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# ECOS with the National Governors Association on Water Infrastructure

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## Water Infrastructure Now - WIN.

- “[The Value of Water](#)” campaign led to the November 2025 report, “[Tapping Potential: The Economic Benefits of Investing in Water Infrastructure](#),” noting water infrastructure funding needs vary by state, “ranging from \$8,000 to more than \$30,000 per capita.”
- The Value of Water campaign has developed [state-by-state reports](#) on state water infrastructure needs, water’s economic potential in each state, and shared prosperity with nearby states.

## State Water Infrastructure Matters - SWIM.

- In FY2026, Clean Water (CW) and Drinking Water (DW) State Revolving Funds (SRFs) appropriations levels are maintained in FY2026 at FY2025 levels. Community Project Funding (CPF)/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) (earmarks) are increased – **for the CW SRF, to over half (54%), and for the DWSRF, to almost two-thirds (64%).**
- [Environmental Policy Innovation Center Water focus](#) and their report, “[Revolving No More: How Earmarks Undermine Funding for Water Infrastructure](#),” October 2025.

## Revolve and Evolve Together.

- CPF/CDS communities do not always apply for funding – similar to a gift card that is not redeemed.
- The need for water infrastructure is too great for only a hardship designated grant program or for a loan program alone. Funds need to continue to revolve, with repayments helping secure new bond funding.
- We must continue to seek core annual congressional appropriations for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) CW and DW SRFs and fund state staff who provide technical assistance to communities.
- We must collaborate to address impacts of CPF/CDS on SRFs. This may be by funding CPF/CDS separately or funding CPF/CDS through the SRFs via special status funding to address administrative and oversight concerns of states.
- We must ensure CPF/CDS projects intend to timely meet requirements of communities that have been vetted through a state’s Intended Use Plan.

ECOS has worked closely with our sister associations – the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA), Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), and Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) – and will continue to seek federal funding and advocate for solutions to sustain state revolving funds.

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