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US Municipal Water Capex Spending to Surpass \$100 Billion a Year by 2030, GWI WaterData Forecast Finds.

OXFORD, United Kingdom, April 17, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Annual capital investment in US water and wastewater infrastructure will cross \$100 billion for the first time in 2030, according to a new state-level forecast published by Global Water Intelligence on its WaterData platform.

The forecast draws on municipal budgets to project spending through 2030, accounting for pricing impacts and volume growth. It is the first state-by-state US water capex outlook GWI has published since 2023.

“Water and wastewater agencies are pressing ahead with record capital programs despite a tightening web of cost pressures” explained Luke Bratt, North America Editor at Global Water Intelligence. “More of this spending is non-discretionary than at any point in the last two decades, given impending federal and state regulatory deadlines.”

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