

MEMORANDUM

TO: Potential Loan Recipients and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program
Division of Municipal Facilities
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

RE: Request for Project Information - **DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

DATE: September 13, 2023

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program is soliciting information for projects needing financial assistance for construction in 2024 and later years. Wastewater treatment, sewer systems, water meter, water reuse, stormwater, and landfill projects are eligible. The program offers low-interest-rate loans for up to 30 years to assist political subdivisions in financing wastewater infrastructure needed to comply with the Clean Water Act and protect public health. The current interest rate is 1.5% with a 0.5% administration fee for an effective 2.0% interest rate.

The CWSRF Program is developing the 2024 Intended Use Plan (IUP), and a key component of the IUP is the project priority list. Only projects on this list can be considered for CWSRF loan assistance. It is our goal to extend CWSRF loan assistance to additional projects. To this end, we are seeking information about new and previously listed projects. The 2024 IUP will be used for funding allocated for the following appropriations:

- Base Capitalization Grant
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) General Supplemental
- BIL Emerging Contaminants

A questionnaire must be completed for:

1. Each new project not currently on the project priority list for which CWSRF assistance is desired.
2. Previously listed projects that do not yet have a CWSRF loan for which CWSRF assistance may still be desired.
3. Previously listed projects that have a CWSRF loan and will continue construction into 2024.

Completing the questionnaire does not commit you to undertaking a project or signing a CWSRF loan agreement.

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The current version of our questionnaire can be downloaded at: <https://deq.nd.gov/Forms/MF/CWSRFUpdateQuestionnaire.pdf>. Only one questionnaire must be submitted to be considered for all three funding sources. Please note that this questionnaire has recently been updated. Please use the most recent version to ensure that all projects are properly ranked. The deadline for returning completed questionnaires is **November 1, 2023**.

Please return completed questionnaires to ndsrf@nd.gov (email preferred) or:

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Previous appropriation rules have required that a percentage of the CWSRF capitalization grants be provided in the form of additional subsidies. The CWSRF Program will provide any required additional subsidies as loan forgiveness which will be allocated based on the priority rank of the project on the priority list. Total loan forgiveness allocated in 2024 will be limited to any mandatory additional subsidization required by the FY 2024 base capitalization grant and BIL grants. There is no guarantee that the project will rank high enough to be offered loan forgiveness or that the loan forgiveness will be the entire amount equal to the qualified percentage of the total project.

More information about the CWSRF Program will be provided at a public hearing on January 17, 2024. Consulting engineers and city officials are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact the CWSRF Program at 701-328-5211. Additional information may be obtained from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Municipal Facilities home page at <https://deq.nd.gov/MF/>.

The Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibilities can be opened at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-07/documents/overview_of_cwsrf_eligibilities_may_2016.pdf