



COLORADO

Water Quality Control Division

Department of Public Health & Environment

Assistance Grants 2026

Questions and Answers

The table below sets out questions and answers on the 2026 Assistance Grants Application

Question	Answer
How do we find out what the Public Water System Identification number (PWSID) is for our District?	The information may be found in the Safe Drinking Water Finder Tool linked here by inputting in your system's name.
Could a system be reimbursed for a project that has already been completed?	No, Only work done during the effective term of an award agreement under this grant program is reimbursable. Any work done prior to the effective start date would not be reimbursable.
Would the Assistance Grants fund planning, design and engineering projects?	Yes, the Assistance Grants program assists with funding for planning, design and engineering projects. The program may fund infrastructure projects, operational and administrative improvements, such as emergency response plans, main break response procedures, and storage tank inspection plans.
Is the Assistance Grants available to fund a personal well for a household where there is no public water system?	No, unfortunately the Assistance Grants program only funds drinking water system projects.
What expenses would be eligible for reimbursement?	Reimbursable expenditure categories include Personal Services, Supplies and Operating Expenses, Travel, Other Costs, and Contractual (payments to third parties or entities).
Will the grant cover major improvements or expansion of our system?	The Assistance Grants program provides funding for projects that can be completed for no more than \$30,000. A small, finite project that is part of an overall improvement or expansion could be eligible for funding.

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Would the Assistance Grants cover sediment removal from the source water that supplies our water system?	Yes, taking care of source water before intake is a critical water quality process that includes filtration, along with other treatment steps to remove contaminants and ensure water safety.
Are projects that are required to meet compliance requirements eligible for funding?	Yes. This grant program provides financial assistance for systems that need help addressing a water quality challenge or compliance requirements.
Are for-profit private water systems eligible for funding?	All public water systems are eligible for funding: special districts, privately owned, publicly owned, for-profit and nonprofit.
Are Mobile Home Park water systems eligible for funding?	Yes, all public water systems are eligible for funding.
What types of infrastructure projects could be funded? Would it include fire protection?	The potential infrastructure projects would include projects that address a water quality challenge or compliance requirements for drinking water systems. Awarded projects must be completed within the 2026 calendar year. The program funds projects that can be completed with a budget of no more than \$30,000. Fire protection projects would not be funded unless they are a component of a water quality or storage for drinking water project.
Any tips on how to submit the strongest application?	When completing an application please answer each question as fully as possible. Specify the work that would be funded by a grant award.
Would this grant cover treatment and connecting a back up well to the water system?	Yes, a project for water treatment and connection could be eligible for funding as long as the budget for the portion of the project being covered by the grant is no more than \$30,000.
Is the source of funds federal?	The Assistance Grants program is state-funded.
Can the Assistance Grants be combined with other grants to complete a project?	The Assistance Grants program provides funding for projects that can be completed for no more than \$30,000 and within the 2026 calendar year. It is generally intended to finance small, finite projects.

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<p>Can changes be made to the application after it has been submitted?</p>	<p>If you need to make changes to an application submitted on or before 10/6/2025, please contact us with the system name and PWSID at CDPHE.WQCD.Watergrants@state.co.us or by calling 720 512-9836.</p> <p>We have updated the application form to allow for edits to your original application. The confirmation email will now include an "Edit your response" link. Click the link to return to the form, make the necessary changes, and then click "Submit" again. The original application will then be updated.</p> <p>Please note: Any changes to the application would need to be submitted within the application period - no later than October 21, 2025.</p>
<p>Is it possible to see the scoring matrix used to rank the project proposals?</p>	<p>The review elements for the Assistance Grants 2025 are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PWSID confirmed? 2. Drinking Water Project? 3. Estimated project cost? 4. Internal referral v. External application 5. Owner? Public or Private entity 6. Population? 7. Can the project be complete by 12/31/2025? <p>Similar elements will be used for the Assistance Grants 2026.</p>