Safe Drinking Water Loan Program
Learn about the Environmental Loans programs and find guidance at dnr.wi.gov/aid/eif.html.

Affordable Financing for Drinking Water Projects
Since 1998, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) provides affordable financial assistance to municipalities for publicly-owned drinking water infrastructure projects that are needed to protect public health and achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state regulations relating to water supply, such as the SDWA.


Benefits & program features
- Fixed interest rates on long-term loans.
- Online system for notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) and Application submittals.
- Dedicated DNR project manager and construction management engineer.
- Coordination of funds with other funding agencies.

What kinds of funding are available?
The Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) is a state revolving loan fund that combines federal capitalization grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) with state funds to provide funding to municipalities in the form of subsidized loans (reduced-interest rate loans). Some municipalities may be eligible for further subsidy (principal forgiveness) to reduce its loan size.


How may the funds be used?
The program funds are for reasonable and necessary costs directly related to the planning, design, & construction of eligible projects. Funds may be used to construct, improve, modify, purchase, replace, restore, and upgrade drinking water systems and infrastructure; such as sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution.

Common projects: new wells, wellhouse rehabilitation, storage facilities, and watermain replacements.

- Examples of general project scope descriptions:
  - Build taller storage tank to eliminate low-pressure areas.
  - Replace undersized watermains along main street.

Who may apply?
Eligible applicants and funding recipients, also referred to as municipalities or local governments, include, but aren’t limited to: Wisconsin cities, towns, villages, counties, and sanitary districts.

How do we apply? When do we apply?
Application guidance and considerations are available on the How to Apply tab at dnr.wi.gov/aid/eif.html#tabx3.

- **October 31st** - SDWLP Intent to Apply (ITA) deadline for the following state fiscal year funding cycle.
- **June 30th** - SDWLP Application deadline for the upcoming state fiscal year funding cycle.

Submit ITA by 10/31/2019 deadline if seeking funding in State Fiscal Year 2021 (07/01/2020 through 06/30/2021).