

# Quick Multi-Year Guide



## SPRINGS AND ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**WHY would I propose a Multi-Year Plan?** If the preferred 24-36 month timeframe is not applicable, multi-year and multi-phase springs restoration and alternative water supply (AWS) projects are appropriate applicants for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Priority funding consideration is given to regional springs and AWS projects in the areas of greatest need and for projects that provide the greatest benefit.
2. Projects are supported that are part of long-term strategies to address water quality, water supply, or AWS needs.
3. Multi-year plans are encouraged, particularly when it relates to wastewater treatment, septic systems, and reuse of reclaimed water.
4. Longer timeframes may help applicants, in particular, smaller more disadvantaged communities, better leverage and manage the resources needed for capital projects.
5. Multi-year plans are expected to help build predictability at the local level and may present opportunities for [REDI](#) and financially disadvantaged communities.
6. Larger projects may be developed in phases, each with tangible results. This may increase the likelihood of projects staying on schedule and on budget, which is a consideration when a project or applicants Prior Performance is reviewed.

Applicants with multi-phase projects are encouraged to schedule a conference call or virtual meeting with the District prior to submitting their applications.

**WHAT is a Multi-Year Plan, and what are the required components?** A multi-year plan outlines the full project cost with funding sources and match over the project's entire timeframe. More detailed breakdown of funding and match is required in the first two years. A multi-year plan includes a narrative description of the overall project, project phases, and schedule with expected outcomes or results at the end of each year. Also, multi-year applicants should consider leveraging multiple and diverse funding sources.

Multi-year projects are not required to complete and re-submit an application form each year, however, because past performance is a factor in project evaluations and selections, regular progress reports demonstrating all tasks and deliverables on schedule and on budget is essential. Depending on the size and scope of the project, the District may have other questions or deliverable requirements if funding opportunities continue and when assembling and submitting project recommendations to DEP annually in May.

**Are there funding limits to a Multi-Year Plan?** There is no individual limit on a project's cost, however, there are state and District priorities and practical limiting constraints. See Springs and AWS Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for details.

**For More Information:** <https://www.nwfwater.com/Water-Resources/Funding-Programs>.