

An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam and reservoir. The reservoir is filled with blue water and is surrounded by steep, rocky hillsides with sparse vegetation. A dirt road runs along the top of the dam. In the foreground, there is a large, multi-story building, likely a power plant or administrative building, situated near the base of the dam. The sky is clear and blue.

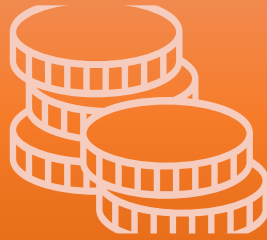
Idaho Water Project Funding

Henry's Fork Watershed Council

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Potential Sources of Funding for Water Projects



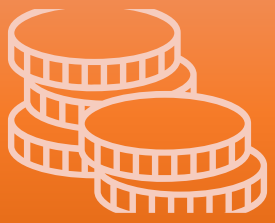
Idaho State Surplus



**American Rescue Plan Act
of 2021**



**Title IX – Western Water
Infrastructure**



Idaho State Surplus

- \$900 million end of last fiscal year, \$1.4 billion as of August
- Governor and the Legislature will determine allocation of funds
- Governor and Legislature asked IWRB to develop a “Priority Water Projects that would provide basin-wide, regional, or state-wide benefits.” <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/09/Water-Projects-List-Draft-3.0.pdf>



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- **Assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, economic recovery.**
 - Premium pay for essential workers,
 - Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- **Idaho: \$1.2 billion for Water, Broad Band, & Sewer**
 - Governors' supports long-range investments – Clean, reliable water sources
 - Water – regional / community
- **Governor and the Legislature will determine allocation of funds.**



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

DRAFT Federal Guidance:

- “...allowing for a broad range of necessary investments in projects that improve access to clean drinking water, improve wastewater and storm water infrastructure systems.”
 - Type of projects eligible – same guidance as financial assistance through EPA’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
 - **Examples:**
 - Water treatment, transmission, and distribution
 - Water Storage
 - Construction of publicly owned treatment works
 - EPA added Aquifer Recharge to Guidelines - 2016



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\$8.3 billion to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) (Sec. 40901) :

- **\$1.15 billion** - Water Storage, Groundwater Storage, and Conveyance Projects (Sec. 40902) - Including WIIN Act projects (Sec. 40909).
- **\$100 million** - Small Surface and Groundwater Storage Projects - Provides 25% grants for small surface and groundwater storage projects between 2,000 and 30,000 acre-feet (Sec. 40903).
- **\$3.2 billion** - Aging Infrastructure Account (Sec. 40904).
- **\$1 billion** - Water Recycling including \$450 million for the new authorized large water recycling project grant program (Sec. 40905).



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Cont.:

- **\$250 million** - Desalination Projects.
- **\$1 billion** - authorized Rural Water Projects.
- **\$500 million** - BOR Safety of Dams Program.
- **\$300 million** - Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan implementation (Sec. 40906).
- **\$250 million** - Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program.
- **\$400 million** for WaterSMART, including \$100 million for natural infrastructure projects.



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Cont.:

- **\$100 million** - Cooperative Watershed Management Program.
- **\$100 million** - Watershed Enhancement Projects - New competitive grant program for “habitat restoration projects that improve watershed health in a river basin that is adversely impacted by a Bureau of Reclamation water project.” (Sec. 40907).
- **\$50 million** - Colorado River Endangered Species Recovery and Conservation Programs.
- **Federal assistance for groundwater recharge, aquifer storage, and water source substitution projects.** Authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation, at the request of a states, water users or tribes, to provide technical or financial assistance for aquifer recharge projects.



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- IWRB is monitoring as the process as it moves forward.
- IWUA conference & IWRB meeting in January.
 - Mark Limbaugh will present on the Federal initiatives.
 - Brian Patton will present concerning the States process.

Questions?