

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Possible Funding Opportunities Available for Pima Association of Governments Projects

**Grant/Program:** Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations

**Authorizing Agency:** The United States Department of Agriculture

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**Available Funding:** \$290 Million (\$140 for expenses to purchase and restore floodplain easements - Emergency - per 16 U.S.C. 2203); \$50 million for Watershed Rehabilitation.

**Distribution or Appointment of Formula:** Competitive.

**Grant/Program Description:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Watershed and Flood Prevention Program has funding available for the undertaking of runoff retardation and soil-erosion preventive measures. This program is to assist Federal, State, local agencies, local government sponsors, tribal governments, and program participants to protect and restore watersheds from damage caused by erosion, floodwater, and sediment, to conserve and develop water and land resources, and solve natural resource and related economic problems on a watershed basis.

Under Watershed Rehabilitation, funding is available for projects that provide the greatest public and environmental benefits through floodplain easements and investments in watershed infrastructure improvements. Rehabilitation projects mitigate the risks of failure and threats to public safety posed by an aging flood control infrastructure.

**Possible Qualifying PAG Projects:**

- Increased Stormwater Drainage Capacity – All Projects
- Arroyo Chico Flood Control, Phase 3
- Biosolids Enhancement at Ina Road

**Eligibility Requirements:** The program provides technical and financial assistance to local people or project sponsors, builds partnerships, and requires local and state funding contribution. Projects must address some of the following concerns:

- watershed protection and flood prevention
- erosion and sediment control
- water supply, quality and conservation
- rural development

**Grant/Loan Priorities:** Already planned and approved projects.

**Application Instructions:** Watershed plans involving contributions in excess of \$5,000,000 for construction, or construction of any single structure having a capacity in excess of 2,500 acre feet, require Congressional approval. Other plans are administratively authorized by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

**Application Deadline:** Unknown.

**Websites Available:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Watershed and Flood Prevention -

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html>

NRCS Recovery Plan- <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/recovery/implementation.html>