

SEC. 50203. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROJECTS.

Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1300) is amended—

ing "IN GENERAL" and inserting "ESTABLISH-

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "construction" before "funds";

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and
(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

(3) by striking subsection (e);
(4) in subsection (i) —

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “, the following definitions apply”; and

striking "water or wastewater or by treating wastewater" and inserting "water, wastewater

of stormwater or by treating wastewater or stormwater for groundwater recharge, potable

(5) in subsection (j) —

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is”;

striking "a total of \$75,000,000 for fiscal years 2002 through 2004. Such sums shall" and insert-

through 2026, to; and

“(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under para-

to pay the administrative costs of the Adminis-

(6) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (j) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), and

...), respectively, and moving those subsections so as to appear in alphabetical order.

REUSE MUNICIPAL GRANTS.

Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301) is amended—

the end;

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the

“(B) notification systems to inform the public of combined sewer or sanitary overflows that re-

will in sewage being released into rivers and other waters; and";

(A) in the second sentence, by striking "The on-Federal share of the cost" and inserting the

“(3) TYPES OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The ap-

absection"; (B) in the first sentence, by striking "The

and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal; and

ated) the following:

ADMINISTRATOR shall work with States to pre-

is subsection from being passed on to rural communities and financially distressed commu-

ues (as those terms are defined in subsection (2)(B)(i)).;

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

26.; and
(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) of striking "to the extent" and inserting
the following:

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territory in which the household is located, according to the most recent decennial census.

(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall establish a program under which the Administrator shall provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving general utility.

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(A) for the construction, repair, or replacement of an individual household decentralized wastewater treatment system, or

(B) for the installation of a larger decentralized wastewater system designed to provide treatment for 2 or more households in which eligible individuals reside.

(1) site conditions at the households are unsuitable for the installation of an individually owned decentralized wastewater system;

(ii) multiple examples of unsuitable site conditions exist in close geographic proximity to each other; and

(iii) a larger decentralized wastewater system could be cost-effectively installed.

(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a private nonprofit organization shall submit to the Administrator, in such manner, and containing such information as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to applicants that have substantial expertise and experience in promoting the safe and effective use of individual household decentralized wastewater systems.

(4) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A private nonprofit organization may use amounts provided under this subsection to pay the administrative expenses associated with the provision of the services described in paragraph (1), as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(5) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a private nonprofit organization shall use a grant provided under subsection (b) for the services described in paragraph (1) of that subsection.

(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive the services described in subsection (b)(1), an eligible individual shall submit to the private nonprofit organization serving the area in which the individual household decentralized wastewater system of the eligible individuals is, or is proposed to be, located an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the private nonprofit organization determines to be appropriate.

(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subsection, a private nonprofit organization shall give priority to any eligible individual who does not have access to a sanitary sewage disposal system.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report describing the recipients of grants under the program under this section and the results of the program under this section.

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under paragraph (1), not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

SEC. 50209. CONNECTION TO PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS.

Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) (as amended by section 50208) is amended by adding at the end the following:

SEC. 227. CONNECTION TO PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(3) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘qualified individual’ has the meaning given the term ‘eligible individual’ in section 603(g).

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall establish a competitive grant program with the purpose of improving general welfare, under which the Administrator awards grants to eligible entities to provide funds to assist qualified individuals in covering the costs incurred by the qualified individual in connecting the household of the individual to a publicly owned treatment works.

“(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking a grant under the program shall submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Administrator may by regulation require.

“(2) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Administrator receives an application from an eligible entity under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall notify the eligible entity of whether the Administrator will award a grant to the eligible entity under the program.

“(d) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting recipients of grants under the program, the Administrator shall use the following criteria:

“(1) Whether the eligible entity seeking a grant provides services to, or works directly with, qualified individuals.

“(2) Whether the eligible entity seeking a grant—

“(A) has an existing program to assist in covering the costs incurred in connecting a household to a publicly owned treatment works; or

“(B) seeks to create a program described in subparagraph (A).

“(e) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY CONNECTION.—Before providing funds to a qualified individual for the costs described in subsection (b), an eligible entity shall ensure that—

“(A) the qualified individual has connected to the publicly owned treatment works to which the qualified individual has connected, and

“(B) if the eligible entity is not the owner or operator of the publicly owned treatment works to which the qualified individual has connected, the publicly owned treatment works voluntarily, and

“(B) if the eligible entity is not the owner or operator of the publicly owned treatment works to which the qualified individual has connected, the publicly owned treatment works voluntarily, and

“(A) reducing the amount otherwise owed by the qualified individual to the owner or operator for wastewater or other services provided by the owner or operator; or

“(B) providing a direct payment to the qualified individual.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

“(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Administrator, in coordination with the working group established under subparagraph (A), shall submit to Congress a report describing potential

workforce. (C) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the duties of the working group established under subparagraph (A), the working group shall consult with State operator certification programs. (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

“(3) by redesignating subsections (a) and (b) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and (f) by inserting before subsection (a) so redesignated the following:

(a) DEFINITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—In this section, the term "public works department or agency" means a political subdivision of a local, county, or regional government that designs, builds, operates, and maintains water infrastructure, sewage and refuse disposal systems, and other public water systems and facilities."

SEC. 5022. GRANTS TO ALASKA TO IMPROVE VILLAGES.
Section 303 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 1263a) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (b), by striking "50 percent", and
- (2) in subsection (e), by striking "this section".

and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: "this section-- (1) \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024; (2) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and (3) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2026." SEC. 50213. WATER DATA SHARING PILOT PROGRAM. 50213. WATER DATA SHARING PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall establish a competitive grant pilot program (referred

under this section as the "pilot program") under which the Administrator may award grants to (a) establish entities and (b) improve the sharing of information concerning water quality, water infrastructure

(A) establishing a website or data hub to exchange water data, including data on water availability or water technology, including new and emerging, but proven, water technologies; and

(B) interagency communications initiatives re-

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) (V) shall, to the extent practicable, leverage existing data sharing infrastructure.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES—An entity eligible for a grant under the pilot program is—

(1) a State, county, or other unit of local government that—

(A) has a coastal watershed with significant pollution levels;

(B) has a water system with significant pollution;

(C) has significant individual water infrastructure deficits; or

(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CENTER.—The term “center” means a center of excellence for stormwater control infrastructure established under subsection (b)(1).

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) a State, Tribal, or local government; or

(B) a local, regional, or other public entity that manages stormwater or wastewater resources or other related water infrastructure.

(3) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term “eligible institution” means an institution of higher education, a research institution, or a nonprofit or organization—

(A) that has demonstrated excellence in research and developing new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and

(B) with respect to a nonprofit organization, the core mission of which includes water management, as determined by the administrator.

(b) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall provide

grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institutions to establish and maintain not less than 3, new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure throughout the United States.

(B) GENERAL OPERATION.—Each center shall—

(i) conduct research on new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies that are relevant to the geographical region in which the center is located, including stormwater and sewer overflow reduction, other approaches to water resource enhancement, alternative funding approaches, and other environmental, economic, and social benefits, with the goal of improving the effectiveness, cost efficiency, and protection of public safety and water quality;

(ii) maintain a listing of—

(1) stormwater control infrastructure needs; and

(2) an analysis of new and emerging stormwater control infrastructure technologies that are available;

(iii) analyze whether additional financial programs for the implementation of new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies would be useful;

(iv) provide information regarding research conducted under clause (i) to the national electronic clearinghouse center for publication on the Internet website established under paragraph (3)(B)(i) to provide to the Federal Government and State, Tribal, and local governments and the private sector information regarding new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies;

(v) provide technical assistance to State, Tribal, and local governments to assist with the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of stormwater control infrastructure projects that use innovative technologies;

(vi) collaborate with institutions of higher education and public organizations, including community-based public-private partnerships and other stakeholders, in the geographical region in which the center is located, and

(vii) coordinate with the other centers to avoid duplication of efforts.

(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible institution shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require.

(3) NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CLEARINGHOUSE CENTER.—Of the centers established under paragraph (1)(A), I shall—

(A) be designated as the "national electronic clearinghouse center"; and

(B) in addition to the other functions of that center—

(i) develop, operate, and maintain an Internet website and a public database that contains information relating to new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies; and

(ii) post to the website information from all centers.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under subparagraph (A), not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

(C) STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT GRANTS.—

(1) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall provide grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to carry out stormwater control infrastructure projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies in accordance with this subsection.

(2) STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

(A) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—The Administrator may make planning and development grants under this subsection for the following projects:

(i) Planning and designing stormwater control infrastructure projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies, including engineering surveys, landscape plans, maps, long-term operations and maintenance plans, and implementation plans.

(ii) Identifying and developing standards necessary to accommodate stormwater control infrastructure projects, including those projects that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies.

(iii) Identifying and developing fee structures to provide financial support for design, installation, and operations and maintenance of stormwater control infrastructure, including new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies.

(iv) Developing approaches for community-based public-private partnerships for the financing and construction of stormwater control infrastructure technologies, including feasibility studies, stakeholder outreach, and needs assessments.

(v) Developing and delivering training and educational materials regarding new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies for distribution to—

(i) individuals and entities with applicable technical knowledge; and

(ii) the public.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—The Administrator may make implementation grants under this subsection for the following projects:

(i) Installing new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies.

(ii) Protecting or restoring interconnected networks of natural areas that protect water quality.

(iii) Monitoring and evaluating the environmental, economic, or social benefits of stormwater control infrastructure technologies that incorporate new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control technologies.

(iv) Implementing a best practices standard for stormwater control infrastructure programs.

(3) APPLICATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, to be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible entity shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require, including, as applicable—

(A) a description of the stormwater control infrastructure project that incorporates new and emerging, but proven, technologies;

(B) a plan for monitoring the impacts and pollutant load reductions associated with the stormwater control infrastructure project on the water quality and quantity;

(C) an evaluation of other environmental, economic, and social benefits of the stormwater control infrastructure project; and

(D) a plan for the long-term operation and maintenance of the stormwater control infrastructure project, such as asset management practices.

(4) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to applications submitted on behalf of—

(i) a community that—

(i) has municipal combined storm and sanitary sewers in the collection system of the community; or

(ii) is a small, rural, or disadvantaged community; as determined by the Administrator.

(5) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—

(A) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—As determined by the Administrator.

(B) STORMWATER CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—The amount of a single planning and development grant provided under this subsection shall be not more than \$200,000.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

(i) SINGLE GRANT.—The amount of a single planning and development grant provided under this subsection shall be not more than \$200,000.

(ii) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The total amount of all planning and development grants provided under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be not more than 1/3 of the total amount made available to carry out this subsection.

(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

(i) SINGLE GRANT.—The amount of a single implementation grant provided under this subsection shall be not more than \$2,000,000.

(ii) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The total amount of all implementation grants provided under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be not more than 1/3 of the total amount made available to carry out this subsection.

(C) FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the Federal share of a grant provided under this subsection shall not exceed 80 percent of the total project cost.

(B) CREDIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—The Administrator shall credit toward the non-Federal share of the cost of an implementation project carried out under this subsection the cost of planning, design, and construction work completed for the project using funds other than funds provided under this section.

(C) EXCEPTION.—The Administrator may waive the Federal share limitation under subparagraph (A) for an eligible entity that has adequately demonstrated financial need.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which the Administrator first awards a grant under this section, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that includes, with respect to the period covered by the report—

(1) a description of all grants provided under this section;

(2) a detailed description of—

(A) the projects supported by those grants; and

(B) the outcomes of those projects;

(3) a description of the improvements in technology, environmental benefits, resources conserved, efficiencies, and other benefits of the projects funded under this section;

(4) recommendations for improvements to promote and support new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure, including research into new and emerging technologies, for the centers, grants, and activities under this section; and

(5) a description of existing challenges concerning the use of new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section (except for years 2022 through 2026,

(2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available for grants under paragraph (1), not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

(3) GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish a Water Reuse Interagency Working Group (referred to in this section as the “Working Group”).

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Working Group is to develop and coordinate actions, tools, and resources to advance water reuse implementation of the February 2020 National Water Reuse Action Plan, which creates opportunities for water reuse in the mission areas of each of the Federal agencies included in the Working Group under subsection (c) (referred to in this section as the “Action Plan”).

(c) CHAIRPERSON; MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be—

(1) chaired by the Administrator; and

(2) comprised of senior representatives from such Federal agencies as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(d) DUTIES OF THE WORKING GROUP.—In carrying out this section, the Working Group shall—

(1) with respect to water reuse, leverage the expertise of industry, the research community, nongovernmental organizations, and government; and

(2) seek to foster water reuse as an important component of integrated water resources management;

(3) conduct an assessment of new opportunities to advance water reuse and annually update the Action Plan with new actions, as necessary, to pursue those opportunities;

(4) seek to coordinate Federal programs and policies to support the adoption of water reuse; consider how each Federal agency can explore and identify opportunities to support water reuse through the programs and activities of that Federal agency; and

(5) consult, on a regular basis, with representatives of relevant industries, the research community, and nongovernmental organizations.

(e) REPORT.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report on the activities and findings of the Working Group.

(f) SUNSET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Working Group shall terminate on the date that is 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXTENSION.—The Administrator may extend the date of termination of the Working Group under paragraph (1).

(3) ADVANCED CLEAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall carry out a study that examines the state of existing and potential future technology, including technology that could address cybersecurity vulnerabilities, that enhances or could enhance the treatment, monitoring, affordability, efficiency, and safety of wastewater services provided by a treatment works (as defined in section 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1252)).

(b) REPORT.—The Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that describes the results of the study under subsection (a).

(c) CLEAN WATERSHEDS NEEDS SURVEY.

(1) VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 609. CLEAN WATERSHEDS NEEDS SURVEY.

“(a) REVISION.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, and not less frequently than once every 4 years thereafter, the Administrator shall—

(1) conduct and complete an assessment of capital improvement needs for all projects that are eligible under section 603(c) for assistance from State water pollution control revolving funds; and

(2) submit to Congress a report describing the results of the assessment completed under paragraph (1).”

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the initial needs survey under subsection (a) \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended.”

SEC. 5022. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT.

(a) CLARIFICATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—Section 104(b)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(b)(1)) is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “water-related phenomena” and inserting “water resources”; and

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”.

