

EPA Clean Water Infrastructure Upgrades

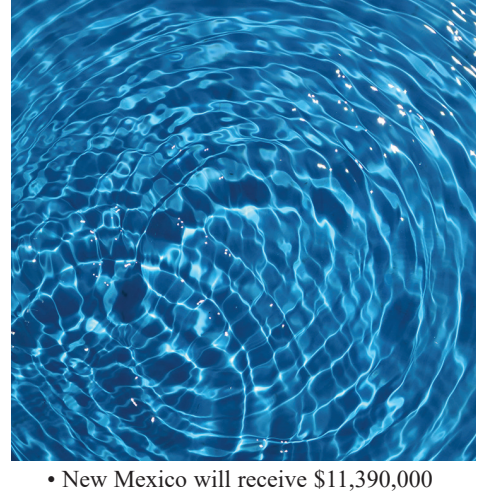
By Environmental Protection Agency

DALLAS—The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$176,868,000 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas for this year's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The funding will support communities in upgrading essential water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure that protects public health and treasured water bodies across the region. Nearly half of this funding will be available as grants or principal forgiveness loans helping underserved communities across America invest in water infrastructure, while creating good-paying jobs.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering an unprecedented investment in America that will revitalize essential water and wastewater infrastructure across the country," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "Not only will these funds expand access to clean water and safeguard the environment, but more

underserved communities that have been left behind for far too long will be able to access them." "This announcement is not only an EPA achievement, but an achievement for all communities," said Region 6 Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. "In order to ensure our growth on a national and state level, water quality must continue to be maintained to a high standard. As climate change continues to impact vulnerable communities, it is imperative EPA maintains funding to critical water infrastructure to safeguard public health and improve community wellbeing." The newly announced \$2.4 billion is the second wave of funding made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to invest in America. In May 2022, EPA announced the initial allotment of \$1.9 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to states, tribes, and territories through the CWSRF. That money supports hundreds of critical water infrastructure projects around the country. The breakdown of funding for each state is:

- Arkansas will receive \$15,178,000
- Louisiana will receive \$25,506,000



- New Mexico will receive \$11,390,000
- Oklahoma will receive \$18,745,000
- Texas will receive \$106,049,000

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