



**December 3, 2021**

## **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Summary of 2022 Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Funds (SRFs) by States, Tribes, and Territories**

EPA Administrator just put out a letter yesterday ([here](#)) to all states laying the groundwork for next steps with BIF funding for specific programs. Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox (formerly of the US Water Alliance, a CWCC partner) will soon be issuing national program guidance from the EPA's Office of Water to state primacy agencies for the use of water infrastructure funding through the BIL. In this letter from EPA they shared a first glimpse of what the EPA expects moving forward.

Enclosed in this letter is estimated 2022 state allotments of BIF funds through the SRFs – significant resources that we know will go a long way toward achieving our shared goals. The enclosure summarizes the first-year allotment of nearly \$44 billion in total SRF funding that will be provided to states, tribes, and territories over the next five years through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

We recommend you review these estimates and begin engaging your partners in state government NOW to ensure that this funding is distributed in an efficient manner on behalf of your organizations. Capacity challenges to get this money spent are to be expected and can be mitigated with proactive engagement.

### **Federal Shutdown Avoided**

Yesterday Congress passed a continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 18, avoiding a government shutdown and allowing for more time to adopt the individual FY22 appropriations bills.

### **House-Passed “Build Back Better Act” Moves to the Senate**

On November 19, the House passed the (\$1.9T, new number) BBB bill (by a vote of 220-213 with all Republicans and one Democrat voting against) sending the bill to the Senate with the goal of enactment by the end of the year. Issues of interest:

- \$30B for Safe Drinking Water SRF lead service line replacement projects;
- \$100M for state public water systems;
- \$700M to reduce lead in school drinking water;
- \$100M for large scale water recycling projects;
- \$1.15B for emergency drought relief;

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- \$125M for Alternative Water Source Program grants; and,
- \$2B for sewer overflow and storm water reuse grants;
- \$4B for reduction of carbon in the surface transportation sector;
- \$4B for affordable and safe transportation access; and;
- \$6B for local surface transportation projects.

These are the same programs and the same funding amounts that were in the original BBB bill. No funding for the Clean Water SRF is included (there is in BIF). It does include new taxes. Various social programs are funded through this House measure that are unlikely to survive in the Senate.

### **KEY ADVOCATES REPORT**

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to November 30, 2021.

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