



BUILDING THE FUTURE OF UTAH'S DRINKING WATER

INVESTMENT THROUGH 2025 WILL INCREASE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

A stagnant funding model, coupled with record population growth, has strained the Division of Drinking Water for more than a decade. A five-year investment in the division will enable Utah to effectively address the need for clean drinking water, **transitioning the agency to a fee-based funding model**, and create conditions that provide a true cost of water to users.

DRINKING WATER IN UTAH IS ONLY HALF FULL



12% of Utah's population, **350,000** residents, receive drinking water with a known, fixable risk.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Bridge funding will provide a pathway to a fee-based funding model. This model will create the technical assistance capabilities and resources to allow water systems to sustainably provide clean drinking water to Utah residents at all times.

Funding has remained stagnant while population growth has increased demand for services. Utah's Population: **3 million** in 2015 to **5.8 million** in 2065.



RESULTS OF BRIDGE FUNDING

1. Generate user fees to create a stable funding model for an increasingly self-sufficient division.
2. Incentivize small systems to build local partnerships that effectively address long-term realities.
3. Increase division's capacity to provide technical assistance during emergencies.
4. Modernize the permitting process to better protect human health and fairly regulate water systems.

