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DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND Washington State Department of Health

Office of Drinking Water

DWSRF & the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

DWAG June 6, 2022

BIL Funding

Washington's anticipated allocation annual amounts

Amount in Millions	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
DWSRF Base Capitalization Grant						
Grant Amount*	15.6	15.6-64.9	? - 70.4	? -75.8	?- 75.8	?
DWSRF Supplemental Grant						
Grant Amount	40.1	46.9	51.2	55.5	55.5	242.9
Lead Service Line Replacement Grant						
Grant Amount	63.3	63.8	63.8	63.8	63.8	318.4
Emerging Contaminants Grant						
Grant Amount	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	84.8

*Base Capitalization Grants amounts still need authorization from Congress.

We haven't changed, We just have more money

- Same schedule
- Same eligibility (for entity & most project)
- Same Application process

 Current information about our program is located at <u>www.doh.wa.gov/DWSRF</u> - we regularly update the webpage.

What to expect

- Our next construction funding cycle October 1-November 30, 2022
 - 150+ Million available 15 million max per jurisdiction (10% of available funding)
 - Includes BIL funding (stimulus, emerging contaminants, lead service line replacement projects)
 - This cycle will inform our Intended Use Plan(s)
 - 2.5% standard Interest rate
 - 2% interest rate for disadvantaged communities
 - 20-year standard loan term

BIL funding available fall 2022



Lead Service Line Replacement Eligible Projects

- Replace entire lead service line (both utility & customer owned portions) and appurtenances.
- Replace lead goosenecks, pigtails, or connectors.
- Replace some galvanized service lines (if downstream of a known or unknown lead service line).
- Development of Lead Service Line Inventories.

Emerging Contaminant Eligible Projects

 Focus on PFAS, but any can be used to address any contaminant listed on any of EPA's Contaminant Candidate Lists

• Treatment Systems, pilot testing, new source

 Consolidation or development of a new public water system to address contamination of individual wells

Prioritizing Disadvantaged Communities

 Highest ranked projects get principal forgiveness.
Projects where the average monthly water rate with the loan will exceed 2.0 percent of the Median Household Income (MHI) for the service area may receive principal forgiveness and a reduced interest rate.

• Project where the monthly water rate with the loan is between 1.5 and 2.0 percent of MHI may received a reduced interest rate.

• For-profit systems are not eligible.

Buy America, Build America

- Applies to all projects receiving federal funding (BIL and standard program)
 - The new requirements are: "(A) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; (B) the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; (C) the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States."
- EPA is working with OMB on National level waivers
 - Plans and specs
 - Materials not currently manufactured in the US
 - De minimis
- Waiting on EPA Implementation guidance

Applications

Applicants need to apply through WALT application portal.

All applicants that are new or have changes will need to preregister

We publish a user guide for WALT

We provide a paper application to help applicants gather information

Sara Herrera can provide assistance with any WALT related questions

Construction Loans

- Typical Timeline of funding cycle:
 - Applications received: October 1–November 30.
 - Applications reviewed: December 1–January 31.
 - Applicants notified on funding status: February.
 - Scopes developed: March to May.
 - Contracts executed and funds available: July.

Preconstruction Loan

- Preconstruction Loans (year-round cycle)
 - Planning, studies, design, asset management, cultural and environmental review, etc.
 - Can not be used for groundbreaking activities
 - \$3M cycle annually; first come first serve until funding is exhausted (funding allocated on state fiscal year of July 1)
 - \$500,000 per jurisdiction per fiscal year
 - 2% loan fee 0% interest
 - Must complete scope of work activities within 24 months

Consolidation Grants

- Planning for a June July cycle
 - \$400,000 total available
 - \$10,000 \$50,000 per application
 - Must include:
 - Letter of commitment from each party to actively participate in study (provide documents, hold community meeting, etc.)
 - an analysis of consolidation vs not consolidation (cost benefit as a part of preliminary engineering report)

?Lead Service Line Inventory Loans?

- Lead Service Line Inventory Loans (year-round cycle)
 similar to our preconstruction loans
 - Funding to complete inventory that many lead to lead service line replacement project.
 - Can not be used for groundbreaking activities
 - First come first serve until funding is exhausted (funding allocated on state fiscal year of July 1)
 - \$500,000? per jurisdiction per fiscal year may have principal forgiveness for disadvantage communities.
 - 2% loan fee 0% interest
 - Must complete scope of work activities within 24 months

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