

## What is the Water Conservation Grant Fund (WCGF)?

In 2022, the Arizona Legislature created the Water Conservation Grant Fund to help facilitate conservation projects across the state. As part of a larger investment in Arizona's water supplies, this fund is targeted to make sure that water across the state is used effectively, efficiently, and sustainably.

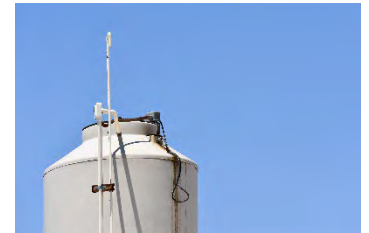
To that end, the Legislature appropriated \$200 million dollars to be awarded as grants to government entities, like counties, cities, towns, irrigation districts, natural resources conservation districts, and NGOs who partner with one of those entities, to enact a wide variety of water-saving projects in all corners of the state.

### What kinds of projects are eligible for funding from the WCGF?

There is a wide range of projects that may be eligible for funding from the WCGF.

Examples of projects could include, but certainly aren't limited to:

- Water use education and conservation research
- Community incentives for rainwater harvesting
- Widespread installation of drought-resistant landscaping and turf removal incentives
- Infrastructure efficiency upgrades
- Groundwater recharge and retention dams
- Construction of groundwater storage facilities
- Community education initiatives about wise water use



### Why should I apply for funding through the WCGF?

Depending on the program or project, applicants could receive up to \$3 million in grant funding for a water conservation initiative with only a 25% match requirement.

### What is the process and timeline?

WIFA anticipates being able to accept applications for WCGF grants beginning Spring of 2023. The [Water Conservation Grant Committee](#) (Committee) will meet every other month to review applications. The Committee will then make recommendations to the [WIFA Board](#) for final approval.



### Where can I find more about the WCGF?

For more information, including application questions, visit WIFA's [Water Conservation Grant Fund](#) page. The statutory criteria for the grant is laid out in [ARS § 49-1331 through 49-1335](#). WIFA staff is happy to answer questions and offer additional guidance.

[Sign up here to be notified when the application opens!](#)

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## Fund your project today!

The grant application will be housed in the eCivis portal. The first round of WCGF applications will open in Spring 2023. Additional four-week application rounds will open on a regular basis while funding is available.

### [Start your application](#)

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