

SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 281.59 and 281.61, Wis. Stats.

Budget: Approximately \$35 million annually available for loans.

Objective: To protect public health and to assist public water systems with financing the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Eligibility: Any city, village, town, county, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection & rehabilitation district, or municipal water district.

Level of Assistance: Low interest rate loans. Additional assistance to applicants with low income and a population less than 10,000.

Priorities: Projects that protect human health, ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and are for applicants with greater financial need.

Eligible Types of Projects: Construction or modification of public water systems needed to maintain compliance with or further the public health protection goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Applications: An *Intent to Apply* form and *Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form* must be submitted by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which the application will be submitted. A complete application including plans and specifications is due by April 30. All eligible applicants are then placed on a funding list and ranked by priority score. To receive funding, an applicant must be in the fundable range of the funding list.

History: Since the first loan in December 1998, the program has loaned approximately \$284 million for 96 projects.

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