

# WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

## Provide Funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

#### **Background:**

The nationwide need for investment in water and wastewater infrastructure continues to far outpace the amount of funding that is available at all levels of government and the United States. One of the primary sources of federal funding for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure are the highly successful, but chronically underfunded, Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) programs. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the 20-year national drinking water infrastructure need for the United States is \$625 billion.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) dedicated over \$50 billion in funding to these programs. These funds will help communities looking to upgrade aging systems, improve climate change resiliency, and implement new technologies in their water systems.

#### **AGC Message:**

- **SRFs Provide Long-Term Certainty.** The IIJA provides long-term certainty for municipalities and construction to plan for these large projects.
- SRFs Provide Access to Clean and Safe Drinking Water. These funds provide consistency and give communities the ability to leverage federal dollars and plan capital improvements in order to ensure public health, safety and environmental quality.
- **Congress Should Fully Fund the SRF Programs**. This stable revenue stream enables communities to finance these desperately needed projects that impact public health, safety, and environmental quality.

### Action Needed:

Tell the House and Senate to provide funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to ensure communities have the funding necessary to upgrade their drinking and wastewater infrastructure.