**INTRODUCTION**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has established the Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program for the purpose of improving access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools. A total of $9.5 million is available. In addition, Technical Assistance (TA) is available for eligible Program applicants serving small disadvantaged communities.

**ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS**

- Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) K-12, including School Districts
- Preschools & Child Daycare Facilities *(located on public school property)*

**ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES *(include, but are not limited to)***

- Installation or replacement of water bottle filling stations or drinking water fountains, with or without treatment devices capable of removing contaminants present in the school’s water supply;
- Installation of point-of-entry (POE), or point-of-use (POU) treatment devices for water bottle filling stations, drinking fountains, and other fixtures that provide water for human consumption, including up to three years of: replacement filters, operation and maintenance (O&M), and monitoring of POE or POU devices;
- Installation, replacement, or repairs of drinking water fixtures and associated plumbing appurtenances that are necessary to address lead contamination that requires a corrective action; and
- Provision of interim alternative water supplies for applicants in the process of implementing a permanent solution, including purchases of temporary transfer water, hauled water, and bottled water.

**LINKS**

- **Program Website**
  www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools/
- **Funding Applications will be accepted online through FAAST**
  https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/
- **Technical Assistance Request Form submitted via email:**
  www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/ta_request_form.pdf

**FUNDING LIMITS**

- Minimum Grant Amount
  - $25,000
- Maximum Grant Amount
  - $100,000 (Single School)
  - $1,000,000 (LEAs)

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- **TA Provider**
  - Rural Community Assistance Corporation
  - Contact: Ari Neuman
  - Address: 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201
    West Sacramento, CA 95691
  - Phone: (916) 447-9832 ext. 1032
  - E-mail: Agua4all@rcac.org
  - Website: http://www.rcac.org/
- TA is available for, but not limited to:
  - Completing funding applications
  - Identifying sustainable solutions
  - Procurement of professional services
  - Overseeing and inspecting projects

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