DWSRF offers emergency loans year-round until funding is exhausted. We award loans on a first come basis. "Emergency" refers to a natural disaster or other event that disrupts normal public water system operations and requires immediate action to protect public health and safety.

Amount available to award: \$1 million.

Maximum award: \$500,000 per jurisdiction.

**Loan information**: 1.5 percent loan origination fee, 0 percent standard interest rate, no subsidy available. Project must be completed within two years and loan repayment period of up to ten years.

**Eligible entities**: Group A not-for-profit community water systems serving a population less than 10,000; Group A non-profit non-community water system serving a population less than 10,000; tribal systems classified as Group A not-for-profit community water systems serving a population less than 10,000.

**Eligible projects**: The funded project must include construction of repairs, replacement, or improvements to provide safe and reliable drinking water. The project must focus primarily on necessary construction in response to a natural disaster or other unforeseen event that disrupted water system operations and requires immediate action to protect public health and safety. To be eligible for funding due to a drought, the water system must implement all water conservation measures. The water system must also declare a local emergency. Example emergency declarations are in Appendix D of the DWSRF Emergency Loan Guidelines available on-line at doh.wa.gov/DWSRF.

**Application review process**: All applications reviewed for completeness and eligibility upon receipt. Funding awarded in the order of applications received.

The DWSRF Emergency Loan Guidelines and application are available at <a href="doh.wa.gov/DWSRF">doh.wa.gov/DWSRF</a>. Applications are accepted in hard copy.

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