



Environmental Loans Programs

To learn more about DNR Environmental Loans's different funding programs, visit dnr.wi.gov/Aid/EIF.html.

Pre-Application Deadline: All notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) & Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula (PERF) must be submitted online by October 31 for the following State Fiscal Year (SFY) funding cycle.

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) – Drinking Water

Provides subsidized (low-interest rate) loans to municipalities seeking to fund drinking water infrastructure projects.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by June 30 for the upcoming State Fiscal Year funding cycle.

Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) – Wastewater and Storm Water

Provides subsidized (low-interest rate) loans to municipalities seeking to fund wastewater and/or storm water infrastructure projects. Also includes pilot projects to fund adaptive management and other non-traditional projects to comply with a municipality's permit limit.

Deadline:

- Hardship applications must be submitted by June 30 for the upcoming State Fiscal Year funding cycle.
- Principal Forgiveness (PF) applications must be submitted by September 30 for the current State Fiscal Year funding cycle.
- Applications are accepted year round for projects not seeking Hardship Financial Assistance or PF.

Storm Water Projects – *subprogram within the CWFP*

Projects must be primarily for water quality purposes. A municipality receiving funding from the CWFP for a storm water infrastructure project must have a need to control storm water runoff rates, volumes, and discharge quality as required by any of the following: a WPDES storm water permit issued under s. NR 216.01, Wis. Adm. Code; a performance standard; and/or a plan approved by DNR under s. 281.41, Wis. Stats. or a storm water management plan.

Deadline: Application deadlines are the same as the above CWFP deadlines.

Small Loans Program (SLP) – *subprogram within the CWFP*

Provides interest rate subsidy to municipalities for State Trust Fund (STF) loans from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) used to fund DNR-approved wastewater or storm water infrastructure projects (with total estimated project costs of \$2,000,000 or less).

Deadline: Interest rate subsidy applications accepted year round.

Pilot Project Program – *subprogram within the CWFP*

Provides subsidized interest rate loans to municipalities seeking to fund: adaptive management projects; other non-traditional projects to comply with a municipality's permit limit; and mercury remediation at wastewater treatment facilities. DNR is working to further define and refine this program.

Deadline: Application deadlines are the same as the above CWFP deadlines.

Hardship Financial Assistance – *subprogram within the CWFP*

Provides subsidy to municipalities with low income and high-user costs seeking to fund wastewater infrastructure projects. Provides said funding in the form of a reduced interest rate loan or awards a grant of up to 70% of the municipality's project costs eligible for below-market interest rate.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by June 30 for the upcoming SFY funding cycle.



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Pre-Application – Starting the Funding Process

Each municipality that plans to apply for financial assistance from a DNR Environmental Loans program is required to complete and submit online a notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) and a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula (PERF) for either the Clean Water Fund Program or Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.

Pre-Application Deadline: All ITAs/PERFs must be submitted online by October 31 for the following State Fiscal Year (SFY) funding cycle. Example: A municipality must submit an ITA/PERF by the October 31, 2017 deadline if it is seeking funding between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. This is the date range of the SFY 2019 funding cycle.

Calendar of Deadlines and Due Dates

View/download the visual calendar of deadlines & due dates at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/guide/ELprogramsDeadlinesAndDueDates2.pdf.

Interest Rates

Current rates are available at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/Guide/Interest.html.

PROJECT TYPE	PERCENT OF MARKET RATE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
Clean Water Fund Program Wastewater projects to maintain compliance with existing effluent limits or to meet new or changed effluent limits, storm water projects, or projects to sewer previously unsewered areas.	70%	2.380%
Clean Water Fund Program CWFP pilot projects as well as the portion of projects for receiving & storing septage and capacity for treating septage.	0%	0%
Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Projects of municipalities with less than 10,000 population and MHIs less than 80 percent of the state MHI.	33%	1.122%
Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Projects of municipalities not meeting the above criteria.	55%	1.870%
MARKET RATE (effective 01/01/2017 - 03/31/2017)	100%	3.400%

Contact Us

For general questions about funding and DNR Environmental Loans (EL), call us at **608-266-7555**.

For information about a specific loan or project, contact your DNR project manager or DNR construction management engineer (CME). See staff directory, dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/Guide/managers.html.

You can go to dnr.wi.gov and search using the keyword "loans" to learn more about different funding programs offered through the Environmental Loans Section of the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.