

**National Institute for Water Resources
FY2023 Planning Meeting
October 26, 2022, Virtual**



**USGS WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT Program
Program Plan for Fiscal Year 2023**



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USGS Water Resources Research Act Program

Amended and reauthorized every 5 years or so since 1969.

Generally: 104 authorizes appropriations to, and confers authority upon, the Secretary of the Interior to promote a national program of water-resources research. Includes multiple parts:

a: Delegates authority (USGS since 1984)

b: Designates Institutes → *please check web page directory for current*

c: Funds Institutes (base grants = “104[b]”) – requires match (1:1)

EVERYTHING

d: Institutes must report → due Oct. 31

e: Institutes are evaluated (USGS, WRRI, academics) → begin process in FY2023

f: Establishes appropriation for a series of years

g: Competitive funding for water problems of interstate nature (“104[g]”)



h: Coordination awards – pass through for USGS and other federal

WRRRA

Reporting for FY2021

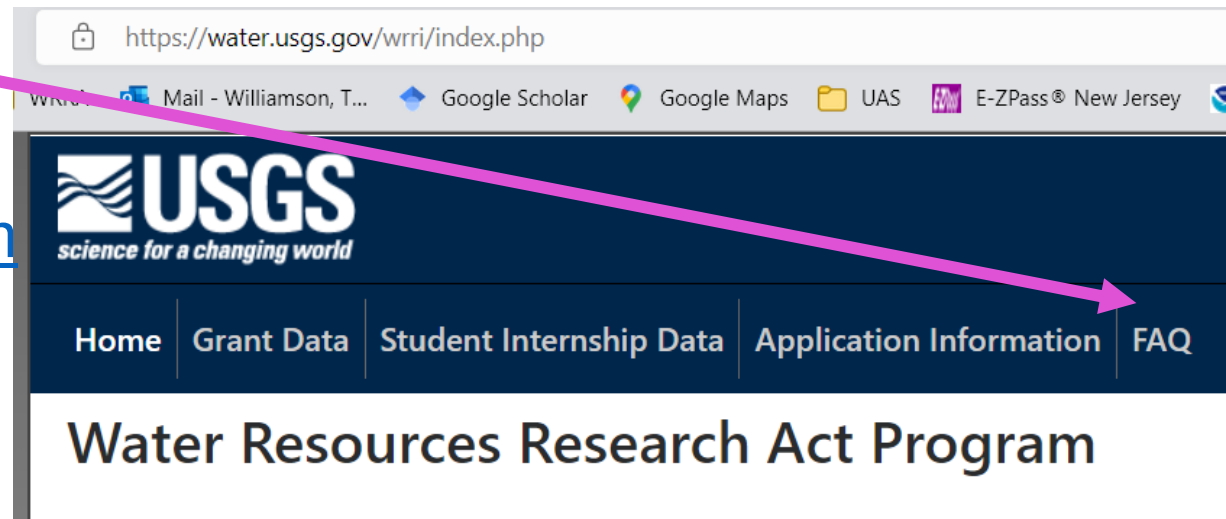
- Content reports due October 31 to gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov
- Do NOT update the labels on your workbook tabs
- DO name the notebook with the FY, "_reporting_", your state abbreviation: FY21_reporting_AK

	A	B	H	I	J	K
1	Should sum to \$125,000 (or more if coordination and 104g)		Funding	(Please limit this to students supported using support		
2	Project ID	Project Type <i>(please include Admin as well as on-going individual research projects, 104g awards, and coordination agreements)</i>	Award Amount Allocated (\$) this must be filled in for all lines	Number of PhD Students Supported by WRRRA \$	Number of MS Students Supported by WRRRA \$	Number of Undergraduate Students Supported by WRRRA \$
3	AK_2021_Admin	Administration				
4	AK_2021_OandE	Outreach and Engagement				
5	AK_2021_Smith	Research	\$ 10,000.00	1		2
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Reporting for FY2021

- Financial reports due November 30, 2022 to sf425@usgs.gov
 - OR 90 days after extended award period ends
 - Should cover **only FY2021** award (this is different than workbook)
- Questions?
 - Check the FAQs
 - If not there: gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov



Reporting Poll

If you were involved in reporting...

- Question 1: Our FY2021 reporting is:
 - Already submitted
 - Almost done & on schedule for Oct. 31
 - Will be late...
 - I have no idea
- Question 2: This year, the reporting template
 - Made life easier
 - Let me to merge data from my PI's
 - Made sense to me
 - Was my first year
 - Did NOT make sense to me
 - Made it difficult to merge data from my PI's
 - Made life more difficult
- Question 3: I check the FAQs:
 - Whenever I have a question
 - Once or Twice
 - Never
 - I didn't know FAQ page existed
- Question 4: My position in our WRRRI is:
 - Director
 - Asst. Director
 - Budget specialist
 - Administrative
 - Other

FY 2022 – USGS Managed Awards

- Coordination Agreements
 - ≈ \$1.8 million
 - 10 new agreements
 - USGS (or other federal agency) initiated
- 104g
 - Aquatic Invasive Species: 6 awards (9 submitted)
 - PFAS: 10 awards (27 submitted)
 - 104g-General: 8 awards (27 submitted)
 - USGS Co-(Primary) Investigator **NOT** Colleague Reviewer
 - USGS letter of support for collaboration – one level above co-PI
 - Anticipated issue of FY22 award starting December 1, 2022
 - Anticipate FY2023 RFPs by early 2023
 - Working on FY23 specific priorities

FY 2022 – USGS Managed Awards

- Base Grant (“104[b]”) – one-year award mechanism
 - 54 awards
 - Increased funding = increased scrutiny
 - 26 extensions issued for FY2021
 - Extension requests – due **30 days** before award period ends → **late requests may result in delay of next award**
 - If requesting re-allocation of funds, please:
 - Use budget template for format
 - Provide **side-by-side comparison** of original vs. proposed
 - Include **percent of change** for each major category
 - Explain **which sub-award** is changing and why
 - Here is the wording from the Terms and Conditions:
 - A.10(b) The following changes require advance written approval by the Contracting Officer (CO). The request must be submitted to the CO at least 30 calendar days prior to the requested effective date of the change:
 - A.10(b) (2) Transfer of funds between direct cost categories when the cumulative amount of transfers during the project period exceeds 10 percent of the total award

