



# Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program

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## Overview:

The Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program is authorized by Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended. Under this program, the Corps is authorized to use its technical expertise in water and related land resources management to provide states, public entities within states, and Native American tribes assistance with water resources problems and needs. The Corps conducts planning level investigations and prepares findings in conjunction with a non-Federal sponsor.

Types of projects under Section 22 may include, but are not limited to:

- All flood-related studies
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping
- Stormwater assessments
- Stream assessments
- Sanitary sewer (wastewater) studies
- Water supply and demand
- Water system vulnerability assessments
- Surface and groundwater quality
- Environmental restoration
- Wetland delineations
- Watershed planning



## Funding:

The PAS program is funded annually by Congress. The funds are distributed among Corps Districts nationwide, and each region distributes its allotment among the states within its boundaries.

The PAS program has two types of agreements to consider:

- 1) **Technical Assistance agreement:** Agreement between the Corps and the local non-Federal sponsor, where each provides 50% of the total cost.
- 2) **Comprehensive water resources plan agreement:** Agreement between the Corps and non-Federal sponsor, where both the Corps and non-Federal sponsor provide 50% of the total cost but the non-Federal sponsor has the option to provide additional funds above the 50/50 cost share as part of a voluntary non-Federal contribution to expand the scope of work.
- 3) **Tribal and U.S. Territory Partnerships:** Local cost sharing requirements, up to \$665,000, have been waived for Federally-recognized Tribes and U.S. Territories.
- 4) **Economically Disadvantaged Communities:** Local cost sharing requirements have been waived for Economically Disadvantaged Communities as defined by Section 160 of WRDA 2020.

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