

E-Bulletin Newsletter



To provide affordable financial assistance to communities within Wisconsin for water infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future generations.



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Upcoming Deadlines

December 9, 2020

Final loan closing date of calendar year.

December 23, 2020

Last disbursement date in 2020.

No loan closings will occur on 12/23/20.

January/February 2021

SFY 22 CWFP & SDWLP Project Priority Lists (PPLs) published.

January 31, 2021

Last recommended date to open bids for SFY 21 SDWLP projects.



Lead Service Line Priority List Coming Soon!

November 16th was the deadline to submit the [Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms](#) (PERFs) for the new Private Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program. DNR received sixty-three PERFs.

One municipality submitted their PERF after the deadline and is also from a municipality that is not yet eligible to participate in the program as they have not yet reported private LSLs to the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Three municipalities that submitted PERFs were submitted by the deadline but were submitted by municipalities that had not yet reported private LSLs to the PSC. One of these municipalities has since completed their PSC reporting; the remaining municipalities will become eligible as soon as their reporting is completed.

Any PERFs received after the deadline, or for municipalities that had not reported private LSLs to the PSC at the time of PERF submittal, will be placed at the bottom of the priority list, in order of receipt or the date they complete their PSC reporting.

The Private LSL Replacement Program Project Priority List (PPL) will be published before the end of December.

In addition to the 63 PERFs, DNR has received 28 applications to date. There is no deadline for submitting [LSL applications](#) this year, other than the end of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2021), but we encourage you to submit your application no later than February so there is sufficient time to develop your municipal replacement program and receive an award prior to the start of the 2021 construction season.

Information on the Private LSL Replacement Program can be found on our website [here](#). Please direct any questions to: DNRLSLfunding@wisconsin.gov.



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New Section Chief, Matt Marcum

We are pleased to announce that Matt Marcum has accepted the position of Environmental Loans Section Chief in the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This position is responsible for the overall administration of the Environmental Loans programs at DNR including the Safe Drinking Water Loan and Clean Water Fund Programs, and the new Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

Please join us in welcoming Matt to his new position. We congratulate him and look forward to continuing [successful implementation](#) of the programs.

Matt began his new position on Monday, November 9, 2020. He will continue to work out of the central office in Madison (once we all return). Matt's email will remain the same, MatthewR.Marcum@wisconsin.gov. **He has a new phone number, 608-575-8825.**

Since November 2018, Matt served as the Project Manager Supervisor in the Loans section. Prior to that, he worked for DNR in the Loans section as the Clean Water Fund Program Coordinator and a project manager, a position he held since August of 2016.

If you don't already know Matt, here is a bit about him, *"I live in Cottage Grove with my wife Kris, and our two boys, Ethan (4) and Owen (1). When not chasing the kids around, I can often be found tackling house projects, going for bike rides, or following after (mostly errant) golf shots. I greatly appreciate the work the Environmental Loans team has accomplished over its long history to help communities throughout Wisconsin develop and maintain safe, effective, and affordable drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. I look forward to this opportunity to continue working with a talented and dedicated group of people as we carry on this effort."*

Market Rate Lowered to 2.700%

For the period January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Administration has set the market rate at **2.700%** for loans with a final maturity of twenty years or less. The market interest rate on loan terms exceeding 20 years is currently 0.20% (20 basis points) greater than the market interest rate on loans for 20 years. This difference will change as actual market interest rates or the market rate yield curve changes.

The rate applied to each loan is a percentage of the market rate in effect at the time of the municipal meeting at which resolutions approving municipal obligations are passed and bond-related documents and Financial Assistance Agreements are signed/executed.

Learn more about the [market and interest rates](#).

PROJECT TYPE	% of MARKET RATE	≤ 20 YR TERM	21-30 YR TERM
Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) For the portion of eligible projects for receiving and storing septage, and capacity for treating septage; as well as for mercury remediation at wastewater treatment facilities.	0%	0%	0%
CWFP For eligible projects of extremely disadvantaged municipalities meeting the following financial need criteria: < 1,000 population; and ≤ 65% of Wisconsin Median Household Income (MHI).	0%	0%	0%
CWFP and Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) For eligible projects of disadvantaged municipalities meeting the following financial need criteria: < 10,000 population; and ≤ 80% of Wisconsin Median Household Income (MHI).	33%	0.891%	0.957%
CWFP and SDWLP For eligible projects of municipalities not meeting the financial need criteria.	55%	1.485%	1.595%
MARKET RATE (effective 01/01/2021 thru 03/31/2021)	100%	2.700%	2.900%