



Board Report

GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

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Federal Grant Funding Update – Water and Gas Resources

As of January 2025, Long Beach Public Utilities Department (LBPUD) Resources Division has five active, federally funded grant projects through the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), Water SMART Program. The USBR program awarded \$1,075,000 of project match funding between 2022-2024 for LBPUD resource planning and outdoor/indoor water conservation programs.

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the President's administration and the federal government Office of Management and Budget issued a freeze on all federal grant funds until the administration could review that federally funded and approved projects are in line with the administration's priorities. After this release, LBPUD gathered all active and awarded federally funded project materials to review potential impacts.

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the freeze was rescinded by the Office of Management and Budget.

On February 20, 2025, LBPUD received confirmation from USBR WaterSMART grant management officials that all active USBR WaterSMART grant funds are active and documentation may be submitted to continue drawing down funds for reimbursement to the open submission online platforms.

LBPUD staff continues to monitor any grant funding changes made by the federal administration and its offices that may affect active LBPUD projects.

Per the bi-annual grant reporting requirements, LBPUD will submit project status reports to USBR by April 30, 2025 for the five active projects: the 2026 Water Resources Plan, Lawn to Garden Program, Direct Install Appliances Program, and two separate grants for the Direct Install Gardens Program. LBPUD expects to close and complete the Direct Install Appliances grant and one of the two Direct Install Gardens grants by June 30, 2025. All other active projects are expected to meet the award deadline periods of either December 2025 or December 2026.