
U.S. Federal Water Funding “Cliff” Masks Four Distinct Timelines and Uneven State Exposure.

17 August 2026, Boston, Massachusetts: Federal water infrastructure funding in the United States is set to fall roughly 63% between fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, dropping from US$23.4 billion to an estimated US$8.6 billion. But according to new analysis from Bluefield Research, a leading provider of global water market data and insights, the story behind this anticipated decline is more nuanced than the headline suggests.

Bluefield’s Data Insight, The U.S. Federal Funding Cliff: Sizing the Decline and Mapping the Exposures for States and Utilities, draws on Bluefield’s project-level analysis of 53,000 projects totaling US$136 billion across four federally supported programs: the State Revolving Fund (SRF), the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Each was created for a different purpose and under different policy conditions, and as the analysis shows, each operates on a different timeline. SRF and WIFIA are standing authorities that continue indefinitely as long as Congress funds them. ARPA and IIJA, by contrast, were built with fixed deadlines, and the fiscal year 2027 cliff reflects the simultaneous expiration of both funding streams.

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