

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Department of Agriculture and Markets
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Albany, New York 12235

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND INDIVIDUALS

Food and Agriculture Industry Development Program

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2004 for matching fund assistance under the Food and Agriculture Industry Development Program. Such funds are intended to support proposals that would implement innovative and low risk approaches to the research, development, production, processing, and distribution of food and agricultural products which capitalize on the State's unique resources and strategic location near significant markets. Eligible applicants include public and private agencies and organizations, business and industry, educational institutions, local governments, and individuals. Proposals involving new product development; alternative production, processing, distribution and marketing methods or technologies; the introduction of high technologies; or organizational methods that further the development of the food and agricultural industry in New York State are eligible for funding. For the purposes of this program, food and agriculture industry projects shall include those involving farm woodland or freshwater aquatic products produced in either natural or man-made water bodies or controlled structures. Projects for which funding is sought should have a timeframe for completion of approximately one year or less. The maximum award to any one applicant shall not exceed \$60,000. Grant recipients must match awards made under this program with at least equal amounts of cash, in-kind services, or other resources including, subject to limitations, indirect and overhead costs.

Availability of funding for this program is contingent upon legislative approval of the 2004-2005 Budget, which includes an appropriation for this purpose.

For an application, contact: Meg McCabe at the above address or call (518) 457-2195; meg.mccabe@agmkt.state.ny.us, or visit the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us

Education Department
Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Technology
Room 320 EB
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES), AND CONSORTIA THEREOF

Learning Technology Grant Program

It is anticipated that grant funding in the amount of \$3.29 million will be available to support the development and implementation of collaborative learning technology projects to improve teaching and learning. Students attending nonpublic schools can benefit from

partnership between the public and nonpublic schools pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Education.

Applications for funding may be obtained at: www.emsc.nysed.gov under FYI and Funding Opportunities. For additional information, contact Connie Centrello at (518) 474-5922 or at emscltg@mail.nysed.gov

Environmental Facilities Corporation
Division of Engineering & Program Management
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207-2997
and
Department of Health
Bureau of Water Supply Protection
547 River Street, Flanigan Square, Room 400
Troy, New York 12180

MUNICIPAL RECIPIENTS; OWNERS/OPERATORS OF PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS; NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAND TRUST ORGANIZATIONS

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Water Pollution Control; Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Draft 2005 Intended Use Plans (IUPs)
Public Meeting and Hearing; Comments; Applications

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Department of Health (DOH) are pleased to announce the availability of the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The IUPs include lists of projects that could receive low interest financing between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005, the next IUP financing period.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

CWSRF - Types of municipal point source and nonpoint source water pollution control projects eligible for CWSRF low interest financing include: sanitary sewers; wastewater treatment plants and pumping facilities; combined sewer overflow abatement facilities; security measures for wastewater treatment plants and sewer systems; water supply filter backwash and sludge handling facilities; landfill closure or capping projects; landfill leachate collection, storage and treatment facilities; landfill gas collection and control facilities; aircraft deicing fluid collection, storage and treatment facilities; storage facilities for highway deicing materials; leaking underground storage tank closure and remediation; stormwater pollution abatement facilities; stormwater management facilities; Brownfields remediation; and other municipally-owned projects or portions of projects that maintain, protect or improve water quality. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations may apply for CWSRF financing for the acquisition of land to (1) protect water quality under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act or (2) to implement an approved National Estuary Plan under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act.

DWSRF - Types of drinking water systems eligible for DWSRF financing are: municipal and privately-owned community water systems, and non-profit, non-community water systems. Projects eligible for DWSRF low interest financing and financial hardship assistance include: construction and rehabilitation of water treatment plants; transmission and distribution mains; storage facilities; pump stations; interconnections; new drinking water sources; consolidation of water supplies; and upgrades to existing water systems.

INTENDED USE PLANS & PROJECT LISTING:

Projects must be included on the Project Priority Lists (PPLs) in the IUPs to receive State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing. Municipalities, not-for-profit organizations or public water supply systems interested in financing one or more projects not currently listed in the draft CWSRF IUP or draft DWSRF IUP should submit the appropriate IUP project listing information before Friday, August 13, 2004 to the DOH for DWSRF projects and before Friday, August 13, 2004 to the EFC for CWSRF projects. For assistance with the IUP listing process, please call the EFC or DOH office listed at the end of this notice.

For CWSRF projects, a municipality must provide an approvable engineering report or technical report to be listed for a long-term financing of point source or nonpoint source projects in the Annual List of the CWSRF IUP or to submit an application for any type of CWSRF financing. For listing a land acquisition project, a municipality or not-for-profit organization must provide an acceptable "land acquisition plan". CWSRF projects will be financed to the extent that sufficient funds are available for long-term and short-term financing for the effective period of the CWSRF IUP.

For DWSRF projects, an applicant must have submitted an engineering report or plans and specifications to the DOH by August 13, 2004, or have completed construction, to be included on the Project Readiness List in the final DWSRF IUP. DWSRF projects will be financed to the extent that sufficient funds are available for the effective period of the DWSRF IUP.

The draft FFY 2005 IUPs will be mailed to certain municipal officials, system owners, financial advisors, consulting firms, not-for-profit land trust organizations and other interested parties. Copies of the draft IUPs will be available at New York State Documents Depository Libraries. The CWSRF IUP will also be available on the EFC "web page" at www.nysefc.org (select "Clean Water" or "What's New"). The DWSRF IUP will also be available on the DOH "web page" at www.health.state.ny.us (select "Information for Consumers"; "Environmental and Occupational Health"; "Drinking Water").

DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS:

Written statements or comments on the draft IUPs can be filed prior to the July 22, 2004 public meeting and hearing, at the hearing, and after the hearing until the end of the comment periods. Written and oral statements will be made part of the official records. Written statements or comments on the draft IUPs should be filed with the following programs by close of business on the dates as indicated below:

CWSRF Program:

Submit comments by: Friday, August 13, 2004

Submit comments to: Mr. Robert Davis, PE
 Director, Division of Engineering & Program Management
 New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
 625 Broadway
 Albany, New York 12207-2997
 FAX: (518) 402-7456

DWSRF Program:

Submit comments by: Friday, August 13, 2004

Submit comments to: Mr. Michael Burke, PE
 Director, Bureau of Water Supply Protection
 New York State Department of Health
 547 River Street, Flanigan Square, Room 400
 Troy, New York 12180
 FAX: (518) 402-7659

PUBLIC MEETING & HEARING:

A joint public meeting and hearing will be held to review the draft FFY 2005 CWSRF IUP and DWSRF IUP. The date, time and location of the public meeting and hearing is provided below. Pre-registration is not required. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for disabled persons if requested in advance.

DATE	CITY/COUNTY	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday July 22, 2004	City of Albany Albany County	1:00 PM	William K. Sanford Town Library The Stedman Room 629 Albany Shaker Road (Exit 4 off I-87) (1/4 mile east on Albany-Shaker Road) Albany, NY (518) 458- 9274

APPLICATION PACKAGES & DUE DATES:

Copies of the FFY 2005 CWSRF and DWSRF Application Packages will be mailed to applicants with projects on the draft 2005 CWSRF or DWSRF IUPs that may be ready for financing during this IUP financing period (October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005). Copies of the application packages will also be available at the public meeting and hearing. For a copy of the FFY 2005 CWSRF or DWSRF Application Package, please call the EFC office listed at the end of this notice or refer to the web page.

The CWSRF and DWSRF Application Packages can be used to apply for both short-term and long-term financing. Short-term loans can finance project design and construction start-up costs until the short-term financing can be rolled over into a long-term financing. Multiple projects can be financed with one long-term financing if the projects are ready in the same IUP financing period and are fundable on the PPL. The CWSRF and DWSRF can also be used to pre-finance or co-fund projects that anticipate receiving total or partial project financing from grant reimbursement programs, loans and other sources. There is a separate DWSRF Application Package to be used by privately-owned water systems when applying for DWSRF financing. There is also a separate application package to be used by not-for-profit organizations applying for CWSRF financing of land acquisition projects.

Applications for CWSRF and DWSRF financing are accepted on a continuous basis. Complete applications for the Winter Pool long-term leveraged financings must be submitted by October 1, 2004 for the CWSRF program and by October 1, 2004 for the DWSRF program, with closing targeted for early March 2005. Complete applications for the Summer Pool long-term leveraged financings must be submitted by March 1, 2005 for both SRF programs, with closing targeted for late July 2005. Complete applications for CWSRF direct long-term financing and short-term financing for projects on the Annual PPL must be submitted before March 1, 2005. Complete applications for DWSRF non-hardship direct long-term financing or short-term financing must be submitted before May 2, 2005 for financing in this IUP period. Applicants who have received a DWSRF confirmation letter regarding a hardship determination on their project should submit the application package prior to the date indicated in their confirmation letter.

CWSRF short-term financing will be available for up to one-half the IUP amount for only those projects on the Annual PPL (long-term reserve allocation) and that meet all applicable application requirements.

Some applicants constructing sewage treatment projects serving residential areas may qualify for reduced interest or interest-free direct long-term financing based on submittal of a CWSRF hardship application and a subsequent determination of financial hardship. Recipients of CWSRF hardship confirmation letters will not be subject to the one-half IUP Annual PPL limitation.

DWSRF short-term financing will be available for projects on the IUP Project Readiness List that have a project priority score placing the project above the funding line on the IUP and that meet all applicable application requirements. DWSRF short-term financing is limited to an amount not to exceed one-third of the project's IUP amount, including a short-term administration fee, as set forth in the final IUP Project Readiness List. Recipients of DWSRF hardship confirmation letters will not be subject to the one-third IUP cost limitation or the administration fee. Some eligible disadvantaged communities may apply for DWSRF Additional Financing Subsidies (Grants) beyond the interest-free rate. DWSRF Financial Hardship Application Forms will be accepted by DOH and EFC on a continuous basis during the 2005 IUP period. However, Hardship Application Forms received after December 1, 2004 will be considered for a loan only financial hardship assistance package during the current IUP period.

EFC & DOH CONTACTS:

For a copy of the draft FFY 2005 IUP, assistance with the IUP listing process, or for information on these SRF programs, please contact:

CWSRF: Mr. David Morseman
 Program Services Representative III
 Division of Engineering & Program Management
 New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
 625 Broadway
 Albany, New York 12207-2997
 (800) 882-9721 (within NYS only) or (518) 402-7433
 FAX: (518) 402-7456
 EFC web site: www.nysefc.org

DWSRF: Mr. Charles Amento
 Bureau of Water Supply Protection
 New York State Department of Health
 547 River Street, Flanigan Square, Room 400
 Troy, New York 12180
 (800) 458-1158 ext. 27650 (within NYS only) or
 (518) 402-7650
 FAX: (518) 402-7689

LISTING FORMS & APPLICATION PACKAGES:

For a copy of the CWSRF Project Listing Form, the DWSRF Pre-Application Form, the CWSRF or DWSRF Application Package, or the CWSRF or DWSRF Financial Hardship Application, please contact: Mr. Morseman at the above EFC address or phone number.

