



## Funding List for SFY 2019 CWFP Available Online

The department received 39 *eligible* Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) applications, totaling \$123,569,276 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 funding. These projects are identified in priority score order on the [SFY 2019 CWFP Funding List](#). The funding list shows the estimated allocation of loan and principal forgiveness (PF) dollars, and total requested costs for each project.

### Principal Forgiveness (PF) Funds

The priority score ordering is used for the allocation of PF funds. PF is additional subsidy, provided by the federal government, to finance the highest-priority projects in municipalities with the greatest financial need. For SFY 2019, \$14,131,950 was available to be allocated as *Regular* PF based on the eligibility criteria detailed in the [CWFP SFY 2019 Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#).

Review the SFY 2019 CWFP *Priority* PF points and criteria for [regionalization, phosphorus reduction, and energy efficiency projects](#).

### Continuous Funding Cycle

CWFP applications can be submitted throughout the funding year as long as a valid SFY 2019 Intent to Apply (ITA) is on file. The SFY 2019 CWFP Funding List will be updated and reposted online as new, complete applications are received. Applications received after the September 30, 2018 CWFP PF deadline will be added to the

## Mike Blodgett Retiring

Mike Blodgett, our West Central Region Construction Management Engineer (CME), is retiring. Mike's last day in the office will be Friday, December 28, 2018, though he will follow up on projects until February 1, 2019.

In his 34-year career with the DNR, Mike worked for Wastewater, Water Supply, and Facilities & Lands programs before spending the last three years with the Environmental Loans program.



*"And now the work begins!" DIY, Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming, 2011*

funding list as loan-only funding. These applications will not be eligible for SFY 19 CWFP PF funding.

### Loan Closing Dates & Schedules

As a reminder, for both PF & non-PF CWFP applications, the loan closing must be within eight (8) months of the date of the application acceptance notification. DNR project managers will send the application acceptance letters by the end of the state fiscal year for which the ITA is valid (i.e., sent by June 30, 2019 for projects with valid SFY 2019 ITAs).

Please work with your assigned DNR project manager (*listed on the SFY 2019 CWFP Funding List*) to establish your loan closing date and schedule.

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## SFY 2020 Project Priority Lists

We anticipate publishing State Fiscal Year 2020 CWFP and SDWLP Project Priority Lists (PPLs) at the end of December or the start of January. Notification will be emailed when a PPL is posted to the [Project Lists and Intended Use Plans \(IUPs\)](#) webpage.

*We wish Mike well as he enjoys retirement!*

Mike shared these comments:

"Working in the Environmental Loans program allowed me to bring all of my knowledge together and continue learning. I am very proud to have worked to protect Wisconsin's natural resources and leave things better than I found them. I enjoyed getting back to the field where the work gets done!"

### Engineer recruitment

The job announcement for a new CME will be posted shortly. We hope to fill this position in February 2019.

### Project coverage

Meanwhile, Mike's existing active projects may be re-assigned as needed to other [CMEs](#), whom then would be in contact with their newly assigned communities.

Funding questions about projects can be directed to the Environmental Loans [Project Manager](#).

## Recent Federal Legislation Impacting SRFs - WIIN Act

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, ([P.L. 114-322](#)), was enacted on December 16, 2016. This act contained a number of provisions that impact or are related to the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRFs). These provisions are highlighted below.

### Section 2101

Section 2101 affirms Congress' commitment to providing robust funding of both the Drinking Water and the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs).

### Section 2103

Section 2103 revises the amount that can be used by DWSRFs for program administration. States can now use the greatest of \$400,000; 1/5 percent of the current valuation of the DWSRF; or an amount equal to four percent of all capitalization grant awards to the fund.

### Section 2104

Section 2104 creates a new EPA grant program to help public water systems in small underserved and disadvantaged communities meet Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements.

\$20 Million was appropriated for this grant program for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018. These grants will require a 45% match. Funding will be allocated to states utilizing the DWSRF allocation formula.

Eligible projects include:

- improvements communities can take to reduce public exposure to contaminants;
- water system compliance via technical, managerial and financial (TMF) training; and
- technical assistance to facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or otherwise significantly advance public health protection objectives.

### Section 2105

Section 2105 creates a new EPA grant program for lead reduction projects.

These grants will be administered by EPA and require a 20% match. \$10 Million was appropriated for this grant program for FFY 2018.

Eligible projects will include:

- meaningful improvements (water infrastructure projects) to water systems with a need for lead service line replacement (LSLR);
- planning, testing, and mitigation activities; and

- funding to homeowners for private side LSLR.

Partial lead service line replacements will be ineligible.

Priority will be given to disadvantaged communities with an action level exceedance (ALE) in the last three years or to address lead levels in schools, daycares, or other facilities that primarily serve children.

### Section 2107

Section 2107 creates a grant program to assist local educational agencies in voluntary testing for lead contamination in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.

\$20 Million was appropriated for this grant program for FFY 2018. EPA will award funding to states utilizing an allocation formula that includes factors for population, poverty, and lead exposure risk. There is no match requirement.

Eligible projects are ones that assist schools and child care programs in voluntarily testing for lead contamination in drinking water utilizing EPA's *3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools* guidance or applicable State regulations or guidance that are not less stringent.

Wisconsin is currently in the process of determining which state agency will be responsible for administering this grant program.

### Section 2108

Section 2108 requires EPA, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to develop a technology clearinghouse for information on the cost-effectiveness of innovative and alternative drinking water delivery systems, and to disseminate the information to the public, communities, and nonprofit organizations seeking federal funding for drinking water delivery systems serving fewer than 500 people.

### Section 2110

Section 2110 reauthorizes the EPA small drinking water system technical assistance grant program under section 1452(q) of the SDWA through FFY 2021. This grant program had previously only been authorized through FFY 2003.

### Section 2201

Section 2201 authorizes EPA to make grants to states where the President has declared a disaster relating to public health threats associated with the presence of lead and other contaminants in a public drinking water supply system.

## New Project Manager Supervisor, Matt Marcum

We are pleased to share the news that Matt Marcum is the new Project Manager Supervisor in the DNR Environmental Loans Section. Matt started his new position on Monday, November 26, 2018. He works out of the DNR Central Office in Madison. His contact info will remain the same: 608-264-8986, [MatthewR.Marcum@wisconsin.gov](mailto:MatthewR.Marcum@wisconsin.gov)

This position is responsible for supervising the loan project managers and the coordinators of the Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Programs, as well as the development and implementation of policies for the programs.

Before his promotion, Matt was the CWFP coordinator and a project manager in the Environmental Loans Section, a position he has held since August 2016.

- Matt Marcum is the lead for filling the CWFP coordinator position, located in GEF 2 in Madison.

Prior to joining DNR, Matt worked for the Wisconsin Department of Health as a Budget and Policy Analyst as well as a Contracts Specialist for three and a half years.

Before that, Matt spent six years as the Director of Environmental Programs and Programs Manager for the American Lung Association in Illinois, where he gained supervisory experience.

Matt has a BS in Environmental Biology and Ecological Studies from Illinois College, and a MS in Environmental Science from the University of Illinois at Springfield.



## New DOA Deputy Capital Finance Director, Aaron Heintz

As of Monday, October 15, 2018, Aaron Heintz is the new Deputy Capital Finance Director in the DOA Division of Executive Budget and Finance. He has been a member of the DOA Capital Finance Office since 2005. He served as Finance Programs Administrator before this promotion.

Aaron will continue to administer the financial aspects of the State's multi-billion dollar Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF).

## Visual Aids for Deadlines, Due Dates, & Timelines

The [Deadlines and Due Dates During Calendar Years 2018-2020](#) handout is a visual calendar of deadlines, listed by deadline date, for the Environmental Loans programs. This visual aid was created to help clarify:

- Start of State Fiscal Years (SFYs) in relation to calendar years.
- Overlapping SFY funding cycles and corresponding deadlines.
- Separate deadlines & timelines amongst programs.

The Deadlines During SFY 2019 handouts are visual calendars of deadlines, listed by deadline date, for a loan program. These visual aids were created to emphasize the timelines for loan closings & the application process.

- [CWFP Deadlines During SFY 2019](#)
- [SDWLP Deadlines During SFY 2019](#)



### Final 2018 Disbursement Date & Deadline



Requests for Disbursement due  
**Friday, December 14, 2018**



Disbursements will be made on  
**Wednesday, December 26, 2018**  
(it's also last loan closing date of year)



[2019 Request for Disbursement Schedule and 12-Month Calendar](#)

# New 7-Week Loan Closing Schedule

To improve customer service, we are allowing applicants one extra week to submit all required documentation to their DNR project manager. In the previous 8-week loan closing schedule, the DNR and DOA each had one week to review the draft [Financial Assistance Agreement \(FAA\)](#). Those staff have agreed to perform the DNR review in two days and the DOA review in three days allowing for a 7-week loan closing schedule.

To receive its FAA on time, a municipality must submit all required documents to their DNR project manager a minimum of seven weeks before its loan closing date, normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## Two weeks from municipal bond meeting date to loan closing date

The municipal bond meeting must be held a minimum of two weeks before the loan closing date. The 7-week loan closing schedule assumes the municipal bond meeting date is **exactly** two weeks before the loan closing date.

If the municipal bond meeting date is **more than** two weeks before the closing date, the DNR project manager will adjust the schedule by pushing back the due dates.

## Required documentation

The [required documentation](#) includes the first request for disbursement, municipal approval of the final budget, and any other documentation identified by the DNR project manager as necessary for the project. Please note that "required documentation" refers to complete and accurate documentation.

DNR recommends that all required documentation be submitted **before** its due date to allow DNR project managers sufficient time to fully review it. Likewise,

many documents need to be submitted and reviewed before the final budget can be drafted by DNR and then reviewed by the municipality.

## First request for disbursement

The municipality must submit to DNR its first [Request for Disbursement Form 8700-215](#) with supporting invoices and documentation a minimum of seven weeks before its loan closing date. The DOA will wire the municipality's first disbursement of loan funds on the loan closing date.

Currently, the required amount of the first disbursement request must be equal to or greater than 5% of the loan amount or \$50,000, whichever is less, **and** cover the amount of any interim financing, including principal and accrued interest, that will be refinanced with the CWFPP or SDWLP loan.

## Subsequent requests for disbursement

In another effort to improve customer service, we are providing applicants the opportunity to submit additional disbursement requests to be paid with disbursement #1.

To be processed with the loan closing disbursement, any additional disbursement requests (i.e. #2, #3, etc.) must be submitted a minimum of three weeks before the municipality's loan closing date.

## Help keep your project on schedule

When a municipality does not meet agreed-upon submit dates, they put their financing at risk (*especially for projects allocated principal forgiveness and for projects with a statutory loan closing deadline*). DNR project managers strongly recommend municipalities promptly submit required documents as they become available.

Weeks Out	Activity (completed in terms of weeks before loan closing date)	Duration
7 6	Municipality submits to DNR any remaining <a href="#">required documentation</a> , including first <a href="#">request for disbursement</a> (#1) and last budget request. DNR prepares final budget and begins drafting <a href="#">Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA)</a> .	2 weeks
5	FAA drafted. DNR reviews FAA. DOA reviews FAA.	1 week
4	<a href="#">Bond counsel</a> reviews FAA.	1 week
3	Municipality reviews FAA and submits to DNR any additional disbursement requests (i.e. #2, #3, etc.) for payment on loan closing date.	1 week
2	<a href="#">Municipal bond meeting</a> . Municipality passes bond resolution, signs FAA and bond documents, then immediately sends signed documents to DNR and bond counsel.	1 week
1	Bond counsel prepares bond/note transcript for loan.	1 week
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	<b>Loan closing date.</b> DOA disburses to municipality first payment of loan funds (loan closing disbursement).	