

# Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds Sustain South Dakota's Water Infrastructure

**\$48.9 million** – The average value of tax-exempt municipal bonds communities across South Dakota issued between 2011 and 2016 to fund improvements to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

**\$20.8 million** – Additional debt service costs cities and towns in South Dakota would incur over their payback periods if interest earned on these bonds was fully taxable, **a 25 percent increase.\***

**\$14.8 million** – Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund assistance the federal government provided to South Dakota in 2016. Fully taxing municipal bond interest would cost the state **nearly 1.5 times** the value of this year's SRF assistance.

Affordable investment in South Dakota's water infrastructure should not be a consequence of tax reform.

**AMWA and NACWA urge you to preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds.**



\*Based on Bloomberg data assuming uniform \$50 million projects with 30-year loan maturities and "AA" credit ratings.