

Economic Stimulus Information

Clean Water Fund Program & Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Update #1

The following paragraphs contain information regarding how Wisconsin intends to use economic stimulus funds provided to the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This plan must go through some additional approval processes yet, but we believe the decisions outlined below will likely not change.

- It is very likely that all of the economic stimulus funds provided to the CWFP and SDWLP will be used to provide grants/principal forgiveness to applicants.
- It is very likely that individual project financing will be in the form of a subsidized loan for 50% of eligible project costs and a grant/principal forgiveness for the remaining 50% of eligible project costs.
- Any Wisconsin municipality may submit a Financial Assistance Application for any drinking water, wastewater or storm water project regardless of whether the department received an Intent to Apply form or a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form for the project by December 31, 2008. Application forms for both the SDWLP and CWFP were updated in March 2009 and can be found on our web site at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Forms/forms.html>.
 - If you do plan to submit an application for stimulus funds and have not yet submitted an Intent to Apply form and a Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form, please submit these two forms prior to your application, if possible. We can begin scoring your project as soon as we receive these forms. We will not accept Intent to Apply forms or Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms after the application deadlines.
 - **SDWLP** applications must be postmarked by or have a shipping date on or before **April 30, 2009**.
 - The application must be complete. A complete application for the **SDWLP** includes, in part, submittal of 3 copies of approvable plans and specifications to DNR's Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, and one copy of plans and specifications with the application form to the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance. The engineering report for the project must receive DNR approval **prior to** the April 30 deadline.
 - The **CWFP** will likely have a deadline for application submittal. Plan to have your **CWFP** application postmarked by or have a shipping date on or before **June 30, 2009**.



- The application must be complete. A complete application for the **CWFP** includes, in part, submittal of approvable plans and specifications to DNR's Bureau of Watershed Management. The facility plan for the project must receive DNR approval **prior to** the June 30 deadline.
- Each applicant must submit two additional pieces of information with the application:
 1. Identification of project elements and associated costs that qualify as green infrastructure and a description of how the elements qualify.
 2. An estimate of the percentage of labor vs. materials/equipment in the project.
- There will likely be a cap on the amount of stimulus funds any one municipality may receive.

We will provide more details at a later date regarding the process we will use to determine the fundable range on each program's project funding list.

