



# **2025 USGS 104b RFP overview**

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# The Water Resources Research Act Program

- Plan, facilitate, and conduct research to aid in the resolution of State and regional water problems
- Promote technology transfer and the dissemination and application of research results
- Training of scientists through participation in research
- Competitive grants to be awarded under the Water Resources Research Act



# USGS 104b Funding Timeline

- December 18<sup>th</sup> RFP for 2025 104b funding released
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> : proposals due to IWRRI email to [mawolf@uidaho.edu](mailto:mawolf@uidaho.edu)
- March: IWRRI reviews proposals
- April: Notify awardees
- Sep 1<sup>st</sup>: 2025 104b funding begins

# USGS 104(g)

- Nationally Competitive Grant (max \$310,000, with university match required)
  - We will have a separate webinar about this!
  - Goal is to promote collaboration between the USGS and university scientists
    - <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/353612>
- March 4th: Notification of intent to apply for 104g due to IWRRRI
- Estimated timeline:
- May 16th: Budgets & supplemental documents due to IWRRRI
- May 28th: Full proposal due to IWRRRI

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Outreach +

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Water Directory

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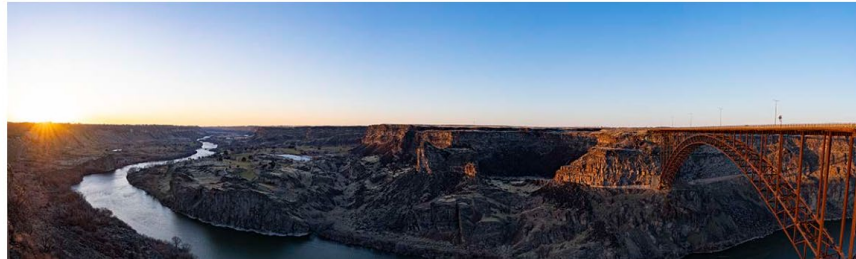
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## Funding Opportunity



### **2025 USGS 104b RFP Applications are due Feb. 24 (Apply Today)**

- RFP (request for proposal) — [2025 104B IWRRRI RFP \(pdf\)](#)
- Template for submission — [USGS104B Proposal Template FY2025 IWRRRI \(docx\)](#)

<https://www.uidaho.edu/research/entities/iwrri/funding>

# What we've updated / learned this year

- Demonstrating Impact is Key
  - Both in the proposal and in post-award reporting
    - 1) Student success and job placement
    - 2) Publications (including grey literature)
    - 3) Adoption by managers /decision makers
- Matching funds are non-federal
  - Meaning you can coordinate with agencies or other orgs to increase your budget!
- No longer a "Seed" grant
  - Guidance from USGS re: demonstrating impact
- Updated review criteria for specificity
- IWRRRI will support research dissemination
  - IWRRRI seminar & newsletter

# Appendix A – Idaho Water Research Needs

- The priority research topics for this funding cycle are categorized by USGS Water Resources Research Act Priority Research Areas.
- The second-tier priorities have been identified by IWRRI's partners as Idaho specific research goals.
- Example opportunities summarize a few specific research topics that can be addressed but are not required to be successful.

# Nitty Gritty USGS Details Appendix C

- Following details there is helpful for getting awards funded on time
- Be specific on budget allocation
  - Ie. Don't just put "travel to AGU for 1 student"
  - Include registration fees, cost of flights, hotel estimates, per diem ect.
- Drones! [DOI OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM \(OPM\) – 11](#)
  - [Assessment Guide](#)



# Review Criteria

- 1) Addresses WRRRA priority research area (15%)
- 2) Addresses research goals relevant for Idaho (15%)
- 3) Scientifically valuable with clear goals and objectives (20%)
- 4) Supports undergraduate/graduate student, or post-doctoral water research. (20%)
- 5) Provides products and mechanisms for information and data transfer. Engagement with managers, water users, or community members is encouraged. (20%)
- 6) Project includes a clear and detailed budget (5%)
- 7) Qualifications of the research team (5%)

Questions?