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Sponsors of water recycling projects that have completed a Title XVI Feasibility Study and meet all requirements are eligible

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WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation has released a new funding opportunity for Title XVI water recycling projects under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (P.L. 114-322). This funding opportunity is for sponsors of water recycling projects that have completed a Title XVI Feasibility Study that has been reviewed by Reclamation, found to meet all the requirements of Reclamation Manual Release WTR 11-01 and been transmitted to Congress by Reclamation. For a list of eligible projects, please visit: <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/feasibility.html>.

To view the funding opportunity, please visit www.grants.gov and search on funding opportunity number BOR-DO-17-F028. Applications are due on August 17, 2017. It is anticipated that Reclamation will fund four to eight awards depending on requested funding. Reclamation may

provide up to 25 percent of the total cost of planning, design and/or construction that will be conducted before September 30, 2019. Recipients are responsible for 75 percent or more of total project costs.

The WIIN Act was enacted in December 2016, to address water resources infrastructure that is critical to the nation's economic growth, health and competitiveness. The amendments in Section 4009 (c) of Subtitle J of WIIN allows new water recycling projects to be eligible for federal funding.

Reclamation provides funding through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program for projects that reclaim and reuse municipal, industrial, domestic or agricultural wastewater and impaired ground or surface waters. Reclaimed water can be used for a variety of purposes, such as environmental restoration, fish and wildlife, groundwater recharge, municipal, domestic, industrial, agricultural, power generation or recreation.

Since 1992, Title XVI funding has been used to provide communities with new sources of clean water, while promoting water and energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. In that time, approximately \$672 million in federal funding has been leveraged with non-federal funding to implement more than \$3.3 billion in water reuse improvements.

To learn more about Title XVI and these awards, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title>.

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