Public Hearing on Proposed SFY25 Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans



January 10, 2024

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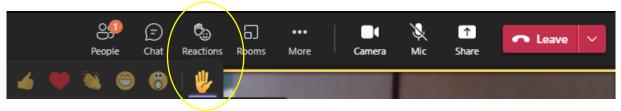


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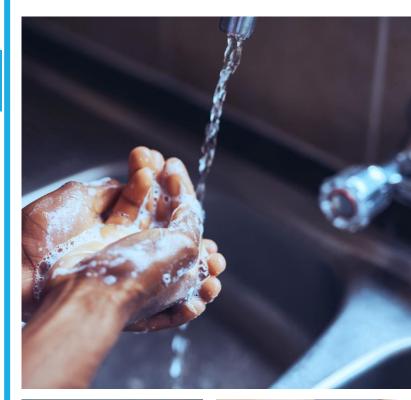
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Submitting Written Comments

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Written comments will be accepted until the close of business on Wednesday January 31, 2024.





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Proposed SFY 2025 SRF Programs

SFY25 CWSR and DWSRF IUPs Highlights

✓ The proposed SFY25 CW and DW ranking systems are identical to those finalized in SFY24.

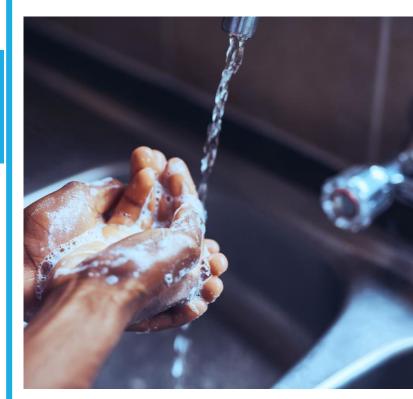
 \checkmark \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for CWSRF and \$5 million in ARPA funds for DWSRF are projected to be carried over from SFY24 to be used in SFY25 for principal forgiveness loans. SFY25 includes an **additional \$10 million ARPA allocation for CWSRF Stormwater Resilience.**

 \checkmark The Water Bank Program has expanded **technical assistance programs** designed to deploy early engineering and engagement assistance to disadvantaged communities which would help them refine their water infrastructure needs, facilitate communications within their communities, and navigate the Water Bank application process.

✓ CWSRF and DWSRF have **doubled most financing package caps** and have added **Affordability Tiers** providing more principal forgiveness to Sponsors with an Affordability Score of 65 and under.

 \checkmark CWSRF and DWSRF have added an **Enhanced Base package** with a better DEP loan share for Sponsors with an Affordability Score under 100.

✓ CWSRF and DWSRF **Affordability Criteria developed in for SFY24** will continue to be used in SFY25.





SFY 2025 Clean Water SRF Funding Packages & PF



Clean Water Funding Packages	PF Share	PF Cap per Applicant	Projected PF Available	DEP Share (Loan w/ PF)	I-Bank Share
CSO LTCP ARPA Projects 1	80%	No Cap	\$2M	90%	10%
CSO Abatement	50%	\$5M	\$30M5	75%	25%
CSO Abatement/ Affordability Criteria	100%3	\$7M-\$8M4	\$50M₅	75% Min	25% Max
Water Quality Restoration	50%	\$2.5M	\$10M	75%	25%
Affordability Criteria	100%3	\$2M - \$3M4	\$48M	75% Min	25% Max
Energy and Water Efficiency Projects	50%	\$2M	\$20M	75%	25%
Overflow and Stormwater Grant (OSG) CW SRF PF Loans 2	20%	\$0.4M	\$2M	20%	-
Stormwater Resilience	80%	No Cap	\$10M	90% Min	10% Max
Emerging Contaminants	100%3	\$10M	\$18 M	75% Min	25% Max
Base CWSRF	-	-	-	50%	50%
Enhanced Base CWSRF	-	-	-	75%	25%
Brownfield Redevelopment (Conduit/PPP)	-	-	-	25%	75%

- When CSO LTCP ARPA principal forgiveness funds are exhausted, applicants may access financing available under other applicable CWSRF principal forgiveness and funding categories
- 2. OSG CW SRF PF Loans will be awarded to CWSRF projects that receive an Overflow and Stormwater Grant (OSG). The OSG will cover 80% of the project costs (project costs capped at \$2 million) and the OSG CW SRF PF Loan will cover 20% of the project costs. Disadvantaged Communities are eligible to receive OSG grant funding for up to 100% of eligible project costs. Costs in excess of \$2 million may be eligible for funding and PF under the CSO Abatement or CSO Abatement/Affordability Criteria categories.
- 3. The first \$7-\$8 million of CSO Abatement/Affordability projects, the first \$2-\$3 million of Affordability Criteria projects, and the first \$2 million of Emerging Contaminants project will receive 100% principal forgiveness to the extent principal forgiveness funds are available.
- 4. PF Caps for Affordability and CSO Abatement Affordability are tiered by Affordability Score.
- 5. \$5M set aside for CSO Green Infrastructure Projects

SFY 2025 Drinking Water SRF Funding Packages & PF

Drinking Water Funding Packages	PF Share	PF Cap per Applicant	Projected PF Available*	DEP Share (Loan + PF)	I-Bank Share
Base DWSRF- Public	-	-	-	50%	50%
Base DWSRF- Investor- Owned	-	-	-	50%	50%
Enhanced Base DWSRF (AC Score 100 or less)	-	-	-	75%	25%
Lead Service Line Replacement w/ no PF		-	-	80%	20%
Emerging Contaminants w/ no PF	-	-	-	75%	25%
High Rank Affordability Projects	100%	\$2-\$3M1	\$20M	75% Min	25% Max
Nano (serving 10,000 customers or less)	50%	\$1M	\$7M	75% Min	25% Max
Very Small Water Systems (serving 1,000 or less)	100%	No cap	\$6M	-	-
Lead Service Line Replacement	50%	\$10-\$16M1	\$92M	75-90% Min	25-10% Max
Emerging Contaminants (including PFAS)	100%	\$2M	\$34M	75% Min	25% Max

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PF Caps for High Rank
 Affordability and Lead Service Line
 Replacement are tiered by
 Affordability Score.

* Any principal forgiveness available under the BIL funds carried over from SFY24 will be used in the same categories for SFY25 and estimated carried over amounts are included in the totals noted in the chart above.



Project Cap Increases from \$10 Million to \$20 Million!

SFY 2025 DW Packages

Base DWSRF- Public	-
Enhanced Base Public (AC Score 100 or less)	\$10→\$20M
Base DWSRF- Investor-Owned	-
High Rank Affordability Projects (AC 1) & (AC2)	\$10→\$20M
Nano (serving 10,000 customers or less)	\$1→\$2M
Very Small Water Systems (serving 1,000 or less)	Cap removed
Lead Service Line Replacement (AC 1), (AC2) & w/o PF	\$10→\$20M
Emerging Contaminants (including PFAS) w/ & w/o PF	\$10→\$20M
Climate Change/ Resilience or Projects to comply with Multiple MCLs (ARPA)	\$25M

Base CWSRF	-
Enhanced Base CWSRF (AC Score 100 or less)	\$10→\$20M
Brownfield Redevelopment (Conduit/PPP)	-
CSO LTCP ARPA Projects	-
Stormwater ARPA Projects	-
CSO Abatement	\$10→\$20M
CSO Abatement/ Affordability Criteria (AC 1) & (AC2)	\$10→\$20M
Water Quality Restoration	\$10→\$20M
Affordability Criteria (AC 1) & (AC2)	\$10→\$20M
Energy and Water Efficiency Projects	\$10→\$20M
Overflow and Stormwater Grant (OSG) CW SRF PF Loans	\$1→\$2M
Emerging Contaminants	\$10→\$20M

Enhanced Packages for Disadvantaged Communities

- Tiered packages give more PF to the most disadvantaged
 - AC2= DAC w/AC Score above 65 to 80
 - 72 Municipalities
 - AC1= DAC w/ AC Score 65 or below
 - 55 Municipalities

SFY 2024 Base Packages	PF Cap	PF %	SFY 2025 Base	Packages PF Cap	PF %
DW High Rank Affordability	\$2M	100%	→ DW High Rank Affor	rdability (AC2) \$2M	100%
			► DW High Rank Affor	rdability (AC1) \$3M	100%
DW Lead Service Line Replacement	\$5M	50%	\rightarrow DW Lead Service Li	ne Replacement (AC2) \$10M	50%
			DW Lead Service Lir	ne Replacement (AC1) \$16M	80%
CW Affordability Criteria	\$2M	100%	→ CW Affordability Cr	iteria (AC2) \$2M	100%
			► CW Affordability Cri	iteria (AC1) \$3M	100%
CW CSO Affordability	\$5M	100%	→ CW CSO Affordabili	ity (AC2) \$7M	100%
			+ CW CSO Affordabil	lity (AC 1) \$8M	100%

Increased DEP Loan Share & Enhanced Base Packages

- For packages without principal forgiveness (PF)
- Better packages for sponsors with AC Score 100 and under
 - 126 Municipalities with AC Score between 81 and 100
- Better packages for high priority projects (LSLR and Emerging Contaminants)

SFY 2024 Base Packages	DEP/ I- Bank		SFY 2025 Base Packages	DEP/ I- Bank
Base CWSRF	50/50	\rightarrow	Base CWSRF	50/50
		+	Enhanced Base CWSRF (AC Score 100 or less)	75/25
Base DWSRF- Public	50/50	\rightarrow	Base DWSRF- Public	50/50
		+	Enhanced Base Public (AC Score 100 or less)	75/25
		+	Lead Service Line Replacement (non-DAC)	80/20
		+	Emerging Contaminants (exhausted PF)	75/25
Base DWSRF- Investor-Owned	25/75	\rightarrow	Base DWSRF- Investor-Owned	50/50

Water Infrastructure Investment Plan



Technical Assistance

<u>https://dep.nj.gov/wiip/nwb</u> <u>-process/technical-</u> <u>assistance-info/</u>



New **Planning and Design Loan principal forgiveness** (\$40 million total) for sponsors participating in the DW and CW Technical Assistance Programs. 100% Principal Forgiveness

\$2 Million Cap per Project

Capital Improvement Project Expected within 5 Years

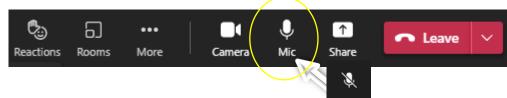
Guaranteed funds for capital improvement

projects (\$40 million total) for sponsors participating in the DW and CW Technical Assistance Programs.

\$2 Million Cap per Project or

Best Available IUP Package at the Time of Construction Contract Certification

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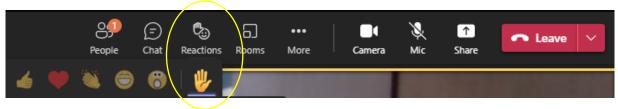


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IUP Timeline



Conduct public hearing, collect comments on IUPs.



January 31, 2024

30-day comment period ends



Mid-March 2024

Publish Final IUPs and Response to Comments







Thank you!

Water Resources Management