

AMWA urges full funding of EPA's water infrastructure programs

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Last week AMWA was part of a coalition of more than two dozen water sector groups, NGOs, local government agencies, and engineering associations that wrote to congressional appropriations leaders in support of fully funding a number of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure programs authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

The letter (<https://www.amwa.net/letter/letter-support-fy23-funding-authorized-water-infrastructure-programs>) noted that while last year's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included billions of dollars of funding for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds, the legislation also authorized additional funds for numerous established and newly created water and wastewater infrastructure programs. However, funding for these other programs, such as the AMWA-backed (<https://www.amwa.net/press-releases/amwa-applauds-signing-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act>) Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Resilience and Sustainability Program, will rely upon future appropriations by Congress.

"Without full FY23 funding from Congress, communities across the country will be unable to realize the public health and water quality improvements sought by the legislation," the letter said. "Our organizations ... urge that this promise to the American people of clean, safe, resilient, and affordable water be fully supported in FY23."

A House Appropriations subcommittee is scheduled (<https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=114914>) to consider a draft FY23 EPA spending bill this week. In March, the White House requested (<https://www.amwa.net/article/president-biden-seeks-fy23-epa-budget-boost>) full funding for many of the infrastructure law's water infrastructure programs as part of its FY23 budget proposal.

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