empowered to leverage workforce development activities including an identifiable career path and a modern, systematic apprenticeship model with this funding for the first time.

Wisconsin Rural Water Association
Impact on Wisconsin by Congressional Districts

Legend:
Blue - Waterworks Assistance
Green - Energy Efficiency
Teal/Aqua – Source Water Assistance
Light Brown – Wastewater Assistance

DISTRICT 8

Contact Date	System Name	System Contact	Position	System Connections/ Energy Savings	Total Contact Time	Savings to System
3/4/25	Pound Waterworks	Scott Fuelle	Public Works Director	121 W / 121 WW	2.25 hrs.	$1,500
WRWA Circuit Rider Todd Weich was requested by Scott Fuelle to assist him in repairing a fire hydrant within his municipality. Todd met with Mr. Fuelle at the village shop, who explained he had a fire hydrant needing repair. Mr. Fuelle said he believed the fire hydrant was broken by the fire department and he could not get it totally shut off. Mr. Fuelle was able to slow the flow of water but could not stop it because there was no isolation valve. Todd and Mr. Fuelle loaded up the tools needed and drove to the hydrant that needed to be repaired. Todd explained to Mr. Fuelle the steps for removing the inner workings of the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant. They removed the top of the hydrant off the barrel. Once the stem was exposed, Todd noticed that the traffic breakaway had failed and may be the cause of the hydrant leaking. They cleaned and replaced the upper valve washers as well as new traffic breakoff. Once everything was assembled, the top of the hydrant was properly secured. Todd and Mr. Fuelle tested the operation of the fire hydrant. WRWA's technical assistance saved the village $1,500 and prevented them from digging and replacing the hydrant.						
3/5/25	Lena Waterworks	Terry Earley	Water/Wastewater Operator	18,696 kWh W 39,046 kWh WW		$7,922 ann.
WRWA Energy Efficiency Technician Matt Rettler met with Terry Earley and performed an energy efficiency assessment for Lena's water and wastewater operations. For their water operations, Matt suggested adjusting each VDF to maximum efficiency and utilizing Well 2 more, as it pumps water more efficiently. For their wastewater operations, Matt suggested new screw type aeration blowers and adding a VFD to the influent pumps rather than soft starts. By implementing WRWA's recommendations, Lena would save $3,442 annually for their water operations and $4,480 annually for their wastewater operations.						
3/11/25	Wausaukee Waterworks	Tylor Stumbris	Wastewater Lead	6,126 kWh		$705 ann.
WRWA Energy Efficiency Technician Matt Rettler met with Tylor Stumbris and performed an energy efficiency assessment for Wausaukee's wastewater operations. Matt suggested using an electric heater rather than the PD blower to create heat and replace the current 86.5% efficient motor with a new high efficiency motor. He also suggested adding a VFD to the current motor on the RAS pump. By implementing WRWA's recommendations, Wausaukee would save $705 annually in their wastewater operations.						
3/21/25	Suring Waterworks	Jeff Tienor	Wastewater Superintendent	177 W / 177 WW	2 hrs.	$3,000
Jeff Tienor contacted WRWA Wastewater Technician/Trainer Jesse Hass to help troubleshoot treatment problems in the wastewater facility. After discussion, it was determined the problem was coming from somewhere in the collection system. Mr. Hass suggested talking with the industries in town to see if they were using any new chemicals that could be affecting the plant operations. He also offered a sampler from WRWA to help locate the source of the high strength waste. Mr. Hass delivered a sampler and explained the options for placing the sampler in various points throughout the collection system to collect the best data to locate the issue. If the information gathering stage does not yield results, he can request an additional sampler from WRWA to help further pinpoint the source of contamination. Mr. Tienor will use the sampler and try to educate the customers on the effects of discharging harmful waste to the wastewater treatment plant collection system, which is a hazard to the plant process once it reaches the system. This also can cause harmful contaminants to be released into the waste discharge stream when the plant cannot process and remove them in the treatment phase. WRWA's technical assistance saved the Suring Wastewater Treatment Plant $3,000 based on cost quotes to rent a composite sampler which was provided and delivered free of charge through WRWA.						

5/7/25	Gresham Waterworks	Ryan James	Water Operations Specialist	153 W / 153 WW	2.25 hrs.	$3,800
WRWA Circuit Rider Todd Weich was contacted to assist with a pressure relief valve. Mr. James was taking the village's water tower offline for repairs. Mr. James told Todd the village needed to set up pressure relief valves because the water tower would be taken offline for inspection and minor repairs. Todd and Mr. James reviewed the village's written plan on where to set up a pressure relief valve and what to set the system pressure at. They went out into the water distribution system to the specified fire hydrants in the plan and set up the pressure relief valves. They also set the water pressure specified operational plan. Once the pressure relief valves were set, Todd and Mr. James returned to the water plant and used the SCAD system to control the pumps. After they set the gallons per minute and pressure on the SCAD system per the operational plan, they went to the water tower and Mr. James shut off the main valve for the tower. Todd and Mr. James returned to the water plant to make sure the system was operating 100% on system pressure. Mr. James estimated WRWA saved the village $3,800 in technical assistance and use of WRWA loaner equipment.						
6/20/25	Shiocton Utilities	Dan Nabberfell	Wastewater Superintendent	268 W / 268 WW	7.25 hrs.	$2,500 ann.
WRWA Circuit Rider Jesse Hass was contacted by Dan Nabberfell to assist with village's annual wastewater report and troubleshooting issues within the treatment facility. Mr. Nabberfell was completing the annual wastewater report and monthly DNR report for the first time. Jesse helped with both reports. Mr. Nabberfell then took Jesse to the treatment plant and explained a problem the plant was having. The gearbox for the clarifier was damaged, and the village was waiting for a replacement part. They discussed how the plant had previously been operating and what changes have occurred since the problem started. They discussed possible reasons for the buildup of solids in the aeration basin. Jesse and Mr. Nabberfell talked through some possibilities and ideas. Mr. Nabberfell will adjust the wasting rate and try to get the MLSS to a lower level. He'll also try to pump some of the sludge out of the clarifier to help with settling. Jesse will keep in touch with the village and assist in any way. WRWA's assistance saved the village $2,500 in consulting fees.						
7/7/25	Birnamwood Waterworks	Connor Opper	Public Works Director	311 W / 311 WW	2.25 hrs.	$20,000
WRWA Circuit Rider Todd Weich was contacted by Connor Opper to assist him in performing leak detection and main locate within his municipality. Todd traveled to Birnamwood and met with Mr. Opper. He told Todd that he had a leak within his water system and had an idea where it was located and no maps to indicate where the main water line or the customers' service was. Todd gathered the equipment needed for the testing. They started to listen to fire hydrants and customers' water services in the area where Mr. Opper thought the leak was. Next, they assembled the water main tracing equipment. They hooked the tracing equipment to the closest fire hydrant and began locating the main. Once the main was located, they hooked the tracing equipment to the plumbing of the house that had the leaking service. They successfully located the service. Todd returned to assist Mr. Opper with the dig and repair of the service. The water loss was estimated at 30,000 gallons a day. WRWA saved the village about $20,000 had the leak not been found.						
7/16/25	Lena Waterworks	Tyler Schmit	Wastewater Ops. Specialist	179 W / 179 WW	2.25 hrs.	$1,000
Tyler Schmit contacted WRWA Circuit Rider Jesse Hass to help troubleshoot problems with poor treatment in the wastewater facility. They discussed possible issues and causes of the plant upset and decided the cause was possibly due to various issues within the plant. Jesse and Mr. Schmit discussed aeration issues and using a portable dissolved oxygen meter. They also discussed draining down and cleaning out the tanks in the treatment facility. Lena is doing a plant upgrade starting in the fall but is monitoring the situation and doing what they can to clean tanks. Jesse will stay in touch with Mr. Schmit regarding the plant. WRWA's technical assistance saved Lena $1,000 in consulting fees.						
9/4/25	Weyauwega Waterworks	Mike Lee	Water Superintendent	850 W / 695 WW	2.75 hrs.	$1,800
Mike Lee contacted WRWA Circuit Rider Todd Weich to assist him in locating a water main within his municipality. Todd arrived on-site and met with Mr. Lee. The city needed to locate a water main because of a construction project that was going to start soon. Mr. Lee showed Todd the maps of the water system but said he could not locate any of the shut-off valves indicated on the map. Mr. Lee said the area was currently a hay field. After a review of the line locating equipment, Todd explained how to use it. Upon arrival at the area where the water main was located, they located a valve and successfully located the water main. Mr. Lee estimated WRWA technical assistance saved the municipality $1,800 from not having to hire an engineer or surveyor.						
9/5/25	Embarrass Waterworks	Harold Schreiber	Wastewater Superintendent	133 W / 133 WW	2.25 hrs.	$2,500
WRWA Circuit Rider Jesse Hass was contacted by Harold Schreiber to assist with village's monthly wastewater reports. Mr. Schreiber's monthly report changed, and he was required to report daily, monthly, and yearly pounds for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Phosphorus. Mr. Schreiber contacted Jesse to help walk him through the report. Jesse went through the entire report with Mr. Schreiber and answered his questions. Jesse offered to make an Excel spreadsheet for						

calculating pounds for TSS and phosphorus. Mr. Schreiber had to report pounds starting in January of 2025 and was missing data on the previous reports to the beginning of 2025. Jesse took the plant data from the start of the year and entered it into the spreadsheet he built. Mr. Schrieber was able to report the total pounds for phosphorus and TSS and get back into compliance with the DNR. WRWA services saved the village $2,500 in consulting fees.						
9/12/25	Sister Bay Waterworks	Megan Barnes	Public Works Director	5,109 kWh WW 3,171 kWh W		$2,094 ann.
WRWA Energy Efficiency Technician Matt Rettler performed an energy efficiency assessment for Sister Bays' wastewater and water operations. For their wastewater collection system, Matt suggested slowing the speed of Pump 1's motor to 57 Hz to be more efficient and pump the required volume. He also suggested slowing the speeds on the larger Pumps 2 and 3 to 51 Hz for maximum efficiency. For their wastewater treatment plant, Matt suggested monitoring the amount of energy used to get back to 123 kWh. No new processes have been added, yet energy consumption is up. He also suggested changing the runtime of the blower, so it is off between 8 am and noon. For their water operations, Matt suggested changing the motors at Well 2 booster station to high-efficiency motors, changing speed setpoint of the VFD at Well 1 to 100%, and to have someone become familiar with the operation of adjusting speed changes to find optimum efficiency levels. By implementing WRWA's recommendations, Sister Bay would save $1,671 annually for wastewater operations and $423 for water operations .						
11/21/25	Suring Waterworks	Jeff Tienor	Public Works Director	39,604 kWh WW 148 kWh W		$5,651 ann.
WRWA Energy Efficiency Technician Matt Rettler conducted an energy efficiency assessment for Suring's water and wastewater operations. For their wastewater operations, Matt suggested rubber boot repairs and other pipe leaks, eliminating the aeration of the effluent, and adding a VFD to the blower motor along with a DO sensor to control the VFD. For their water operations, Matt suggested switching the electric rates at Wells 2 and 3 from the current plan to a Cg3 plan and slowing the speed down at Well 2 from 60 Hz to 56 Hz. By implementing WRWA's recommendations, Suring would save $5,017 annually for their wastewater operations and $634 for their water operations.						
12/17/25	Wrightstown Waterworks	Andy Vickman	Wastewater Superintendent	502 W / 502 WW	1.25 hrs.	$1,000
WRWA Circuit Rider Jesse Hass stopped by to visit Wrightstown. Andy Vickman informed Jesse the village was dealing with some high loadings from a local industry and was in the process of collecting data. Jesse helped assess the situation and informed Mr. Vickman he would bring a sampler to Wrightstown so they could identify the waste from the industry. Jesse will show Mr. Vickman how to set up and use the portable sampler. They discussed options for dealing with the industry sending the high loadings to the treatment plant. Mr. Vickman wants to build a credible set of data from sampling to make industry recommendations and will use the sampler to try and pinpoint the source of the loadings and what is all being sent to the village. The village will stay in touch with Jesse for information on different strategies to use until the WWTP is operating correctly. WRWA services saved the village $1,000 for sampler rental and consulting fees.						

DISTRICT 8

Renee Koback

From: Andrew Aslesen
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Renee Koback
Subject: FW: WRWA Water Conservation Poster Contest

Hi Renee,

Below is a thank you email from a school that I gave a presentation at last week.

Andrew Aslesen
Source Water Specialist
Wisconsin Rural Water Association
C: 715-321-3451

From: Ellen Peterson <epeterson@kimberly.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Andrew Aslesen <AAslesen@wrwa.org>
Subject: Re: WRWA Water Conservation Poster Contest

Hello,
I just wanted to thank you again for coming to Woodland and sharing your expertise with our third graders. They really enjoyed having a guest speaker today, and they learned a lot that will help them understand our science unit.
Have a great day,
Ellen

On Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 11:51 AM Andrew Aslesen <AAslesen@wrwa.org> wrote:

Great, thanks for confirming. We'll see you tomorrow!

Andrew Aslesen

Source Water Specialist

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 11:00 AM
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Subject: Re: WRWA Water Conservation Poster Contest

Renee Koback

From: Todd Weich
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 5:04 PM
To: Renee Koback; Chris Groh
Subject: Fw: Support Letter

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

From: Ryan James <rjames@villageofgresham.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 12:15:19 PM
To: Todd Weich <TWeich@wrwa.org>
Subject: Support Letter

Village of Gresham

Water & Wastewater Utility

June 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge how instrumental the Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) has been in supporting our utility operations through their loaner equipment program.

Specifically, the availability of blow-off valves and leak detection equipment has been an invaluable resource. These tools have helped us improve system maintenance, respond to customer concerns more efficiently, and better manage water loss. Without WRWA's support, many of these tasks would be more difficult and costly for a small system like ours.

We greatly appreciate WRWA's continued dedication to helping rural utilities like ours succeed.

Sincerely,

Ryan James

Renee Koback

From: Chris Groh
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 4:58 AM
To: Renee Koback
Subject: Fw: Thank You letter

Great letter for Todd

From: villageofbowler@frontier.com <villageofbowler@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 2:02 PM
To: Chris Groh <CGroh@wrwa.org>
Subject: Thank You letter

I would like to thank WRWA and Municipal Water Circuit Rider Todd Weich for his assistance in finding a total of three very unique water service leaks within the Bowler Waterworks distribution system. The overall cause of the water service leaks turned out to be from the existence of a 2 gauge copper grounding wire that was installed when the system was put in during the late 1960's. That copper grounding wire runs along the 8" Transite Water Main connecting each of the copper water service lines by the Corp Valves. Each of the 3 leaks were directly where the grounding wire wrapped around the copper water service pipe. While the reason this was done remains a mystery, it definitely caused a major problem 55 years later when we assume that a lightning strike or power surge caused a current in the grounding wire that arched a pin hole in all 3 of the water services. We can only hope now that the situation that caused these 3 leaks is no longer an issue, and also that the entire system was not grounded in the same way. The Leak Detection services offered by WRWA are definitely appreciated by small water systems that operate on a "1 man" crew.

THANK YOU!!

Aaron Gutt O.I.C.
Village of Bowler
107 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 68
Bowler, WI. 54416-0068
Phone: (715) 584-5042

MCO

Midwest Contract Operations

October 13, 2025

Todd Welch
Wisconsin Rural Water Association
350 Water Way
Plover, WI 54467

Dear Todd and Wisconsin Rural Water Association Staff:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) and the vital work they do on behalf of Wisconsin's small and rural communities. For years, WRWA has been a trusted partner to our company and our municipal clients across the state—providing technical expertise, hands-on training, and professional development opportunities that help ensure the safe and reliable delivery of water and wastewater services to Wisconsin residents.

Small municipalities often operate with limited resources, yet they face the same regulatory requirements and public health responsibilities as larger systems. WRWA fills that critical gap by offering on-site assistance, educational workshops, and certification programs that empower local operators and municipal leaders to maintain compliance, improve efficiency, and protect both public health and the environment. Their team's responsiveness and deep technical knowledge have been invaluable to communities that might otherwise struggle to access affordable support.

Beyond technical services, WRWA also serves as a strong advocate for rural systems—representing their interests at the state and federal levels, and ensuring that rural voices are heard in discussions about infrastructure funding, water quality standards, and workforce development.

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association plays an essential role in maintaining the sustainability and resiliency of our state's water infrastructure. I wholeheartedly support their mission and commend their dedication to serving the people and communities of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Paul Much
President
Midwest Contract Operations, Inc.

Renee Koback

From: Aaron Gutt <a.gutt281@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:35 PM
To: Renee Koback
Subject: Thank You!
Attachments: 1000003990.jpg; 1000003961.jpg

I'd like to thank WRWA and Municipal Water Circuit Rider, Todd Weich for his assistance with leak detection in the Village of Bowler this past August and September. We ended up locating and repairing 3 seperate water service lines that were leaking due to a lightning strike that set current through a copper grounding wire that was connecting each water service along the 8" AC water main by each corp valve. For small water systems that have Wells with limited g.p.m. pumping abilities, it is essential to find water loss in a timely manner and the assistance from WRWA is greatly appreciated to make that happen.
Thanks!
Aaron Gutt
Bowler Waterworks

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December 17, 2025

To whom it may concern:

We would like to send a special Thank you to Jesse Hass, Wastewater Technician at WRWA.

Our Public Works Department(Glenn Tetzlaff and Edward Bonikowske) informed the Clerks Office what an asset Jesse Hass has been to them this past year. His willingness to assist the Village of Iola Public Works Department throughout the year has been amazing. We couldn't have corrected wastewater issues in the Village as quickly and efficiently without him.

Sincerely,

Melissa J Fenn
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
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December 17, 2025

To whom it may concern:

We would like to send a special Thank you to Renee Kobach, Member Services Coordinator, at WRWA.

I would personally like to Thank her for always being so kind and patient when we correspond.

Sincerely,

Melissa J Fenn
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We would like to send a special Thank you to Todd Weich, Municipal Water Circuit Rider at WRWA.

Our Public Works Department(Glenn Tetzlaff and Edward Bonikowske) informed us that his knowledge has been extremely helpful when the Village of Iola had water main breaks. He helped make a stressful, time sensitive problem easier to manage.

Sincerely,

Melissa J Fenn

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