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SFY 2013 SDWLP Draft Funding List; Supplemental Application Deadline

Staff in the Environmental Loans Section completed and published the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 Draft Funding List for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. All 28 Safe Drinking Water Loan Program applications submitted were deemed to be complete without additional information needing to be submitted. The list is available on our website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html> under the project lists tab.

The allotted \$4,642,200 of Principal Forgiveness funds for SFY 2013 will extend to the top 13 projects on the list.

Please note that no applications can be *accepted* or *funded* until after we receive our Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Capitalization Grant from EPA, anticipated to be awarded by EPA before September 30, 2012.

Also note that any Financial Assistance Agreements (FAAs) issued prior to the legislature passing a bill enabling the DNR to award funds in the form of principal forgiveness for SFY 2013 will contain language indicating "conditional" principal forgiveness. We will be working hard to get that legislation passed early in the 2013 spring session.

Although Principal Forgiveness funds are only available for some of the SFY 2013 projects on the list, there are sufficient SFY 2013 SDWLP loan funds for all applications received to date, and additional loan funds remaining for new projects. Supplemental applications for these loan funds will be accepted on a first-come basis until March 31, 2013.

Market Rate Interest Changes Benefit Wisconsin Municipalities!

The State recently sold \$55,000,000 Clean Water Revenue Bonds, 2012 Series 1, dated July 26, 2012. The sale of this bond issue resets the EIF Loan Rates with the new market rate being 3.500%. This results in the following interest rates by category. FAAs released after July 25th will be eligible for these new rates:

100% of market rate is now 3.500%. This rate applies to certain CFWP projects or portions of projects:

- Facilities in significant noncompliance with a WPDES Permit
- Portions of projects serving industry
- New Development
- Portions of stormwater projects solely for flood control

75% of market rate is now 2.625%. This rate applies to CFWP projects in the following categories:

- Compliance Maintenance
- New or Changed Limits
- Storm Water (water quality portion)
- Urban Nonpoint Source
- Unsewered

55% of market rate is now 1.925%. This rate applies to:

- Drinking water projects in municipalities with a population of 10,000 or higher and/or a median household income (MHI) of more than 80% of the state's MHI

33% of market rate is now 1.155%. This rate applies to:

- Drinking water projects in municipalities with a population below 10,000 and an MHI of 80% or less of the state's MHI

0% of market rate remains 0.000%. This rate applies to:

Septage Facility Projects

Remember to complete your Needs Survey! This information is used to ensure Wisconsin has sufficient project funds in the future to improve our water infrastructure!

Equipment Replacement Fund

Remember that maintaining your equipment replacement fund is a requirement of the Clean Water Fund Program as well as a condition of your Financial Assistance Agreement! Municipalities are allowed to use replacement fund monies only for wastewater or urban stormwater runoff equipment replacement and repairs. You must not use these monies to fund other types of municipal projects.

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST 5 YEARS!

In the past 5 years, Wisconsin's Clean Water Fund Program issued 191 loans to municipalities for a total of \$1.19 billion.

Included in that figure is:

- 36 ARRA loans resulting in awards of \$199 million of which \$103.75 million was in the form of principal forgiveness;
- An additional \$12,312,191 in principal forgiveness awarded in SFYs 2011 & 2012.

In the past 5 years, Wisconsin's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program issued 111 loans to municipalities for a total of \$199 million.

Included in that figure is:

- 44 ARRA loans resulting in awards of \$72 million of which \$37.75 million was in the form of principal forgiveness;
- An additional \$11,890,800 in principal forgiveness awarded in SFYs 2011 & 2012.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL CME PRIOR TO YOUR PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING!

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Wisconsin's SFY 2013 Intended Use Plans Now Available for Review

Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program and the Clean Water Fund Program for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 are being published along with this e-bulletin.

The IUPs identify the uses of the funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Capitalization Grants and required state matching funds, and describes how those funds support the goals of the federal Acts. It also includes the allocation methodology for principal forgiveness funds.

The IUP is part of Wisconsin's capitalization grant application package for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 funds. After EPA awards Wisconsin's capitalization grants we will use the grants and state matching funds, as well as other money available in the state revolving funds, to provide financial assistance for clean water and drinking water projects and fund programmatic drinking water set-asides during SFY 2013.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the IUPs, please contact Becky Scott at (608) 267-7584 or rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov.

New Clean Water Fund Program Application Forms for SFY 2013

As part of our continual improvement process, we are revising our forms so they are easier to understand and complete. In addition, some questions have been reworded to help you provide us with the most accurate information needed for managing your project. The CWFPP Wastewater Projects Application Form is available now and the Stormwater/Urban Runoff Application Form will be updated soon. Be sure to check out new forms now available on the DNR website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/forms/forms.html>

Program Deadlines!

Remember the following deadlines for the Clean Water Fund Program and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program!

September 30, 2012:

- SFY 2013 CWFPP Principal Forgiveness Applications

December 31, 2012:

- Intent To Apply/Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms for SFY 2014 SDWLP and CWFPP

March 31, 2013:

- Deadline for submitting SFY 2013 supplemental SDWLP applications (without principal forgiveness)

June 30, 2013:

- SFY 2014 SDWLP Applications
- CWFPP Hardship Applications
- SFY 2012 and 2013 SDWLP Loan Closing deadline

July 1, 2013:

- Start of SFY 2014