

**AGENCY:** Construction Programs Bureau, Environment Department **Via Partner Organization**

**DESCRIPTION:** The bureau has money to lend on its mission to protect human health & the environment via its administration and oversight of drinking water projects and wastewater projects.

**ELIGIBILITY:** For the special appropriations program, the CWSRF, and the State Revolving Fund (10,000 or less), eligible public entities include municipalities, counties, special districts Indian tribes, and mutual domestic associations (Incorporated under the Sanitary Projects Act).

- Eligible expenses for the CWSRF include facility plans and environmental reviews, engineering design, construction, modification, and rehabilitation of wastewater collection and treatment facilities, redevelopment of contaminated sites (Brownfields) to protect groundwater, storm water management facilities to protect water quality, non-point source pollution abatement, and landfill closures and other modifications that protect groundwater.
- State Revolving Fund projects include but are not limited to the construction of wells, storage tanks, distribution systems, water treatment facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and related equipment. Eligible Expenses include engineering services, preliminary engineering & feasibility reports, acquisition of easements, rights-of-way, and water rights, construction costs, purchase of equipment, and related legal costs.

**STRUCTURE:**

- The bureau finances low interest loans & grants, works with other agencies to obtain full funding for projects, assists communities with preparation of financial forms, and monitors and administers obligated State and Federal funds.
  - It also reviews engineering reports for feasibility, reviews construction plans & specifications, assists communities with the preparation of RFP's and construction bids, monitors construction, and approves reimbursements.
- The bureau administers
  - Special Appropriations Program
    - The state legislature provides grants through special appropriations for water & wastewater projects it has authorized and is approved by the Governor. It's funded by General Fund appropriations or by proceeds generated by the sale of Severance Tax Bonds (STB).
  - Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program
    - Loan program funded by USEPA (80%) and State match (20%) appropriated through legislature, maximum loan term of twenty years, base interest rate is 3%, (0% to 3% available to eligible communities below median household income criteria), loan is not executed until PER and Environmental Review is complete, first loan payment is due one year after completion of project, payments due in annual installments.
  - Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program
    - Terms and Conditions: maximum loan term of twenty years, 3% fixed interest rate, maximum loan amount of \$500,000 per year, loan money typically available 4-6 weeks after completed application, first payment due one year after completion of project, payments are due in annual installments,
  - EPA State and Tribal (STAG) Grants also available

**QUALIFICATIONS/CRITERIA:**

- STB grantees are to certify need for issuance of bonds.
- Formal agreement between the community the NMED (currently limited to four years)
- Administrative requirements regarding, engineering reports, plans specifications, bid tabulations, and reimbursements.
- STB projects are restricted to two disbursement periods per month.
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