

Drinking Water for Schools Round 2

Funding Available!

The California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has awarded an agreement to Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for the purpose of providing Technical Assistance (TA), conducting outreach, implementing interim water solutions, installing drinking water access improvements and Point of Use (POU) and/or Point of Entry (POE) treatment devices at schools serving Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). RCAC will accept applications from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and provide oversight and guidance to carry out projects on public school properties.



Please send inquiries and questions to:

agua4all@rcac.org

For more information, visit:

agua4all.rcac.org



ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Installation of bottle filling stations and/or drinking fountains to address impaired access to drinking water.
- Water treatment devices and interim water supplies for schools where contamination is a current issue.
- Replacement of water fixtures for schools with **Lead** contamination.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local Education Agencies serving kindergarten or any of grades 1-12, and preschools and Child Day Care Facilities located on public school property. Additionally, all projects must be located at schools within or serving a DAC.

Technical Assistance (TA) Process for Drinking Water for Schools



The Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has been selected by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to provide TA to eligible applicants! This includes working with schools and districts during the application and implementation phases. Below are the steps Local Education Agencies (LEA) can take to get started, and what to expect after an inquiry is submitted.

Step 1:

Submit Inquiry to RCAC

- The SWRCB issued a list of LEAs with water quality projects to RCAC. Schools with impaired access can begin to apply for funding starting on November 1, 2021.
- If interested in enrolling in the program, submit an inquiry to aqua4all@rcac.org

Step 2:

Apply for Technical Assistance

- LEAs will work with RCAC to complete and submit a funding recommendation to the SWRCB for review and approval.
- Funding recommendations will require approval from the regulatory agency prior to being submitted to the SWRCB for **water quality projects only**.

Step 3:

Funding Application Phase

- RCAC will assist the LEAs in completing the application, which includes the development of a project scope of work and budget. It may also include a site assessment of the school campus.
- The completed application will be submitted to the SWRCB for review and approval.

Step 4:

Implementation Phase

- Once application is approved, RCAC will sign an MOU with school to begin implementation of the project.
- RCAC can assist in all aspects of project implementation, reporting and invoicing, including ordering fixtures, preparing documents, conducting pilot studies, communication with regulatory agencies, and hiring contractors for installation.