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New round of funding for data collection to inform groundwater management decision-making

(WESTERVILLE, OH — March 31, 2016) The second round of funding, up to \$4 million, for the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN) was posted today and is open through May 31, 2016. This effort will enhance coordination and collection of groundwater data to better inform decision-making by water resource managers, the National Ground Water Association says.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) invites applications for cost-share grants, or cooperative agreements, to support participation in the [NGWMN](#) in 2017.

There is also information about the opportunity on the cooperative agreements page on the portal at <http://cida.usgs.gov/ngwmn/cooperativeagreements.jsp>.

Interested agencies may [apply online at grants.gov under funding opportunity number G16AS00008](#).

The USGS is working with the Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information's (ACWI) Subcommittee on Ground Water (SOGW) to develop and administer the NGWMN. The NGWMN is designed as a cooperative groundwater data collection, management, and reporting system that will be based on data from selected wells in existing federal, state, tribal, and local groundwater monitoring networks. The NGWMN is envisioned as a long-term collaborative partnership among federal and nonfederal data providers that will help address present and future groundwater management questions facing the nation.

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. Data providers may also receive funding to collect data to improve site information, to maintain wells, and to drill new or replacement network wells. Information about the cooperative agreements is available on the [NGWMN cooperative agreements page](#).

Interested agencies may [apply online at grants.gov under funding opportunity number G16AS000043](#). Applications will be accepted from now through May 31, 2016.

Two webinars are scheduled to review the application package and answer any question about the opportunity. These are scheduled for April 13 at 1 p.m. ET and May 3 at 2 p.m. ET. Registration for the webinars is required. Webinar registration may be found at:

- April 13 — <https://usgs.webex.com/usgs/j.php?RGID=rab7917828b342cb451207fd2882f537f>
- May 3 — <https://usgs.webex.com/usgs/j.php?RGID=ref1581be2ef44f102d46946e0b0dc5d0>.

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