
June 14, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Leahy, Vice Chair Shelby, Chair DeLauro, and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the local governments, members, businesses, employees, and customers we represent throughout the U.S., we strongly urge you to fully fund the water infrastructure programs authorized in the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA).

The IIJA represents the largest investment in water infrastructure the federal government has ever made. We are extremely grateful for this investment in our local economies, our public health, and the environment.

However, while IIJA included significant direct appropriations for core programs like the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, IIJA did not appropriate funds to numerous other water infrastructure programs established or reauthorized in the law (see list below). The funding gap between FY23 authorizations and appropriations for these programs totals \$1.093 billion. In addition, IIJA authorized another \$2.75 billion to each State Revolving Fund in FY23 to ensure that the IIJA direct appropriations are additive, not simply replacing annual funding over the next five years.

As work gets underway in earnest on the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Appropriations Process, we urge you to work together to close this gap. This will require a robust 302(b) allocation for the Interior and Environment Subcommittee above FY22 spending.

All sectors of the economy and every one of your constituents rely on water infrastructure every day. The water infrastructure provisions were some of the most bipartisan portions of the IIJA bill – largely drawn from S. 914, the *Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021* (DWWIA) that passed the Senate on April 29, 2021, with a vote of 89-2.

Without full FY23 funding from Congress, communities across the country will be unable to realize the public health and water quality improvements sought by the legislation. The White House's FY23 budget request included full funding for most of these programs. Our organizations have long supported these efforts and

we come together now to urge that this promise to the American people of clean, safe, resilient, and affordable water be fully supported in FY23.

You should be proud of the work that you have done for the American people to prioritize water—we are certainly grateful for your leadership. Fully funding these vital programs is needed to maximize the impact of this work on communities and the environment. We look forward to working with you to ensure those efforts are fully realized.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies
American Public Works Association
American Rivers
American Society of Civil Engineers
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
BuildStrong Coalition
City Parks Alliance
Clean Water Action
Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Counties
National Association of Water Companies
National League of Cities
National Municipal Stormwater Alliance
National Recreation and Park Association
National Rural Water Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
PolicyLink
Rural Community Assistance Partnership
Sierra Club
US Water Alliance
Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association
Water Environment Federation
WateReuse Association

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cc:

Chairman Bernard Sanders, Senate Budget Committee
Ranking Member Lindsey Graham, Senate Budget Committee
Chairman John Yarmuth, House Budget Committee
Ranking Member Jason Smith, House Budget Committee

List of water programs authorized, but not appropriated for in IIIA.

IIJA Sec. / S.914 Sec.

	IIJA FY23 Authorization (millions of \$)	
50101 / 101	Technical Assistance and Grants for Emergencies Affecting Public Water Systems	50
50103 / 103	Source Water Petition Program	5
50104 / 104	Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities	80
50105 / 105	Reducing Lead in Drinking Water	100
50106 / 106	Operational Sustainability of Small Public Water Systems	50
50107 / 107	Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program	50
50108 / 108	Needs Assessment for Nationwide Rural and Urban Low-Income Community Water Assistance	0
50109 / 109	Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program	0
50110 / 110	Lead Contamination in School Drinking Water	35
50111 / 111	Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program	50
50112 / 112	Advanced Drinking Water Technologies	10
50201 / 201	Research, Investigations, Training, and Information	75
50202 / 202	Wastewater Efficiency Grant Pilot Program	20
50203 / 203	Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Projects	25
50204 / 204	Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants	280
50205 / 205	Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program	25
50206 / 206	Small and Medium Publicly Owned Treatment Works Circuit Rider Program (available until expended)	10
50207 / 207	Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works Efficiency Grant Program	0
50208 / 208	Grants for Construction & Refurbishing of Individual Household Decentralized Wastewater Systems for Individuals w/ Low or Moderate Income	50
50209 / 209	Connection to Publicly Owned Treatment Works	40
50211 / 211	Water Infrastructure and Workforce Investment	5
50212 / 212	Grants to Alaska to Improve Sanitation in Rural and Native Villages	40
50213 / 213	Water Data Sharing Pilot Program	15
50215 / 215	WIFIA Reauthorization	50
50217 / 217	Stormwater Infrastructure Technology - Centers of Excellence	5
50217 / 217	Stormwater Control Infrastructure Project Grants	10
50220 / 220	Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (available until expended)	5
50221 / 221	Water Resources Research Act Amendments	3
50222 / 222	Enhanced Aquifer Use and Recharge	5

50210 / 210 - the traditional Clean Water SRF was directly appropriated \$2.2 B in IIIA for FY23, plus authorized \$2.75 B in annual FY23 funding to ensure IIIA funds are additive, not supplanting annual investments.

50102 / Sec. 102 - similarly, the traditional Drinking Water SRF was directly appropriated \$2.2 B in IIIA for FY23, plus authorized \$2.75 B in annual FY23 funding.