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WISCONSIN WATER & WASTEWATER FUNDING SOURCES & ASSISTANCE

Organization	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)
Program Title	Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP)
Eligible Applicants	Any town, village, city, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection & rehabilitation district, metropolitan sewerage district or federally recognized American Indian tribe or band.
Grant, Loan Or Other Type Of Program	Loans and Hardship grants
Eligible Project Type	Low interest loans and hardship grants to construct or modify municipal wastewater systems; low interest loans to construct urban storm water best management practices.
Funding Available Per Year Per Program	About \$300 million annually for regular CWFP loans; about \$7.5 million annually for hardship financial assistance.
Maximum Grant/Loan	70 percent Hardship grant maximum per municipality. For regular CWFP loans, no applicant may receive more than 35.2% of the state subsidy available in a biennium.
Typical Application Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant submits an "Intent to Apply" (ITA) form and a "Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form" (PERF) to DNR by December 31.• DNR publishes a project priority list in the following Spring.• Applicant submits a regular loan or storm water application. It may be submitted at any time. Hardship applications are due June 30.• DNR publishes a Hardship funding list after applications are processed.• Loans must close within 8 months of "application acceptance".
Estimated Time To Prepare Application	1 – 2 weeks
Major Application Criteria	CWFP loan funds are distributed on the basis of a competitive environmental priority scoring system. To be eligible for Hardship financial assistance, municipalities must meet the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The municipality's adjusted Median Household Income (MHI) must be 80% or less of the state's adjusted MHI.• The estimated total annual residential user charge that relates to wastewater treatment would exceed 2% of the municipality's adjusted MHI.
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Additional Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest Rates are subject to change.• Maximum loan term of 20 years.• Bond counsel required for loans.• Applicant must provide the CWFP with a tax exempt bond or note which can be a general obligation, revenue pledge, special assessment pledge, or combination.• Applicant must make a good faith effort to utilize disadvantaged businesses.• Applicant must comply with Davis-Bacon requirements.• 20% of federal capitalization grant to green projects or project elements.

