

EC-SDC GRANT PROGRAM: OTM & NON-PROFIT NN FUNDING

- Learn more about the DNR EC-SDC Grant Program by visiting the [DNR's EC-SDC webpage](#).

GRANT PROGRAM FAQs

Why Is PFAS Or Manganese Bad?

Please refer to the links below for additional information.

- Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) impacts: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS/Impacts.html
- Manganese impacts: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/DrinkingWater/Manganese.html

Where Do I Start?

Please review the Next Steps resource, which contains helpful information for interested applicants. We also recommend contacting your DNR field representative for your public water system to get started. The [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#) is also important to review as it provides detailed program information and requirements.

How Do I Know If I Am Eligible?

The [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#) contains eligibility details. Your public water system must be an Other-Than-Municipal Community public water system or a Non-Transient Non-Community public water system. Examples include condominiums, mobile home parks, apartments, and public schools. Your public water system must be small, meaning that it serves less than 10,000 individuals. Additionally, if you are a Non-Transient Non-Community public water system, you must also be classified as a non-profit, which includes government entities.

Next, check your recent results for PFOA, PFOS, and manganese. You are eligible to apply if PFOA or PFOS results are 4 ng/L or greater or the manganese results are 300 µL or greater. You are also eligible to apply if you have a PFAS hazard index value of 1.0 or greater. Please direct eligibility questions to your DNR field representative or send an email to DNRECSDCGrants@wisconsin.gov and provide your public water system identification number.

What Is A Complete Application Package?

Applicants must submit all of the required application materials together to apply for a grant. A complete application includes the following:

- [EC-SDC Grant Application \(Form 8700-029\)](#) with required attachments
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\) Good Faith Certification \(Form 8700-025\)](#)
- [Environmental Review Questionnaire \(Form 8700-022\)](#) with required attachments
- [Equal Employment Opportunity Certification \(Form 8700-021\)](#)
- [W-9 Form](#)
- NNs only: [IRS Tax-Exempt Affirmation Letter](#), unless government owned

What Is An Authorized Representative?

An authorized representative may refer to the public water system owner or other authorized representative of the public water system. This is the person who is applying for the grant award. The contact listed as the authorized representative on [Form 8700-029](#) should be the **same** person who signs all the application materials.

What Do I Need To Know About Federal Funds?

The federal funds for this program are from the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). These grant awards must meet all applicable federal requirements. While federal laws may be complicated, the DNR has worked to simplify the requirements as much as possible. Please review the resources in the Next Steps resource and work with a technical assistance provider to understand the requirements.

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Where Do I Go If I Need Help Developing My Project?

Technical assistance providers are available to help applicants with project planning and assessment, project development, and more. If there are any costs associated with technical assistance, consider including them in your application for potential reimbursement. Please note, technical assistance providers may offer different services.

- [Wisconsin Rural Community Assistance Program](#)
- [Wisconsin Rural Water Association](#)
- [Delta Institute](#)
- [Great Lakes Environmental Infrastructure Center](#)
- [Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center](#)

If you need help finding a list of licensed well contractors, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wells/contacts.html.

Which Costs Are Reimbursable?

Your project must have the primary purpose of addressing the PFAS or manganese contamination. While expenses may need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, eligible activities are listed in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#). Reimbursable expenses may include activities related to planning and design, technical assistance, testing and research, treatment, source water, storage, and water system restructuring, consolidation, or creation.

How Long Does It Take To Receive An Award?

We can start processing an application once we receive all the completed application materials. Once received, reviewing and approving eligible projects can take 3-6 months. Please remember that if your project needs to undergo plan review, that is separate from the grant application process and can take up to three months or more in certain circumstances. Applications can only be approved for grant awards once the plan reviews are approved. For more information, please refer to the [DNR's Drinking Water webpage](#).

What If I Do Not Exceed The Contaminant Level?

If you do not meet the contaminant levels indicated in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#), you do not have PFAS or manganese contamination above the threshold for funding at this time. If you do exceed the contaminant levels at a later time, please reach out to your DNR field representative to look into funding possibilities.

Can I Still Apply If I Do Not Have PFAS Or Manganese Contamination?

No, eligible systems must have PFAS or manganese contamination at the levels indicated in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#).

What If My Project Costs Are Greater Than \$240,000?

The DNR understands that projects may cost more than the maximum grant award. Currently, the DNR cannot fund over \$240,000 per public water system for this grant program. We recommend applicants get estimates for all potentially feasible PFAS or manganese options, including drilling a new well, connecting to an existing public water system, and installing treatment devices.



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