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DPH Drinking Water State Revolving Fund SFY 2025 Second Call for Questions 04/02/2024 – 04/12/2024

The questions below constitute all the questions received during the Second Call for Questions. The questions and answers for the Second Call for Questions will be published on 04/19/2024.

1. When can I expect a confirmation that my application was received?

Answer: Applicants will receive a confirmation email within 1-2 days after submission.

2. While in the question period, we want to make sure the application was filled out correctly. Could someone please review and let us know if any adjustments need to be made?

Answer: All applications received by the April 26, 2024; deadline will be reviewed by DPH. Applicants should expect to be notified whether their application is complete or incomplete within 2 weeks after the Call for Project has closed. Applicants will have an opportunity to provide information for minor corrections needed such as missing signature, missing UEI number, or other information which can be provided promptly within forty-eight (48) hours. Applications with a significant amount of information missing will be notified and deferred for secondary review. Applicants should review the applications and instructions carefully before they are submitted to ensure they are complete.

3. We are also interested in reviewing the webinar from March 13th, 2024 "DPH Drinking Water Section's DWSRF Webinar for small community and non-profit non-community PWS on Intended Use Plan, ranking system, formal process for submitting questions and various loan opportunities for eligible public water systems", would we be able to get a link to the recording or slides from this webinar?

Answer: The webinars held on March 12th and March 13th were recorded. Both the webinars and the slide decks are linked on the <u>DWSRF website</u> home page. They can also be accessed through the following links:

- Large Water Systems Webinar Recording
 - CT DWSRF Large Water Systems Presentation (Slide Deck)
- Small Water Systems Webinar Recording



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4. I am looking to see if our application was accepted for its completeness and if it will be added to the projects priorities list in the coming year. I understand that incomplete applications will not be accepted, so I want to ensure that it has been received satisfactorily.

Answer: Regarding application completeness, please see the answer to Question 2 above. Regarding the project priority lists, our process begins with the drafting of the Intended Use Plan (IUP). Once all applications have been reviewed and ranked, the DPH will prepare the Draft IUP for SFY 2025 which will include the Draft Project Priority Lists (PPLs) for our base DWSRF funding and Draft PLLs for Lead Service Line funding and Emerging Contaminant funding. The Draft IUP will be published on DPH's DWSRF website and all applicants will be notified by email of its availability for a 30-day public review and comment period. Please review the Draft IUP and the Draft PPLs during this time to see how your project ranked on one or more of these PPLs. All applicants will have the opportunity to provide comments to DPH on the Draft IUP during this comment period. All stakeholders will be notified where to send those comments at the time of publishing. Additionally, the comment period will be immediately followed by a public hearing where anyone can attend and provide oral testimony on the Draft IUP. Notification of the date of the public hearing along with registration information will be provided at the time the Draft IUP is published. DPH is required to review and consider all comments and testimony prior to finalizing the IUP and accompanying PLLs.

5. Our Town submitted a DWSRF application on March 11, 2024. Will this application be reviewed by someone at DPH prior to the April 26th closing so that we can be notified if there is anything problematic or missing within our application? If yes, who will be contacting the Town and when would we receive that communication by? If not, how can we be sure that we have completed all of the necessary information accurately?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question 2 on the previous page.

6. I submitted the eligibility application, but I wondered if I would receive feedback on it or not. I am hopeful that I submitted the necessary information and hoped for any feedback.

Answer: Please see the answer to Question 2 on the previous page.