

National Institute for Water Resources
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**USGS WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT Program
Updates for Fiscal Year 2024**

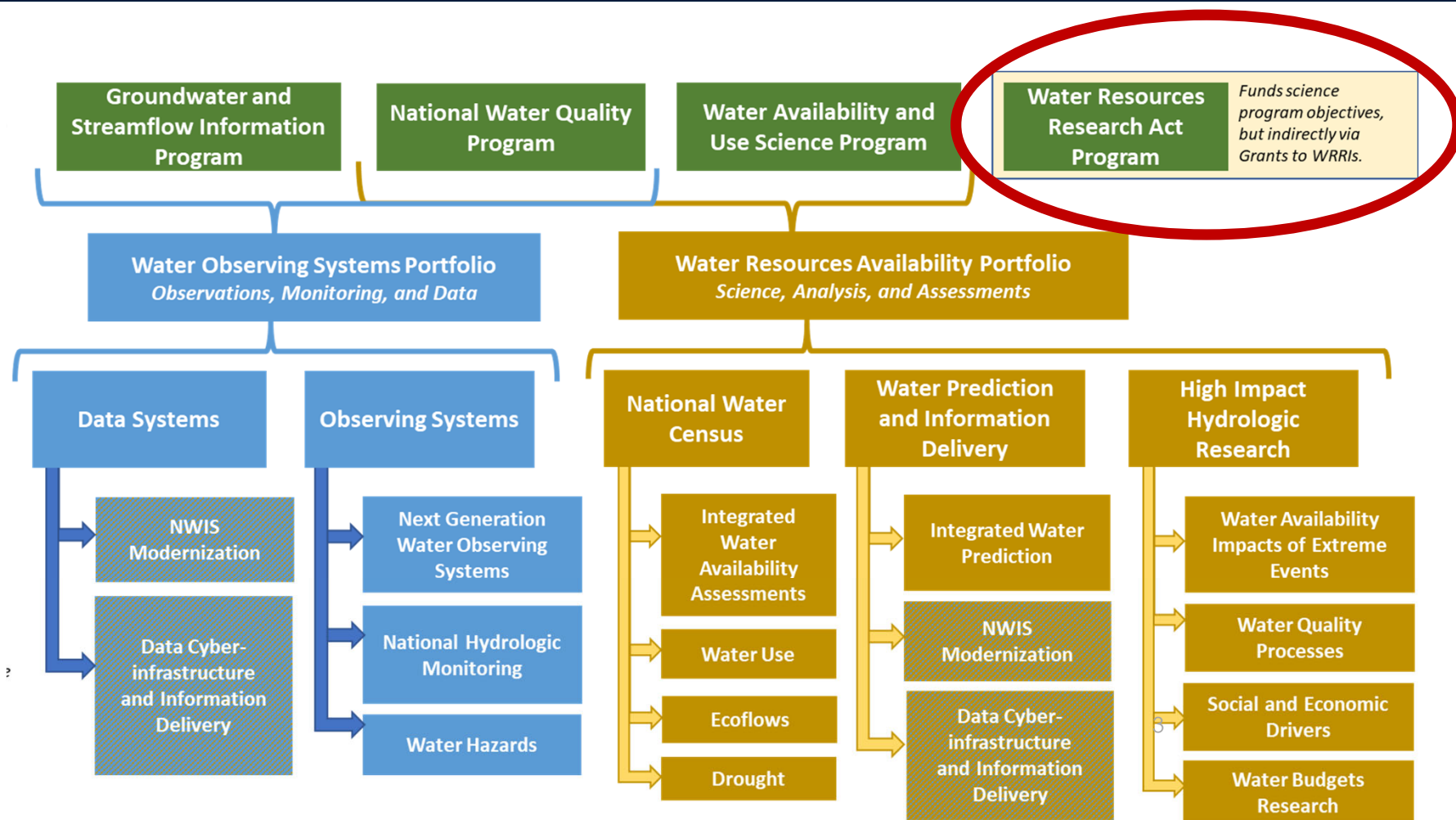


Water Mission Area Leadership

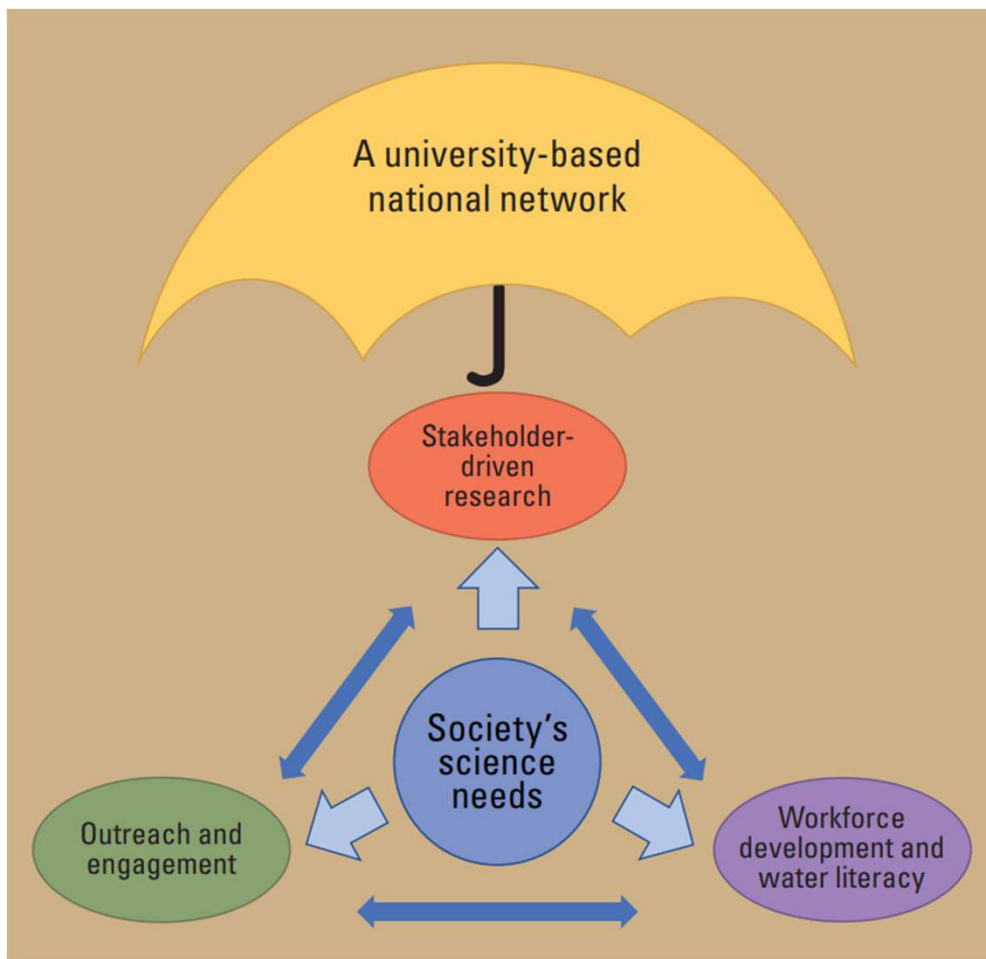
- Dr. Don Cline retired, March 2024
- Bill Werkheiser named new AD, July 2024
 - Previously served as DOI Senior Science Advisor and Scientific Integrity Officer.
 - Prior USGS Deputy Director
 - Acting USGS Director for 18 months
 - Served previously as WMA AD from 2011-2016



Water Resources Mission Area Science Portfolio Structure



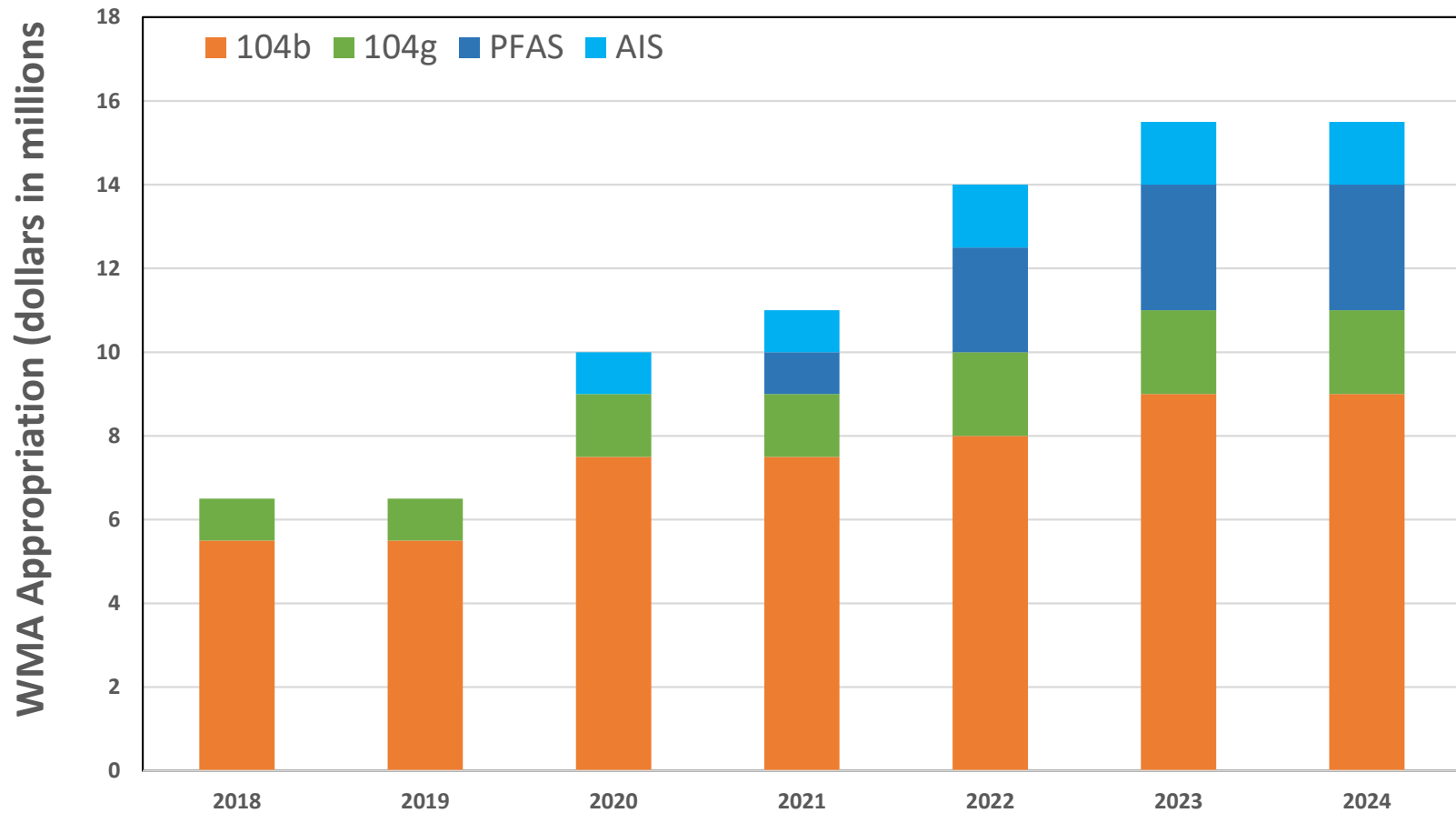
WRRRA Overview



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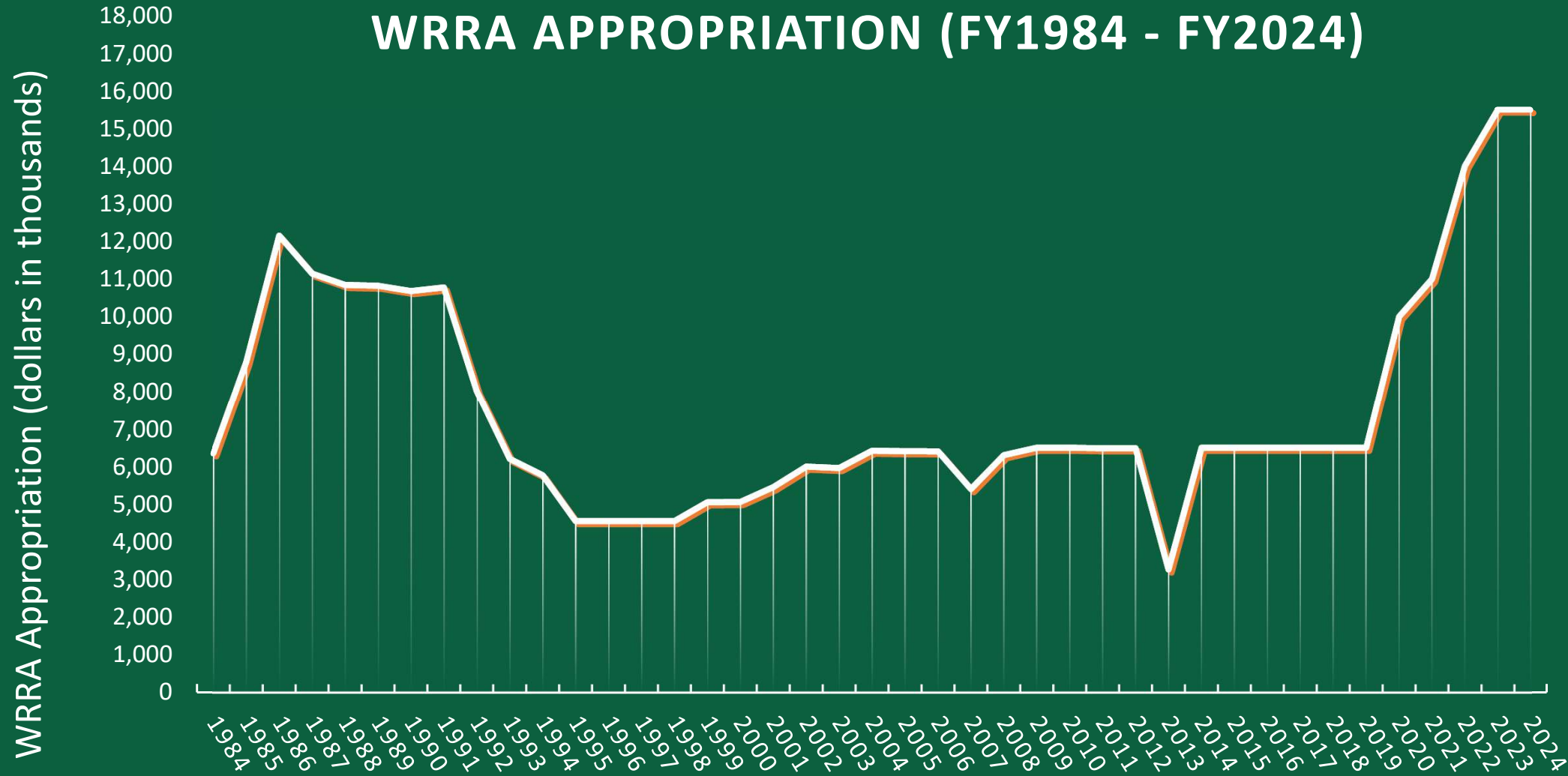
WRRRA Funding Trends

Distribution of WRRRA Appropriation (FY2018 - FY2024)



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WRRRA APPROPRIATION (FY1984 - FY2024)



WRRRA Updates for FY2024

- Base Grant - 104(b)
 - FY24 is year 4 of current cycle
 - 54 awards totaling \$8.35 million
 - Included monies for 223 individual research projects
- Nationally Competitive Grants -104(g)
 - Aquatic Invasive Species: 6 awards (11 submitted)
 - PFAS: 9 awards (39 submitted)
 - 104g-General: 7 awards (19 submitted)
 - Priorities for each (Congressional vs. USGS)
 - Feedback sent to all Institutes whose proposals not selected
 - Anticipated issue of FY24 award starting January 1, 2025

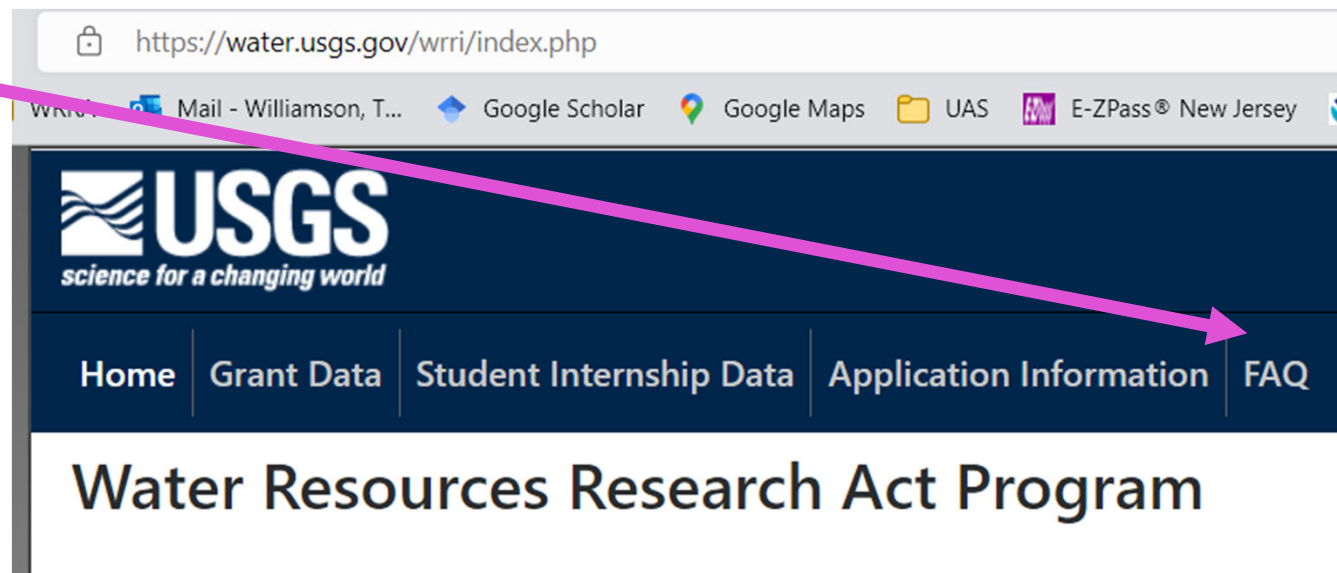
WRRRA Reporting for FY2023

- Content reports due November 8 to: gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov
- DO NOT update the labels on your workbook tabs
- DO name the notebook with the **FY23_reporting_XX.xlsx**, where “XX” is the two-letter abbreviation for your state: FY23_reporting_AK

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1	Should sum to \$146,840 (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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WRRRA Reporting for FY2023

- Financial reports due November 30, 2024 to sf425@usgs.gov
 - Should cover only FY2023 award
 - Template: <https://water.usgs.gov/wrri/files/WRRRA-Annual-Report-Template.xlsx>
 - Separate federal:non-federal (1:1) match request will be sent.
- Questions?
 - Check the FAQs
 - If not there: gs-w.wrri.web.team@usgs.gov



WRRRA Grant Submission Issues

- Pay attention to summary pages
 - Include Excel budget workbook
 - No spaces in file names
 - No zipped or nested folders
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- FIRST: Organized and accurate packages
 - Next: Generally organized, but with 1-2 non-allowed items or poorly defined expenses (travel, sub-awards, etc.)
 - **Potential Delay:**
 - Budgets that are difficult to follow so that simple questions and answers don't address the issue
 - Late requests for extensions of previous year's award

WRRRA Planning for FY 2025

- Anticipate FY 2025 RFP in late winter
 - Dependent upon Congress*
- FY2025 RFP posted in March*
- Proposals due around May 1*
- Awards issued by September 1*
- Timing of award will depend on organization and accuracy of proposal, including BUDGET

Questions?

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