

Justice40 Opportunities in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

Clean Water



In 2021, President Biden established the **Justice40 Initiative** which set a goal to deliver 40% of the benefits of federal climate change related investments to disadvantaged communities. The \$1.2 trillion **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** will be the first opportunity to implement the Justice40 Initiative by investing in communities that have been most impacted by pollution to support a transition towards clean energy and off of fossil fuels.

Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities

\$510M

Provides funds for filtration and lead removal and helps connect water systems in underserved communities. Low income communities and communities of color have been plagued by dirty and unsafe drinking water, with serious negative impacts especially on children. This program will help reduce the danger disadvantaged communities face from unsafe drinking water. [More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$510M through 2026, \$70M available in 2022, \$50M to states through 2026 for the competitive grant pilot program

Funding Type: Competitive grants

Who Can Apply: Owners and operators of public water systems, nonprofits, individual households, States (under the competitive grant pilot program)

Timeline: FY22 [grant applications due](#) June 30, 2022

Reducing Lead in Drinking Water

\$100M

Funds the replacement of lead service lines, and prioritizes low income homeowners and disadvantaged communities. It also provides for a lead inventorying utilization grant pilot program for municipalities where the lead service line content is unknown. There is no safe level of lead, and lead exposure harms children in particular. This program will help reduce lead exposure in drinking water and associated risks. [More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$100M per year through 2022, \$10M for the pilot program.

Funding Type: Competitive grants

Who Can Apply: Nonprofits, qualified entities

Timeline: TBD

Lead Contamination in School Drinking Water

\$200M

Provides grants to states and Tribes to establish programs for lead testing, compliance, monitoring and lead reduction in schools and childcare programs. This will help prevent damage to the brain and nervous systems that are caused when children are exposed to lead.

[More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$200M through 2026 with \$30 million available in 2022

Who Can Apply: States, public water systems, nonprofits, Tribal education agencies

Timeline: TBD

Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program

\$50M

Improves water quality services, with priority to projects that respond to emergency situations and those that would serve disadvantaged communities, or address factors relating to the enforcement of the safe drinking water act. [More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$50M per year through 2026

Who Can Apply: Tribes

Timeline: TBD

Clean Water State Revolving Funds

\$2.4B

Provides funds for water quality and infrastructure improvements. Climate change threatens the stability of water resources as water infrastructure becomes vulnerable to extreme weather events and fluctuations in water availability.

[More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$2.4B for 2022

Who Can Apply: States, Tribes

Timeline: Applicants apply through their state revolving fund programs

Grants to Alaska to Improve Sanitation in Rural and Native Villages

\$40M

Provides funds through the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in Alaska. [More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$40M for 2022

Who Can Apply: Alaskan rural localities and Native villages

Timeline: Applications now open

Connection to Publicly Owned Treatment Works

\$40M

Provides funds for assistance to cover the cost for individuals who want to connect their household systems to publicly owned treatment works. This will help increase the sanitation and affordability of household sewage treatment. [More info >>](#)

Funds Available: \$40M each year through 2026. These funds are competitive.

Who Can Apply: Owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works, nonprofits

Timeline: TBD