

USBR's CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants At a Glance

1. What is the purpose of the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants?

CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds feasible urban and agricultural projects that improve ecosystem health, water supply reliability or water quality of the California Bay-Delta through water use efficiency and conservation.

2. What kinds of projects will be funded under this grant?

Eligible proposals may include any type of implementation, demonstration, or pilot water use efficiency or conservation project that is projected to have benefits to the California Bay-Delta. Projects that only consist of research or feasibility studies, planning or education will not be funded.

Grants to conserve irrigation water will not be provided unless the applicant agrees not to:

- (a) Use any associated water savings to increase irrigated acreage
- (b) Otherwise increase the consumptive use of water in the applicant's operations

Some successful applications from recent funding rounds include the following types of projects:

- (a) Groundwater recharge
- (b) Canal lining
- (c) Urban water metering and rebates

3. Is your agency eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include state, Indian tribe, irrigation/water district, or any other organization with water or power delivery authorities (e.g., municipal entities). Urban water districts must have an updated water management plan as required by California law.

4. What is the funding limit and cost-sharing?

Reclamation's share of one proposed project may not exceed \$500,000 and a minimum 50% of the total project costs must be paid through non-Federal funds.

5. How and when will funds be awarded?

Funds will be awarded through a competitive proposal process. The application deadline is February 29, 2012. It is anticipated that potential award recipients will be contacted on or before July 1, 2012.

The entire text of the draft guidelines can be downloaded at the following URL:

<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/>

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