

WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Application

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is accepting applications to its WaterSMART Fiscal Year 2022 Water and Energy Efficiency Grant program, due November 3, 2021. The Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership (Partnership) is proposing a regional drought resiliency program for this funding opportunity. The grant application, prepared by Sonoma Water on behalf of the Partnership, will request \$2,000,000 in grant funds to implement the program.

Through the proposed Sonoma-Marin Drought Resiliency Program (Program), eight participating Partners plan to provide one or more rebate programs for turf removal, high-efficiency washing machine installation, and water monitoring device installation. In aggregate, the rebate programs will remove an estimated 2,996,118 square feet of turf, replace 382 inefficient clothes washing machines with high-efficiency models and rebate the installation of 750 Flume home water monitoring devices. The program will last three years from grant award and is estimated to save 244 acre feet of water annually, totaling 3,598 acre feet of water conserved over the project's measured life and increase water supply resiliency to address climate change.

The budget for the Sonoma-Marin Drought Resiliency Program is \$4,111,369. The grant program will reimburse Sonoma Water and its other partners up to \$2,000,000 for project expenses. Sonoma Water will act as the grant administrator on the program to oversee compliance reporting and invoicing. Project Partners will run their own rebate programs and supply all necessary backup documentation to Sonoma Water for Federal reimbursement requests. If awarded, this proposed project will provide supplemental funding to the region for much needed water conservation programs.

Program Budget	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Cost Share	Total Program
Sonoma Water	\$75,000	\$186,369	\$261,369
Other Partners	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000	\$3,850,000
Total Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,111,369	\$4,111,369