

Drinking Water Infrastructure Funding: February 27th American Water Works Association Letter to OMB/EPA



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The American Water Works Association (“Association”) sent a February 27th letter to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The February 27th letter asks for their support for

“federal investment in our nation’s drinking water infrastructure.”

The Association addresses the federal budget for Fiscal Year 2018 and asks that the following actions be taken:

- Fund the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) at \$45 million, the level authorized in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-121);
- Fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) at \$1.8 billion.
- Maintain funding at the levels found in the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act of 2017 (P.L. 114-254) for research that assists the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in preparing sound regulations related to drinking water; and
- Maintain funding at levels found in the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act of 2017 (P.L. 114-254) for EPA’s and Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) within the Office of Water (OW) to support development of sound regulations related to drinking water.

The Association also cites WIFIA and DWSRF’s role in funding what is described as the “\$1.3 trillion price tag” needed for water infrastructure investments and the fact that 19.1 billion provided by the federal government has been matched by \$32.5 billion from the states.

The Association describes itself as the

“largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water.”

The organization has 50,000 members of which 4,000 are utilities.

[A copy of the letter can be downloaded here.](#)