



Supporting Water Infrastructure Needs:

Having access to clean, safe water is an economic driver in communities large and small.

Background:

Congress made great strides in addressing the state of water infrastructure during the 115th Congress, and NGWA commends the actions taken. By authorizing increases to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and expanding USDA’s Household Water Well Loan and Grant, Congress supported the message that America’s water infrastructure needs increased investment. The needs of rural communities are too often overlooked, and with increased funding levels, these programs can begin to close the gap in rural communities facing inadequate drinking water supplies.

The Challenge:

Unseen infrastructure, like the pipes, wells, and aquifers that store and transmit groundwater, are in crisis. The investment shortfall facing communities of 3,300 or fewer is \$28 billion dollars—a trend that must be reversed.

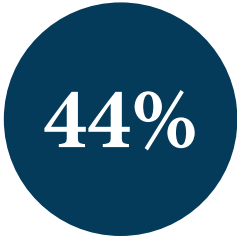
The Solution:

- 1) Increase support for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to \$1.3 billion in FY2020 Interior-Environment Appropriations.
- 2) Fund the Household Water Well Loan and Grant program at \$5 million in FY2020 Agriculture Appropriations bill.
- 3) Require EPA to conduct a small systems drinking water needs survey.

Why it Matters:



of small system drinking water needs are unmet



of Americans rely on groundwater for their drinking water



billion dollar shortfall in unmet small system investment

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