



NEXT STEPS: EC-SDC GRANT PROGRAM



Interested Applicants for the Emerging Contaminants- Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

Pre-Application

- ✓ Verify eligibility in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#).
- ✓ Reach out for technical assistance:
 - [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](#)
- ✓ Evaluate feasible actions to address PFAS and/or manganese contamination.
 - View a list of [licensed well contractors](#).
- ✓ Get a Unique Entity ID (UEI) through [SAM.Gov](#) if you do not have one. It may take up to two months. A UEI is required to complete the grant application. You can get a UEI without registering.
- ✓ Learn about the applicable federal requirements, including those that contractors may need to follow.
- ✓ Apply for applicable [DNR water permit information](#).
- ✓ Begin tracking any pre-award expenses on eligible activities incurred after July 1, 2023.
- ✓ **NNs only:** request your [IRS Tax-Exempt Affirmation Letter](#) if you do not have a copy (not needed for government-owned NNs).

Plan Reviews

Plan review may be needed for your project and is a separate process from the grant application materials. If required, approved plan reviews must be completed to receive final award funding. Plan reviews may take 90 days or longer in certain circumstances. It is recommended to submit for a plan review **as soon as possible**, even if grant application materials are not yet submitted. Public water systems should determine whether their project is required to undergo plan review.

- **Other-Than-Municipal Community Public Water Systems (OTM):** Plan review by the DNR Public Water Engineering Section is required for OTMs carrying out certain activities including installing a water treatment device, abandoning a well, drilling a new well, and connecting to a public water supply per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 811 and ch. NR 108.
- **Non-Profit Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems (NN):** Plan review by the DNR Public Water Engineering Section is required for NNs installing PFAS treatment devices and for schools filling and sealing, reconstructing, or drilling a new well, per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 812. Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) plan review approval is required for NNs installing all other water treatment devices and for plumbing product approval per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 812.

IF PLAN REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

- **New Change for NN Treatment:** The DNR now reviews plans and specifications for NN PFAS and manganese water treatment systems. NNs installing treatment should submit plans and specifications to Benjamin.Mand@wisconsin.gov.
- All other DNR [Public Water System Plan Review](#) submittals should follow **engineering report and plans and specifications** submittal requirements. Please submit to DNRPublicWaterPlanReview@Wisconsin.gov.

Application Materials

A complete application package includes the following documents:

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

Deadline

Applications will be accepted continually until **July 31, 2024**, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

Federal Requirements & Resources

- [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\)](#)
 - Projects with total costs below \$250,000 may be eligible for a BABA Small Project Waiver.
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\)](#)
 - Interested in training? EPA offers training for [Completion of MBE WBE Utilization Report EPA Form 5700-52A](#)
- [Davis Bacon and Related Acts \(DBRA\)](#)
 - If applicable, [contract provisions](#) must be included in all DBRA contracts and bids.
- [Environmental Reviews](#)
 - Environmental reviews are part of the application approval process, and the DNR will inform applicants on the status of their review.
- [Suspension and Debarment Regulations](#)
 - Grantees must ensure all contractors and agents are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in federal assistance programs by checking [SAM.Gov](#).

Questions?

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