
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 DECEMBER 10, 2021**

DATE: October 1, 2021

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program is soliciting information for projects needing financial assistance for construction in 2022 and later years. Wastewater treatment, interceptor sewer, collector sewer, stormwater and nonpoint (including 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 currently developing the 2022 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.

Completing the questionnaire in no way commits you to undertaking a wastewater project or signing a CWSRF loan agreement.

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.

The deadline for returning completed questionnaires is **December 10, 2021**. Questionnaires received after this date will **NOT** be considered in developing the 2022 IUP.

The current version of our questionnaire can be downloaded at
<https://deq.nd.gov/Forms/MF/CWSRFUpdateQuestionnaire.pdf>

Please return completed questionnaires to ndsrf@nd.gov or:

CWSRF Program
Division of Municipal Facilities
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503-1324

It is anticipated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will continue the following requirements for the CWSRF Program in 2022:

1. At least 10% of the federal capitalization funds must be used for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities. These four categories of projects are components of what is referred to as the Green Project Reserve (GPR). It is important that each project be thoroughly evaluated for opportunities to incorporate GPR components into the proposed improvements. Additional information concerning GPR requirements can be found using the links below:
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve-crosswalk-table.pdf
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve_eligibility_guidance.pdf
2. Ten percent of the federal capitalization funds must be used to provide additional subsidy to eligible recipients. The CWSRF Program will provide additional subsidization in the form of loan forgiveness which will be based on the CWSRF-financed portion of a project. Projected user charges and annual median household income for the project area will be used to determine which projects receive loan forgiveness and the percentage of the loan that is forgiven.

More information about the CWSRF Program will be provided at a public hearing on January 5, 2022. Consulting engineers and city officials working with SRF projects are invited to attend.

The CWSRF Program looks forward to your response and the opportunity to assist you. 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/>.