

# Clean Water Fund Program

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## Funding for Wastewater & Storm Water Projects

Since 1991, the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) provides affordable financial assistance to municipalities for publicly owned wastewater and water-quality-related storm water infrastructure projects that are needed to achieve or maintain compliance with federal and state regulations, such as WPDES permits.

- Implementation details: ss. 281.58 & 281.59, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 162, Wis. Adm. Code.

### Benefits & program features

- Fixed interest rate on 20-year loan term.
- Online system for notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) and Application submittals.
- Dedicated DNR project manager and construction management engineer.
- Coordination with other federal and state funding sources.



### 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) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) with state funds to provide funding to municipalities in the form of **subsidized (low interest) loans**. In recent years, additional subsidization of program loans in the form of **principal forgiveness (PF)** has been available to economically disadvantaged municipalities.

- **View current rates at** [dnr.wi.gov/aid/documents/eif/guide/interest.html](https://dnr.wi.gov/aid/documents/eif/guide/interest.html).

### 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 wastewater systems and infrastructure (i.e. collection, transmission, storage, treatment and disposal).

**Common projects:** sewer replacement or rehabilitation, and wastewater treatment facility/plant upgrades.

- Example of a *general* project scope description:
  - Replace 5,555 feet of sewer to address inflow and infiltration.

### Who may apply?

**Wisconsin cities, towns, villages, counties, sanitary districts and other qualifying municipalities.**

### 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](https://dnr.wi.gov/aid/eif.html#tabx3).

Deadlines are set in the program's annual intended use plan, see [dnr.wi.gov/aid/projectListsIUPs.html](https://dnr.wi.gov/aid/projectListsIUPs.html).

- **October 31** - CWFP Intent to Apply (ITA) deadline for the *following* state fiscal year funding cycle.
- **September 30** - CWFP Application deadline if competing for PF for the *current* funding cycle.
- Applications received year-round for CWFP projects not seeking PF.

**Submit ITAs by 10/31/2025 deadline if seeking funding in state fiscal year (SFY) 2027.** The SFY runs from July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the next and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends.

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