

Cooperative Funding Opportunity for the USGS National Ground-Water Monitoring Network Proposals for 2022 is now open.

The NGWMN is designed as a cooperative groundwater data collection, management, and reporting system that will include data from selected wells in existing federal, state, tribal, and local groundwater monitoring networks. The network is envisioned as a long-term collaborative partnership among federal and non-federal data providers that will help address present and future groundwater management questions facing the nation. The NGWMN will provide the data needed to determine regional and national trends in groundwater levels and groundwater quality and facilitate the evaluation of transboundary groundwater resources.

Cooperative agreements will provide support for both new and existing data providers in the NGWMN. The USGS will fund new data providers to select and classify sites within existing monitoring programs, to set up web services that will link the data to the [NGWMN portal](#) and to produce a report describing this process. Existing data providers will receive funds to maintain web services and keep site information current. Existing data providers may also receive funding to collect new data to improve site information, to maintain wells and to drill new or replacement network wells.

The U.S. Geological Survey will award up to \$1.7 million in cooperative agreements to support participation in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN) in 2022.

The major change in the Program Announcement is the addition of a sixth Objective that provides funding for equipment purchases to support continuous water-level monitoring. This equipment can be either to equip existing NGWMN wells with continuous monitoring to fill gaps in our water-level Trend Network or to replace continuous monitoring equipment at existing NGWMN sites every five years.

Interested agencies may apply online at [grants.gov](#) under funding opportunity number [G22AS00002](#). More information about the cooperative agreements is available on the [NGWMN cooperative agreements](#) page. Applications will be accepted from September 28, 2021, through January 20, 2022.

Three informational sessions will be held to answer questions about the program announcement. These are scheduled for October 20 at 2 p.m. EDT, November 10 at 1 p.m. EDT, and December 2 at 12 p.m. EST. The sessions will be held in Teams meetings. You can access the sessions using the links below.

[October 20, 2021 at 2-3 pm ET.](#)

[November 10, 2021 at 1-2 pm ET.](#)

[December 8, 2021 at 12-1 pm ET.](#)

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