DWSRF Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant Webinar

Thank you for joining us. The webinar will start at 1:00.

All training materials are available at doh.wa.gov/dwsrf
We work with others to protect the health of the people of Washington State by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.

CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT FUNDING
Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water
DWSRF Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant

Webinar
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DWSRF Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant

- Applications accepted August 3 to August 31
- Apply online using WALT (Washington Loan Tracking system)
- $150,000 available to award
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- $30,000 maximum grant award per project, minimum is $10,000
- If studying consolidation of 4 or more water systems (excluding applicant) can receive up to $45,000 grant
- Can submit multiple applications
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Eligibility

- Applicant must be a Group A not-for-profit community water system, county, public utility district, or water district in Washington state
- Tribal entities are eligible to apply
- System being consolidated must be a Group A water system serving fewer than 10,000 people
- Must provide letters of commitment to participate in the study
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Eligible Activities

- Public meetings and stakeholder outreach
- Legal fees
- Preliminary engineering and cost development
- Preparation of report
- Water system plan updates
- Connection fees (cannot pay for any construction)
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- 2016 City of Oroville and Eastlake water system study
  - Eastlake had nitrate exceedance
  - Funded study to develop cost of water main extension for intertie with Oroville and other improvements, such as meters
  - Consolidation construction project funded in 2018 and going to construction this year
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- 2016 City of Vancouver and Fourth Plain Church
  - Church well coliform-positive
  - Funded study for design of water main and system connection fees
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- General timeline
  - Applications accepted August 3 to August 31
  - Applicants notified of funding status by October 31
  - Contracts issued November or December
  - Complete all work within two years of contract execution
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- Applications scored and ranked based on health risk being addressed
- New this year: managerial challenges identified
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- Risk Category 1 (42 points)
  - Microbial contamination, such as *E. coli* or surface water treatment issues
  - Well hydraulically connected to surface water
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- Risk Category 2 (34 points)
  - Nitrate or arsenic exceedance
  - PFAS contamination
  - 2 or more key staff positions vacant for more than 3 months
  - Over 50% vacancy in board or council positions for more than 3 months
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- Risk Category 3 (26 points)
  - Disinfection byproducts, radionuclide, or organic chemical exceedance
  - Disinfection installation
  - Water system owner gives written one-year notice to terminate water system ownership
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- Risk Category 4 (18 points)
  - Iron or manganese exceedance
  - Resiliency
  - Seawater intrusion
  - Eighty percent of nitrate or arsenic MCL
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- Risk Category 5 (10 points)
  - Replace reservoir, water main, pump station
  - New reservoir or pump station
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- **Bonus points**
  - Three bonus points per system being studied for consolidation

- In the event of a tie, the largest population of the system being consolidated will be used as the tiebreaker
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- Guidelines and application material posted on DWSRF webpage
  
  doh.wa.gov/dwsrf

- Another webinar August 19, 1 to 3 pm

- Check DWSRF webpage for updates
DWSRF Funding Programs

- Water Main Replacement Loan applications accepted in August
  - Webinar August 12, 1 to 3
- Construction Loan applications accepted October and November
  - Webinar September 22, 10 to 12
- Emergency loans available year-round
Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Public Works Board Regional Trainings in July—check their webpage
- IACC in October
- You can request a tech team on IACC webpage to discuss your project
  
  [infrafunding.wa.gov/techAssistance](infrafunding.wa.gov/techAssistance)
General Information

- Potential infrastructure stimulus funding
- COVID 19 resources on Office of Drinking Water webpage
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