

**Board for Financing Water Projects
Capital Improvements Grant Program
May 2025**

Capital Improvements Grant Program Funding Update as of May 9, 2025

Current Cash¹:	\$ 230,407.06¹	
Less Funds for Administration:	\$ 24,973.96	
Add Projected treasurer's Interest:	\$ 5,188.69	
Cash Available for Projects:		\$210,621.73
Committed bond funds not yet disbursed:	\$ 193,755.13	
Projects for Consideration:	\$ 0	
Un-committed funds:		\$16,866.60²

Bond Series	2021B	
Legislative Authority	AB492 (81st Session)	
	\$8,000,000	
Date of Issuance	December 07, 2021	
Initial Proceeds	\$ 8,082,775.25	
Treasurer's Interest²	\$ 603,186.95	
Total Proceeds	\$ 8,685,962.20	
6 months	\$ (81,028.81)	0.93%
12 months	\$ (81,028.81)	0.93%
18 months	\$ (83,699.34)	0.96%
24 months	\$ (645,672.63)	7.43%
30 months	\$ (2,531,723.28)	29.15%
36 months	\$ (8,344,067.45)	96.06%
42 months	\$ (8,344,067.45)	96.06%
48 months	\$ (8,344,067.45)	96.06%
54 months	\$ (8,476,885.17)	97.59%
60 months	\$ (8,476,885.17)	97.59%
Unspent Proceeds	\$ 209,077.03	2.41%

¹ From all sources including bond proceeds, administration fees, and treasurer's interest.

² Includes estimated bond interest earnings for quarter 2 not yet received.

Status update		05/09/25				
Entity	Contract	Date	Amount	Drawn	Outstanding	Last Draw Date
Las Vegas Valley Water District-Big Bend	GP2103	01/20/21	\$ 1,908,622.00	1,908,622.00	\$ -	Closed
Alamo Sewer and Water GID	GP2104	08/02/21	\$ 613,311.51	613,311.51	\$ -	Closed De-obligated 42,311.66
Las Vegas Valley Water District-Big Bend	GP2201	04/19/22	\$ 86,449.13	86,449.13	\$ -	Closed De-obligated 9,157.86
Golconda GID	GP2202	08/02/22	\$ 793,000.00	793,000.00	\$ -	Final Draw 5/8/25
Topaz Ranch Estates GID	GP2203	05/17/22	\$ 1,645,520.00	1,451,764.87	\$ 193,755.13	Draw in NIFS for \$153,849.01
Beatty Water & Sanitation District	GP2502	07/02/24	\$ 300,566.48	300,566.48	\$ -	Closed De-obligated 54,309.52
Pershing County	GP2503	06/28/24	\$ 550,500.00	550,500.00	\$ -	Closed
Carlin, City of	GP2504	06/28/24	\$ 1,783,360.00	1,783,360.00	\$ -	Closed
Henderson, City of	GP2505	06/28/24	\$ 1,824,000.00	1,824,000.00	\$ -	Closing held
			\$ 9,505,329.12	\$ 9,311,573.99	\$ 193,755.13	

Governor's Executive Budget recommendation

The FY26-27 Governor's Executive Budget is recommending \$33,900,000 in bonds for the Capital Improvements Grant Program (page 3493). Attached is a list of projects that have been submitted for funding. The list is subject to change for actual funding.

Entity	Project Name	County	Project Cost
Pershing County Water Conservation District	Pitt Dam Replacement	Pershing	\$12,927,760
Clark County Water Reclamation District	Septic-to-Sewer Consolidation	Clark	\$5,000,000
City of Reno	Rivermount Neighborhood Septic-to-Sewer Conversion	Washoe	\$7,936,250
Silver Spring GID	Recycled Water Filter Rehabilitation	Lyon	\$972,000
Baker Water & Sewer GID	Lehman Creek Service Lines	White Pine	\$356,000
City of Carlin	Arthur Springs Main Waterline Replacement	Elko	\$1,506,346
City of Ely	Morley Avenue Water Upgrades Project	White Pine	\$569,910
Hawthorne Utilities	Hawthorne Tank Rehabilitation	Mineral	\$496,110
	Mina Tank Rehabilitation		\$259,163
City of Henderson	Horizon Lateral	Clark	\$3,760,000
Las Vegas Valley Water District-Blue Diamond Water System	Blue Diamond System Improvements	Clark	\$12,985,000
Moapa Valley Water District	Asterra Satellite Leak Detection 12 Month Program	Clark	\$121,095
	SCADA Improvements		\$710,660
	Warm Springs Tank		\$3,737,200
	Water System Capital Improvement Plan Update		\$63,900
Pioche Public Utilities	Meter Replacement	Lincoln	\$519,660
	Back Up Generators		\$297,250
Sun Valley GID	Water System Improvements	Washoe	\$9,242,820
Virgin Valley Water District	Falcon Ridge Master Meters – Design	Clark	\$62,600
	Freeway Tank Freeway Crossing Construction		\$1,572,000
	Pioneer Blvd – Oasis Dr to Sandhill Dr Freeway Crossing Design		\$355,100
Total Project Cost			\$64,371,824.50

**Board for Financing Water Projects
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
May 2025**

Drinking Water Program Funding Updates as of May 9, 2025

Program Cash Balances	DWSRF Base Program	DWSRF Emerging Contaminants	DWSRF Lead Service Lines	Total DWSRF Funding
Cash in the State Account	\$125,121,068.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,121,068.37
Less bond debt service reserves	(6,069,283)	0	0	(6,069,283)
Add Federal Cash Available for Loans	44,589,434	21,768,860	25,212,000	91,570,294
Add pending federal grants	0	0	0	0
Cash Available for Loans	\$163,641,219.37	\$21,768,860.00	\$25,212,000.00	210,622,079.37
Committed funds not yet disbursed	158,648,954	6,000,000	0	164,648,954
Add commitments for Board consideration	0	0	0	0
Total committed funds after Board Approval	158,648,954	6,000,000	0	164,648,954
Add projects in discussion with OFA	11,180,000	10,000,000	0	21,180,000
Total committed and potential project loans ^A	\$169,828,954.00	\$16,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$185,828,954.00

^A Nevada evaluates cash over a three-year period to determine the amount of cash available for loan commitments. This practice is highly encouraged by EPA for effective use of funds management. Therefore, the amount committed to projects at any given time *may* be higher than the current cash available in the program accounts.

Program Cash Balances for Principal Forgiveness (PF) Loans ^B	DWSRF Base Program	DWSRF Emerging Contaminants	DWSRF Lead Service Lines	Total DWSRF Funding
Required amount to commit to PF loans	41,523,580	21,768,860	12,353,880	75,646,320
Add pending federal grant requirements				0
Total Required PF Loan Balance	41,523,580	21,768,860	12,353,880	75,646,320
Committed funds not yet disbursed	20,423,608	6,000,000	0	26,423,608
Commitments for Board consideration	0	0	0	0
Add projects in discussion with OFA				0
Remaining Authority ^B	\$21,099,972	\$15,768,860	\$12,353,880	\$49,222,712

^B Cash available for PF loans is included in the Program Cash Balance table above. This table reflects the federal requirements for Nevada to distribute a portion of the available cash as PF loans.

Drinking Water Cash Flow Projections (Base Program Only)¹

Values include federal grants received through FY24 with projected FY25 & FY26 grants	Jul 01,2024	Jul 01,2025	Jul 01,2026	Jul 01,2027	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Net Change
Cash balance forward	\$137,874,794	\$150,047,033	\$102,146,303	\$49,414,483	
Receipts from grants awarded	15,510,592	22,230,887	15,510,592	0	53,252,071
Transfer to the CWSRF program ²	0	(45,000,000)	(15,000,000)	0	(60,000,000)
Receipts from bonds issued	6,000,082	0	0	0	6,000,082
Receipts from treasurer's interest ³	4,798,770	4,714,983	2,739,571	1,780,667	14,033,991
Receipts from loan principal	14,527,556	15,200,114	15,224,884	14,828,277	59,780,831
Receipts from loan interest	3,367,421	3,605,640	3,187,518	2,858,041	13,018,620
Payments for debt service on bonds	(4,863,738)	(4,601,675)	(3,447,450)	(3,519,225)	(16,432,088)
Payments for loan recipients ³	(27,114,949)	(43,153,287)	(71,149,360)	(33,751,122)	(175,168,718)
Change in debt service reserves	(53,495)	(897,392)	202,425	679,725	(68,737)
Cash balance forward	\$150,047,033	\$102,146,303	\$49,414,483	\$32,290,846	(\$105,583,948)
				Beginning Cash	\$137,874,794
				Ending Cash	\$32,290,846

²Transfer to CWSRF is dependent upon budget approval and EPA consent

³Estimated at 4% A.P.R. on undisbursed cash in the fund. Subject to change.

¹ Estimate only for planning purposes. All numbers are subject to change.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Board for Financing Water Projects

May 2025

Drinking Water Priority List – Effective May 2025

Data

199 Projects

\$ 1,046,426,474

Total Estimated Costs

Recommendation

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) recommends that the Board for Financing Water Projects (Board) approve the Drinking Water Priority List – Effective May 2025.

Priority List Classes

Class I Acute

- Acute health risks: Demonstrated illness attributable to the public water system
- Significant non-compliance
- Court ordered compliance
- Systems addressing acute health issues in the specific project

Class II Chronic

- Chronic health concerns – documented non-compliance with primary & secondary drinking water standards
- Systems addressing chronic health issues in the specific project

Class III Rehabilitation

- Projects that address deteriorated, substandard, or inadequate conditions in a public water system.
 - Treatment
 - Storage
 - Transmission & Distribution
 - Meters
 - Security
 - Planning

Class IV Refinancing

- Refinancing of debt incurred after July 1, 1993

Additional Points for Asset Management System Project for Funding

Projects can receive additional points for the following:

- (5 pts) System is mapped, and assets are cataloged/evaluated.
- (5 pts) System has a rate structure that supports O&M.
- (5 pts) System has allocated funds for rehabilitation/replacement of aging infrastructure.

Disadvantaged Systems (Attachment B)

Nevada Administrative Code amended:

“Disadvantaged community” means an area in which, as compared to other communities in this State, residents disproportionately experience economic, environmental, or health issues, including, without limitation, high rates of poverty or unemployment. (NAC 445A.675245)

Federal Drinking Water Act Requirements:

[42 U.S.C §300j-12(b)(d)(3)] The term “disadvantaged community” means the service area of a public water system that meets affordability criteria established after public review and comment by the State in which the public water system is located.

2024 Drinking Water Intended Use Plan:

- 50 points are needed to qualify for principal forgiveness.
- 25 points will be added to the initial score for systems qualifying as disadvantaged.

Disadvantaged Criteria:

- Income Factors:
 - Median Household Income (MHI) versus State MHI
 - Poverty levels in the service area
- Population trends:
 - Change in population over three years based upon the latest American Community Survey data available.
- Unemployment:
 - Percent of the population not in the workforce
 - Unemployment rate of service area
- Affordability:
 - Whether or not an interest-bearing loan will increase already sufficient user rates by 10.0%, 20.0%, or 30.0%.
 - This also has a look-back option for five years.
 - Residential rates compared to MHI
 - Based on 1.0%, 1.5%, and 2.0%
- Other Factors:
 - Nature of the project
 - Incentives for project types
 - Financial assistance from government or political subdivisions

Priority List (Attachment A)

- Priority Rank
- *N¹: New to the list*
- *D²: System or project qualifies as disadvantaged*
- *C³: Water System Classification (community/noncommunity)*
- *Entity*
- *PWS ID#*
- *Project Population*

- *Project Service Connections*
- *Total Points*
- *Revised Points*
- *NIFS project ID*
- *Project Description*
- *Estimated Loan Amount*
- *Special Funding (Emerging Contaminants or Lead Service Line Funding)*
- *Funded: Indicates the project has received at least partial funding, is not complete, and must remain on the list.*

Priority List Statistics

	Projects	Disadvantaged Systems or Projects	Small Systems (less than 10,000)
Previous List	199	161	167
New to the List	20	18	15
Removed	20	17	16
Current List	199	162	196
		81.4%	98.5%

	Projects	Disadvantaged Systems or Projects	Small Systems (less than 10,000)
Class I	5	5	4
Class II	23	21	19
Class III	170	135	172
Class IV	1	1	1
Total	199	162	196

Project Readiness and Bypass Process

NDEP may bypass a project on the priority list if NDEP determines the project is not ready to proceed, fails to file a letter of intent, or the applicant requests action to be deferred. (NAC 445A.67573)

- Projects ready to proceed may bypass projects with a higher point score that are not ready to proceed.
- Written notice is given to systems being bypassed.
- Current list readiness-to-proceed: *

Funded/Partially Funded	45 projects (22.6%)
All others	154 projects (77.4%)

*As of April 28, 2025. Data subject to change.

DWSRF Authority and Purpose

The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) authorized the DWSRF. The DWSRF is a national program to assist public water systems in financing the cost of drinking water infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the SDWA and to further the public health objectives of the SDWA. The SDWA authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to award capitalization grants to states that have established DWSRF programs. The Nevada Legislature passed legislation that authorizes NDEP to administer the DWSRF under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.200 to 445A.295, inclusive. In addition to the authorizing statute, Nevada has adopted Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.6751 to 445A.67644, inclusive, which describes the program requirements. Federal regulations for implementing the DWSRF are found in 40 CFR, part 35. Other program directives include the Operating Agreement between NDEP and EPA, the annual Intended Use Plan, EPA guidance and policies, and conditions of each grant award.

One of the requirements of the NRS pertaining to the DWSRF is that NDEP shall not “commit any money in the account for the revolving fund for expenditure ... without obtaining the prior approval of the board for financing water projects” (NRS 445A.265(3)).

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR THE DWSRF PRIORITY LIST

I move to approve the resolution titled “D07-0525 Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Priority List – Effective May 2025,” to establish the priorities for determining which public water systems will receive money or other assistance from the Account for the Revolving Fund as required in NRS 445A.265(3).

RESOLUTION D07-0525

Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Priority List – Effective May 2025

WHEREAS:	The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is authorized pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.200 to 445A.295, inclusive, to establish procedures for the administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF); and
WHEREAS:	The DWSRF Program Guidelines promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency require that the State establish a priority list of public water system projects eligible for funding from the DWSRF and seek public review and comment on the priority list; and
WHEREAS:	NRS 445A.265 (3) requires that NDEP shall not establish the priorities for determining which public water systems will receive money from the Account for the Revolving Fund without obtaining the prior approval of the Board for Financing Water Projects (Board); and
WHEREAS:	NDEP may at any time after receiving approval from the Board revise the ranking of a water project in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code 445A.67567; and
WHEREAS:	NDEP provided notice and held a workshop for public comments on its proposed priority system on May 6, 2025, in-person and via virtual platform; and
WHEREAS:	All substantive comments, suggestions, or recommendations were addressed;

IT IS RESOLVED by the Board for Financing Water Projects of the State of Nevada:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known as the “D07-0525 Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Priority List – Effective May 2025.”

Section 2: Based on its review of the information and recommendation submitted to the Board concerning the (DWSRF) Priority List – Effective May 2025, the Board hereby makes the following findings of fact in support of its determination to approve the revised priority list:

- (a) NDEP has provided public notice of the DWSRF Priority List – Effective May 2025.
- (b) NDEP held a workshop for public review and comment on the DWSRF Priority List – Effective May 2025; and

Section 3: In connection with its findings of fact set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board has determined, and does hereby declare, that it approves the DWSRF Priority List—Effective May 2025 of public water system projects eligible for funding by the DWSRF.

Section 4: The DWSRF Priority List—Effective May 2025 included as Attachment A to this resolution and by reference incorporated herein is a true and correct copy filed with the Board by NDEP.

Section 5: This resolution shall be effective on its passage and approval.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED May 21, 2025

Signed: _____

Chair

Board for Financing Water Projects

Attest: _____

Advisor

Board for Financing Water Projects

**Loan Commitment from the
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**
Board for Financing Water Projects
May 2025

Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Total Commitment \$57,850,000	Recommendation The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) recommends that the Board for Financing Water Projects (Board) approve a loan commitment to Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) for the American Flats Advanced Purified Water Facility (APWF) project.	
Additional Amount	Resolution	Program and Terms
\$9,000,000	D08-0525	DWSRF traditional loan at 1.0% special interest rate.

Original Commitments

Project	TMWA and the City of Reno are jointly planning, designing, and pursuing the first indirect potable reuse project in Nevada, APWF at American Flat. The original SRF commitment was approved by a BFWP resolution in August of 2024.
Resolution Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional loan shall be offered at 1.0% interest rate for the life of the loan.• Review user rates at least every three (3) years for the life of the loan.• The recipient agrees to draw funds available in this contract within three (3) years from the date of this contract. Funds will be subject to de-obligation and/or review after this time period by the Division.
Need for Additional Funds	The American Flat project is slated to receive a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation; however, due to changes at the federal level, the award of the grant is no longer certain. TMWA is requesting the loan authority increase to cover the potential loss of this funding.
System Infrastructure	TMWA produces 190 million gallons of water per day, that is distributed through more than 1,900 miles of water main pipeline, 93 booster pump stations, 140 pressure regulator stations, 92 storage tanks, and 2 treated water reservoirs.
Compliance	The proposed project does not address any current compliance violations. However, the project contains components of treatment for emerging contaminants, such as PFAS, pharmaceuticals, and trace constituents of emerging concerns. Therefore, the project addresses health risks before they become a compliance violation.

Timeline

	Original	Updated
Loan Closing:	December 3, 2024	July 15, 2025
Design:	May 2025	May 2025
Construction Bid:	July 2025	October 2025
Construction Start:	July 2025	October 2025

Explanation of Changes

Additional time needed for environmental processes has necessitated the extension of Construction Bid and Start from July 2025 to October 2025.

	Original Budget	Additional Funding	Total Costs
Planning cost already incurred	\$13,687,878	\$0.00	\$13,687,878.00
Planning costs including PER and ER development	\$67,642	\$0.00	\$67,642.00
Design and Engineering including inspection	\$1,497,157	\$0.00	\$1,497,157.00
Land Acquisition	\$43,074	\$0.00	\$43,074.00
Capital asset materials and equipment	\$9,014,441	\$0.00	\$9,014,441.00
Construction costs	\$22,865,138	\$9,000,000.00	\$31,865,138.00
Construction Contingency	\$1,674,670	\$0.00	\$1,674,670.00
Totals	\$48,850,000.00	\$9,000,000.00	\$57,850,000.00

Explanation for Changes in Budget

The American Flat project is slated to receive a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation; however, due to changes at the federal level, the award of the grant is no longer certain. TMWA is requesting the loan authority increase to cover the potential loss of this funding.

Opportunity for Other Funding

City of Reno Interlocal Agreement

Congressional Directed Spending

DWSRF Authority and Purpose

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One of the requirements of the NRS pertaining to the DWSRF is that NDEP shall not “commit any money in the account for the revolving fund for expenditure ... without obtaining the prior approval of the board for financing water projects” (NRS 445A.265(3)).

DWSRF Loan Conditions

\$57,850,000	D08-0525	DWSRF traditional loan at 1.0% special interest rate.
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The above referenced loan will contain the following conditions:

- Traditional loan shall be offered at 1.0% interest rate for the life of the loan.
- Review user rates at least every three (3) years for the life of the loan.
- The recipient agrees to draw funds available in this contract within three (3) years from the date of this contract. Funds will be subject to de-obligation and/or review after this time period by the Division.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR THE DWSRF LOAN

I move to approve the resolution titled “D08-0525 Truckee Meadows Water Authority Project Loan Commitment,” to increase the loan amount by \$9,000,000 to an amount not to exceed \$57,850,000.

RESOLUTION D08-0525

Truckee Meadows Water Authority Project Loan Commitment

WHEREAS:	The Board for Financing Water Projects (Board) of the State of Nevada is authorized by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) chapter 445A.265 to approve the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) prioritized lists of water projects and to commit loans from the revolving fund account to help community water systems and non-transient water systems pay for capital improvements and debt refinancing, both of which are required and made necessary under NRS 445A.800 to 445A.955, inclusive, by the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq.), and by corresponding regulations; and
WHEREAS:	NDEP has the responsibility of administering the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program; and
WHEREAS:	On May 21, 2025, the Board, under NRS 445A.265(3), approved the Priority List Effective May 2025, which ranks water projects that are eligible for loans from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund account; and
WHEREAS:	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (Recipient) owns and operates a public community water system in Nevada; and
WHEREAS:	The Recipient submitted a pre-application to NDEP for funding the American Flats Advanced Purified Water Facility (APWF) project (Project); and
WHEREAS:	The Project is included as project #29 on the Priority List Effective May 2025 of water projects; and
WHEREAS:	The Recipient's Project is ready to proceed; and
WHEREAS:	In connection with seeking a loan, the Recipient has submitted a written application to NDEP consistent with NAC 445A.67613; and
WHEREAS:	NDEP has reviewed the application — including supporting materials — and has determined that the Recipient has the technical, managerial, and financial capability to manage a loan for the Project; and
WHEREAS:	NDEP has taken all necessary and proper actions as required by regulations on loan applications adopted by the State Environmental Commission (NAC 445A.6751 to 445A.67644, inclusive); and
WHEREAS:	The Board must give prior approval before NDEP may expend any money from the revolving fund account for the purposes set forth in NRS 445A.275;

IT IS RESOLVED by the Board for Financing Water Projects of the State of Nevada:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known as the “D08-0525 Truckee Meadows Water Authority Project Loan Commitment”

Section 2: The loan for the Project shall be negotiated between the Recipient and NDEP. The loan will include terms and conditions as outlined in the staff report dated May 21, 2025, and must comply with applicable provisions in the Nevada Drinking Water Intended Use Plan.

Section 3: Based on NDEP’s review of the application and recommendation to the Board concerning the Project, and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and 4 of this resolution, the Board approves a commitment of funds in the amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 from the revolving fund account consistent with NRS 445A.265(3). The total commitment to loan DW2501 would therefore be \$57,850,000.

Section 4: The Board further recommends that NDEP take all other necessary and appropriate actions to advance the provisions of this resolution consistent with NRS 445A.200 to 445A.295, inclusive, and with corresponding regulations.

Section 5: This resolution shall be effective on its passage and approval.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED May 21, 2025

Signed: _____

Chair

Board for Financing Water Projects

Attest: _____

Advisor

Board for Financing Water Projects

Language Access Plan

Board for Financing Water Projects

May 2025

Language Access Plan

Recommendation

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) recommends that the Board for Financing Water Projects (Board) approve the Language Access Plan.

Background Senate Bill 318 (SB318), signed into law during the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session, requires all state agencies to create a Language Access Plan (LAP) to improve access to government services, programs, and information for Nevadans with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA), with the Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) and the University of Arizona's National Center for Interpretation (NCI), are assisting state agencies (and state Boards) to develop their Language Access Plans.

According to ONA, approximately 300,000 Nevadan's are considered LEP.

Discussion NDEP is requesting approval of the attached LAP for the Board.

- The LAP follows the template developed by the Nevada Initiative for Language Access. It contains the following elements:
 - Purpose and authority for the document
 - General policy
 - Profile of the Board's LEP clients
 - LAP services and procedures
 - LAP implementation
 - LAP evaluation
- The Language Access Coordinator would be the Advisor to the Board.
- Staff will track the languages preferred for communication among the individuals with business before the Board.
- Staff will utilize one of the active statewide contracts for translation and interpreter services offered by the state.
- The LAP will be reviewed every six months for changes or updates.

Next Steps The LAP is due to the Governor's Office at the end of FY 2025 (June 30, 2025).

1. NDEP posted the LAP for 60 days for public comment, no comments were received.
2. NDEP is presenting the LAP at the May 2025 Board meeting for adoption.
3. NDEP will transmit the LAP to the Governor's Office on the Board's behalf.

Documents Attached

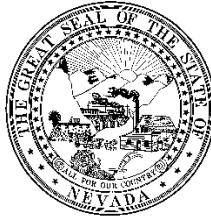
1. Language Access Plan (LAP)

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LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

NRS 232.0081

Purpose and Authority for the Language Access Plan

The Board for Financing Water Projects (Board) is required to comply with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.0081 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The purpose of this Language Access Plan (LAP) is to establish protocol that the Board will follow when providing individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP).

General Policy

The Board recognizes that the population eligible to receive its services may include LEP individuals. It is the policy of the Board to ensure meaningful access to LEP individuals. The Board will adopt the following policies and procedures to ensure that LEP individuals can gain equal access to the services the Board provides and regulates.

It is Nevada's policy to grant access to services or programs to every person regardless of their ability to speak, understand, read, or write English. The Board intends to take all reasonable steps to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to its services and programs. The Board seeks to reduce barriers by increasing its capacity to deliver services and benefits to people in their preferred languages.

The Board endorses the following policies:

1. The Board is committed to equity and will take all reasonable steps to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to all its services, programs, and activities.
2. The Board, rather than the LEP individual, bears the responsibility for providing appropriate language services, regardless of the LEP individual's preferred language, at no cost to the LEP individual.
3. Staff at the initial points of contact have the specific duty to identify and record language needs.
4. The use of informal interpreters such as family, friends of the person seeking service, or other customers is not allowed. Minor children are prohibited from acting as interpreters.
5. Staff may not suggest or require that an LEP individual provide an interpreter in order to receive Board services.

Language Access Coordinator shall be the advisor to the Board: Jason B. Cooper ndep-ofa@ndep.nv.gov 775-687-9531

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR THE DWSRF PRIORITY LIST

I move to approve the resolution titled "D07-0525 Language Access Plan, as required in NRS 445A.265(3).

RESOLUTION D09-0525

Board for Financing Water Projects Language Access Plan

WHEREAS:	The Board for Financing Water Projects is required pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.0081, to establish a Language Access Plan.
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IT IS RESOLVED by the Board for Financing Water Projects of the State of Nevada:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known as the “D09-0525 Board for Financing Water Projects Language Access Plan.”

Section 2: Based on its review of the information and recommendation submitted to the Board concerning the Language Access Plan, the Board hereby makes the following findings of fact in support of its determination to approve the language access plan:

(a) NDEP has provided public notice of the Language Access Plan.

Section 3: In connection with its findings of fact set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board has determined, and does hereby declare, that it approves the Language Access Plan.

Section 4: This resolution shall be effective on its passage and approval.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED May 21, 2025

Signed: _____

Chair

Board for Financing Water Projects

Attest: _____

Advisor

Board for Financing Water Projects