

Arkansas Natural Resources Division (ANRD) Funding Information & Checklist

For general information regarding the Funding and Checklist contact:

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Infrastructure funds will be through our normal application process, the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding (specifically principal forgiveness) is anticipated to be allocated annually at the November commission meeting. Remember the application must be complete with all data required to complete the analysis by the due date to be considered. All projects to be considered for funding must also be on the relevant Project Priority List (PPL). Some communities are eligible to be considered for principal forgiveness.

Deadlines to be considered for principal forgiveness:

If you are preparing to apply to be considered for principal forgiveness at the November 19, 2025, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) meeting, please submit the completed applications listed below by these dates.

The project must be on the most recently published Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund PPL.

Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee Pre-application: July 15, 2025

Water Plan Compliance: August 1, 2025

ANRC Funding Application: Noon, September 2, 2025

PPL Application deadline: Noon, August 15, 2025

Standard ANRC funding application process

1. The first step in applying for ANRC funding is completing and submitting either a Drinking Water or Clean (waste) Water PPL application. To receive funding, a project must be on the relevant PPL. To be added to the relevant list you can visit the Water Development Webpage (<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/>), scroll down to State Revolving Fund Priority List and then click the appropriate "here" to open the form. We suggest you add all projects that you may wish to fund in the next five years to the relevant PPL, regardless of the funding source you plan to utilize.

2. The second step in our funding process is to complete a Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) pre-application, the committee meets monthly to review applications. After this committee reviews the project pre-application, WWAC will make a recommendation in writing on the funding source. You are welcome to submit an ANRC funding application along with the WWAC if you elect to pursue Natural Resources Division Funding. Email the WWAC application to AGRI.wwac@agriculture.arkansas.gov

WWAC pre-applications are due by COB the 15th of every month in order to be placed on the next month's agenda. The pre-application is available on our website (scroll to bottom of webpage):

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/the-water-wastewater-advisory-committee/>

Please review the new requirements under Act 605 (Water Provider Oversight) to see if this will impact your proposed project:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/oversight-of-retail-water-providers/>

3. The third step for the ANRC Funding application process is that all water and sewer projects must complete the state required water plan compliance review. Additional information on the water plan compliance review is available on our website below, or you can contact Josh Burns, State Water Compliance Engineer, at 501-682-3916 or josh.burns@arkansas.gov, website <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-management/water-plan-compliance/>

4. The fourth step is to request an EnABLE account to access our new web-based system. Scroll down to “Request and EnABLE account” and click “here” to download the EnABLE user Access form. Applicants can request to set up their EnABLE account at any time. Additional user access forms will be needed if the recipient is approved and accepts an ANRC loan to set permission for users on the project level.

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/water-wastewater-funding-applications/>

5. The fifth and final step is to submit a funding application via the EnABLE account that was created in step 4. We recommend downloading the guidance document located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and looks like an open book. Click on this icon and it will begin to download.

Other funding application due dates are available on our website:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/water-and-wastewater-funding/>

Additional information related to the ANRD funding programs:

Current interest/lending rates:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/>

Environmental guidance:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/environmental-review-guidance/>

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let us know.

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