

CWFP Deadlines for SFY 2026 Projects

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Deadlines are set in the annual intended use plan, see dnr.wi.gov/aid/projectListsIUPs.html

Oct. 31, 2024		State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY 26) notice of intent to apply (ITA) deadline.
2025	Spring	SFY 26 project priority list (PPL) published (shows eligible projects in priority score order).
	March 31	Last recommended date for submitting facilities plans to DNR Water Quality Bureau for review for SFY 26 projects.
	Sept. 30	SFY 26 application deadline if competing for principal forgiveness (with the exception of Energy Efficiency Priority PF). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facility plan approval letter must be uploaded to the online application for all projects. Plans and specifications must be uploaded to the online application and submitted to the DNR Bureau of Water Quality through the wastewater plan review process (postmarked) by the application deadline. Submit a priority score reevaluation request on or after Oct.1 and no later than Oct. 30.
	December	SFY 26 funding list published (shows each eligible project's allocation of funds).
2026	April 30	Last recommended date for opening bids for SFY 26 projects.
	June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFY 26 application deadline for projects <i>not</i> seeking principal forgiveness (PF). SFY 26 readiness-to-proceed deadline for projects allocated PF. ALL required bid documentation, including executed construction contracts, due. Failure to meet this deadline will result in principal forgiveness funds being forfeited. Last date for DNR to accept SFY 26 applications allocated PF.¹
	Dec. 31	Last date for DNR to accept SFY 26 applications allocated loan funding only (no PF). ¹

Loan Closing Timeline

¹ For both PF and non-PF CWFP projects, the loan must close within eight months following the date of the application acceptance notification. The assigned DNR loan project manager works with the municipality to establish a loan closing date as well as a timeline for submitting the [required documentation](#) needed prior to preparing the financial assistance agreement. The loan closing date is normally scheduled for the second or fourth Wednesday of the month. The Department of Administration (DOA) will wire the municipality's first disbursement of funds on the closing date.

Weeks Out	Activity - Completed in terms of weeks before municipal meeting.
6	Municipality submits to DNR any remaining required documentation , including the first request for disbursement (#1). DNR begins drafting financial assistance agreement (FAA) also known as a loan.
4	FAA drafted. DNR reviews FAA.
3	DOA reviews FAA.
2	Bond counsel reviews FAA.
1	Municipality reviews FAA and submits to DNR any additional disbursement requests (i.e., #2, #3, ...) for payment on loan closing date.
Municipal Mtg.	Municipality passes bond resolution, signs FAA and bond documents, then immediately sends signed documents to DNR and bond counsel.

Loan closing date is *at least two weeks after* municipal meeting to allow the bond counsel time to prepare the bond/note transcript for the loan.

Notes: CWFP applications may be submitted anytime during the state fiscal year for projects *not* seeking PF. The DNR recommends that all applicants, even those not seeking PF, submit a CWFP application by the Sept. 30 deadline due to potential limitations on [loan capacity](#). The CWFP applications submitted after Sept. 30 can still receive a loan and be considered for Energy Efficiency Priority PF if funding is available. The pilot project application is currently not available in the online system, use [Form 8700-378](#). When a deadline falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that deadline is extended to the next business day, per [s. 990.001\(4\), Wis. Stats.](#)

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