

CLEAN WATER FUND LOAN PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 281.58 and 281.59, Wis. Stats.

Budget: Approximately \$200 million annually available for loans.

Objective: To protect water quality by correcting existing wastewater and storm water treatment problems and preventing future problems.

Eligibility: Any city, town, village, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, metropolitan sewerage district or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin.

Level of Assistance: Low interest rate loans. Additional assistance to low-income municipalities with up to a 70% grant and an interest-free loan.

Priorities: Protection of human health and water quality (see s. NR 162.30, Wis. Adm. Code).

Eligible Types of Projects: Construction of wastewater and storm water treatment facilities, sewer systems, and interceptors necessary to prevent a violation of discharge limits, to meet new or changed limits, or to protect human health and water quality in unsewered areas.

Applications: An *Intent to Apply* must be submitted by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which an application will be submitted. Applications are normally accepted on a continuous basis and projects are funded as they are ready for construction. In years with insufficient funding, projects are ranked on the basis of environmental and human health protection.

History: The program was authorized in 1987 to replace the wastewater construction grants programs. Over \$3 billion of loans have been issued under the program.

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