



Secondary Meter ARPA Grant Remaining Funds **June 28, 2024**

Remaining Funds

The Board authorized and committed \$250 million in ARPA grants for secondary meter projects; however, with the withdrawal of over twenty projects and the conversion of others, there are now additional ARPA funds available. These funds must be contracted by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026. The Board intends to use the allocated funds completely, and to do so will require an additional application period. Due to the limited amount of time remaining this year, and in order to allow staff and the Board to complete the process necessary to award and contract these funds, it is requested that the Board require applicants to meet all Board, State, and Federal requirements necessary to enter into a contract, at the time of application.

It is important to note that most of the original statutory requirements and limitations apply to these remaining funds. Changes to the law this year did increase the maximum amount that an applicant can receive. Secondary water providers who supply pressurized secondary water to end users are eligible to apply. Providers with 7,000 connections or less are now eligible for up to \$10,000,000, while those with more than 7,000 connections are eligible for up to \$20,000,000, and grants awarded in 2024 are limited to 65% of project costs (Utah Code 73-10-34.5(3)). Grants are only available for new secondary meters on connections that existed before May 4, 2022, or for a water conservation project (grant not to exceed \$2,000,000) for a supplier who completed metering before May 4, 2022 (Utah Code 73-10-34.5(7)).

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends the Board set a fourth application period of July 1, 2024 through July 8, 2024.

Staff also recommends that the Board state that only applicants who meet all the Board, State and Federal requirements to receive ARPA grant funds, at the time of application, are eligible in this round.

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