

Statewide Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
**DRINKING
WATER**

Our Goals



**Healthy families,
communities and
businesses**



**Access to safe and
reliable drinking
water**



**Sustainable growth
+ a thriving economy**

Overall Current Need

2021 survey of all public water systems

Identified immediate infrastructure needs



25%

Response Rate

GOPB applications for drinking water projects

\$2 billion+
COMBINED TOTAL





How we prioritized



100 point scale

- Hardship criteria
(Median Adjusted Gross
Income/drinking water rates)
- Health and risk-based criteria
- Regionalization

Priority List Overview



01

**Rural and
urban**



02

**Large and
small scale**



03

**High
earthquake
risk**



**The top 74 projects
are largely hardship
communities.**



\$240M

hardship projects

Austin Community Special Service District

Two struggling water systems will connect to an existing water system - making all three stronger as a result.

- *More ratepayers*
- *A shared operator*

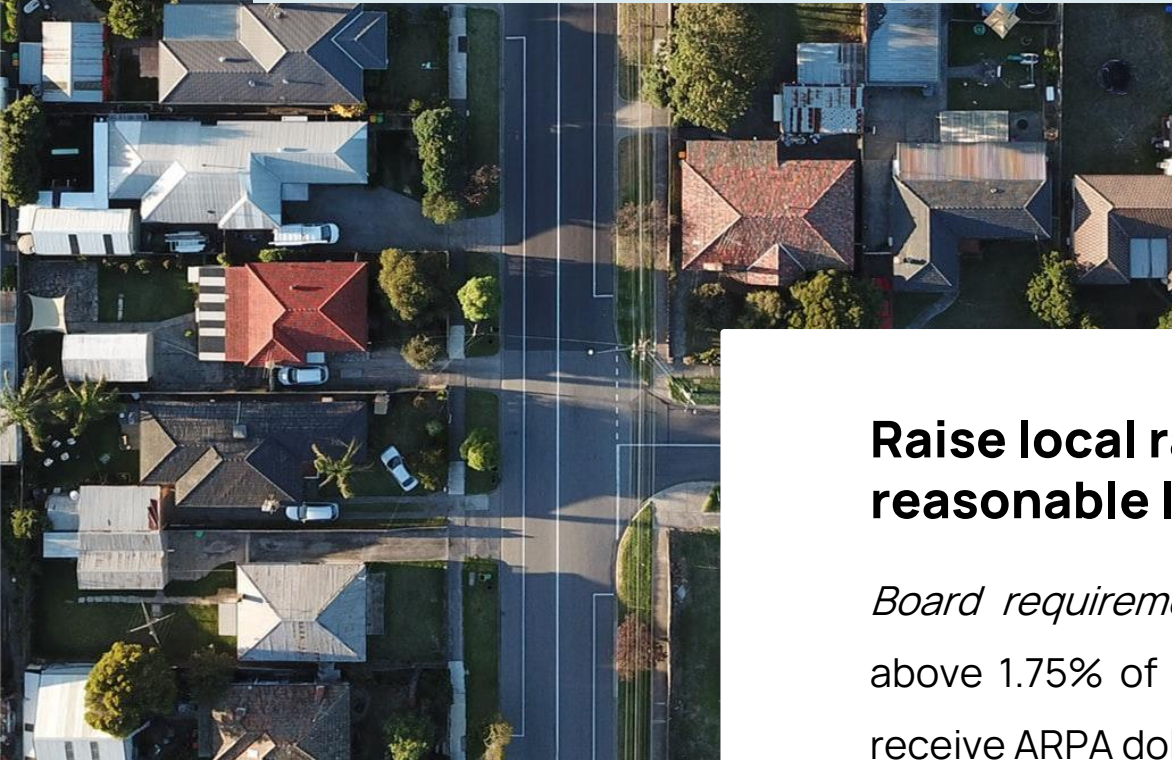


Located near
Richfield



Community Investment

Communities must have
“skin in the game”




Raise local rates to a reasonable level

Board requirement - rates at or above 1.75% of the local MAGI to receive ARPA dollars

Invest in local infrastructure

Incremental rate increases allow communities to be proactive in infrastructure investments



State Matching Funding

State matching funds for the remaining 3 years of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act = **\$140 million** in additional funding to help communities across Utah address their drinking water needs.

Four dollars for every One dollar of State Match

Questions?



Thank you



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