

Next Steps for Applicants of the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Refer to the [SDWLP SFY 2024 Project Priority List \(PPL\)](#) to find your project's self-PERF score and priority ranking. Direct any questions or concerns about the application process to the [SDWLP Coordinator](#).

Deadline

To apply for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 funding, you must submit your SDWLP Financial Assistance Application with all [required documentation](#) through the [online system](#) by **June 30, 2023**.

Plan reviews by DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater

Determine and follow **engineering report** and **plans and specifications** submittal requirements from the DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, see [Public Water System Plan Review](#).

- Submit required copies of approvable, biddable construction plans and specifications to the DNR Bureau of Drinking Water & Groundwater *for each portion of the project* for which you are seeking funding. For well projects, submit at least the *final well construction* plans and specifications by the application submittal deadline; the rest of the well project plans and specifications may be submitted later, but provide enough lead time before the loan closing for the department to complete the review.

Accomplish *as soon as possible*:

- Conduct an [Environmental Review](#).
- Pass a [Reimbursement Resolution](#).
- If applicant's Median Household Income is not listed in the U.S. Census Bureau's [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) 5-year estimates, table ID B19013, the data will need to be obtained through one of the methods on the [Data Sources webpage](#).
- Required rate increases must be in effect before the loan closing. [Application to increase water rates](#) may take up to six months.
- [PSC Construction Authorization](#), if required for your project, must be granted prior to loan closing.
- Confirm municipality's Unique Entity ID from SAM.gov. New entity registration may take over a week.
 - The UEI (SAM) replaced the DUNS Number on April 4, 2022, see sam.gov/content/duns-uei.

Accomplish in the near future:

- Obtain your municipal attorney's legal statement or opinion on [land ownership and easement rights](#).
- Notify your municipal bond counsel of the anticipated loan closing.

Federal requirements

Applicants and their prime contractors and subcontractors must comply with:

- [Davis-Bacon and Related Acts \(DBRA\)](#)
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprises \(DBEs\)](#)
- [Environmental Review](#)
- [American Iron and Steel](#)
- [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\)](#) – required only for projects designated as [federal equivalency](#).
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signage](#) – required for projects receiving PF and those designated as federal equivalency.

Split or multiple projects

To address the state's greatest public health needs, DNR will split a multi-purpose project scope described in a single ITA/PERF submittal into [two or more distinct](#) projects for scoring purposes. On future submittals to DNR, be sure to use the unique project number and new scope description.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact Noah Balgooyen, Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Coordinator, at 608-720-0802 or Noah.Balgooyen@Wisconsin.gov.

