

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM UPDATE

Water Infrastructure Team (WIT)

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WIT Overview

- In 2013, Secretary Flynn formed the Water Infrastructure Team (WIT) to address concerns and frustrations he heard from NMED bureaus and other stakeholders around competition and the lack of coordination between water funding mechanisms.
- As a team of agencies and non-governmental organizations, the WIT discusses challenges members experience and collaborates on solutions to address New Mexico's vast water infrastructure needs.

WIT Team Members

State Agencies

- NMED
- NMFA
- DFA
- LCS
- IAD
- USDA RD

Non-Governmental Organizations

- NM Municipal League
- NM Association of Counties
- NM Rural Water Association
- Rural CommunityAssistance Corporation
- University of NM –Environmental FinanceCenter

- 2014
 - Capacity Assistance Contracts
 - Developed contracts to guide deliverables for Capacity Development Assistance at Public Water and Wastewater Systems in New Mexico
 - https://www.env.nm.gov/dwb/assistance/CapacityAssistanceContracts.htm
 - Asset Management
 - Created a simple, uniform asset management plan to be used across agencies
 - https://www.env.nm.gov/WIT/documents/AssetManagementHandout.pdf
 - Local Government Funding Source Guide
 - Worked with DFA on updating The Complete Catalog of Local Assistance Programs to all funding mechanisms for projects in New Mexico
 - http://nmdfa.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/6583a4770de841daa2d07b9e13 0326e7/The Complete Catalog of Local Assistance Programs 5 13 16.pdf

- Created the Water Infrastructure Team's Website to share information:
 - Free webinars
 - e-trainings
 - Articles
 - Value of Water Campaign materials
 - Resources benefitting water systems (small and large)
 and those who serve them
 - Water Infrastructure Needs Survey

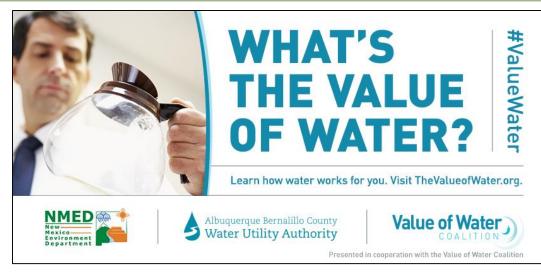


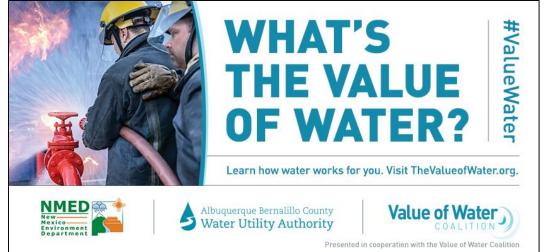
- Water Infrastructure Needs Survey Sent
 - Consultants
 - Council Of Governments
 - Engineering firms
 - Legislators
 - Lobbyists
 - Municipalities
 - Mutual Domestics
 - NM Municipal League
 - NM Association of Counties
 - Other state and federal agencies



- The Value of Water Campaign
 - Leverages materials from The Value of Water organization to fully utilize limited NM resources while messaging the true cost of water and wastewater infrastructure to ensure, foster, and protect New Mexicans.
 - Partnered with ABCWUA to have campaign images rotate on digital outdoor billboards at 7 locations:
 - 1. May:
 - Estimated number of people 25+ reached: 27,225
 - Estimated times they saw a spot: 2.9
 - 2. June:
 - Estimated number of people 25+ reached: 56,148
 - Estimated times they saw a spot: 2.6









Value of Water Campaign

- WIT acknowledges the challenges of spreading messaging to rural communities. To date information has been shared with:
 - Infrastructure Finance Conference Members
 - NM Rural Water Association Members
 - Navajo Dam Domestic Water Users Association
 - Hollywood Ranch Water Association
 - Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
 - Ensenada MDWCA
 - Asociacion de Agua De Los Brazos MDWCA
- Materials and resources are shared with all WIT members and the team's distribution list to share with their communities, members, and/or clients.

- Focused on Funding
 - Annual Needs Survey was accessible online
 - Funding subgroup met to vet all projects and discuss projects which could potentially qualify for respective funding (NMED, NMFA, IAD, USDA)
 - Responded to applicants with information on funds they may qualify for, deadlines for application, and contact information for all 115 vetted projects



Thank you for participating in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Needs survey. The Funding Group has looked over the information submitted and wanted to make you aware that your project may qualify for the below funding mechanisms.

Please reach out directly to the agency, department, or authority that manages the respective funding mechanism for more information on application process or with questions on eligibility. Please note the application submission periods for each program.

12/1/2016- 1/13/2017 Colonias Infrastructure Board colonias@nmfa.net
12/1/2016- 1/13/2017 Public Project Revolving Loan Fund (PPRF) find a Lending Officer for your area
12/1/2016- 3/31/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (505) 827-4985
1/6/201/- 2/3/2017 Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) (505) 476-1600
March – April 2017 Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us
September 2017 Water Trust Board WTBAdmin@nmfa.net

Year Round

<u>Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF)</u> find a <u>Community Services Member</u> for your area <u>Rural Infrastructure Program (RIP)</u> NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Water & Wastewater CPAssist@nm.usda.gov

- Annual Needs Survey has been sent out and closed
- Research best practices from other states on collaboration between funding sources
 - Montana
 - Arkansas



Funding Challenges

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- Individual agencies face challenges in securing loans with applicants who qualify:
 - Grants not loans
 - 2. Capital outlay



Funding Challenges - Suggestion

- □ Tie capital outlay allocation to application of other sources of funds (i.e. CWSRF, WTB, etc).
 - Reach out to NMED or NMFA to see if entities applied for funding
 - If they have, did they accept? If not, why?

Note: offers are not made to entities who would be unable to service debt and repay a loan.



Example: CWSRF

- In SFY2015 \$21m in loans were declined (over \$4m were offered at 0% interest)
- In SFY2016 \$21.7m in loans were declined
- □ SFY2017 CWSRF Priority List

DECLINED OFFERS WITH SUBSIDY				
COMMUNITY	NMED AMOUNT NEEDED	LOAN	GRANT	GRANT PERCENTAGE
San Juan County (Flora Vista)	\$6,100,000	\$4,500,000	\$1,600,000	26%
ABCWUA	\$1,955,000	\$1,302,500	\$652,500	33%
Bosque Farms, Village of	\$1,800,000	\$1,605,028	\$194,971	11%
Anthony W&SD	\$1,333,000	\$1,133,000	\$200,000	15%
TOTALS	\$11,188,000	\$8,540,528	\$2,647,471	

Going Forward

- The Water Infrastructure Team will continue to reach out in every way possible to help communities access fair funding for their water infrastructure needs by:
 - collaborating with stakeholders
 - being transparent with information
 - working together to have meaningful dialogue



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