



Water Equity: How the IJA Can Help Ensure Safe and Healthy Drinking Water for All

The Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) represents a historic investment in infrastructure, providing more than \$50 billion to improve drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure across the nation.

This investment can address harmful health and socioeconomic impacts of inequitable water quality and access. To ensure this investment provides safe and healthy drinking water for all people, public health officials can lead with equity and acknowledge the impact of racism on public health. This can ensure further funding for health- and equity-contributing investments in sustainable and resilient water infrastructure.

PUBLIC HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION



Ensure decisions regarding IIJA implementation are evidence-based and address historic and current patterns of environmental racism.



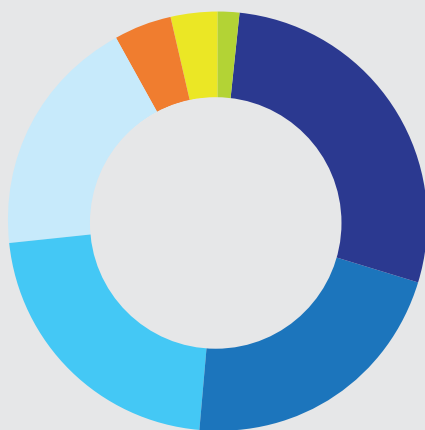
Encourage a cross-sector Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to water infrastructure decisions.



Partner with communities to identify equity gaps in investment processes, services, programs and policies.

Funding Breakdown: IIJA Major Program Focuses

IIJA MAJOR PROGRAM INVESTMENTS
(BILLION USD)



15.0	Drinking Water SRF Lead Service Lines Replacement
11.7	Drinking Water SRF
11.7	Clean Water SRF Lead
10.0	PFAS and Emerging Contaminants
2.5	Indian Water Rights
1.8	Indian Health Service Water and Sewer
1.0	Rural Water