

State Water Board Small Community Groundwater Grant Program Solicitation Notice  
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CALIFORNIA CODES  
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE  
SECTION 30950

**30950.** (a) For the purposes of this article, "small community" means a municipality with a population of 20,000 persons or less, a rural county, or a reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger municipality where the segment of the population is 20,000 persons or less, with a financial hardship, as determined by the board.

(b) The board may award grants under this article to assist small communities in complying with groundwater contaminant level requirements.

(c) The board may award grants under this article to local public agencies and private not-for-profit water companies.

(d) The board shall give priority to the following types of projects:

(1) Projects to provide an alternate source of water or to treat water where the existing supply of groundwater exceeds the maximum contaminant level of arsenic.

(2) Projects to provide an alternate source of water or to treat water where the existing supply of groundwater exceeds the maximum contaminant level for nitrate.

(3) Projects identified by the board, in consultation with the State Department of Health Services, as having a priority to address the needs of small community water systems.

(e) The board may make funds available under this article in each fiscal year to provide technical assistance or planning grants, or both, to small communities.

*NOTE: Although Public Resources Code section 30950 (c) indicates that private not-for-profit water companies may receive grants; Proposition 40, the bond measure that authorized this grant program, specified that only public agencies and nonprofit organizations were eligible to compete for the grants. (See Public Resources Code section 5096.650(c).) Under these circumstances, the voter-approved bond measure takes precedence over the enabling legislation. Therefore, private not-for-profit water companies will be eligible to receive grants only if they are also nonprofit organizations formed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*