

Memorandum

To: Chief Elected Official, Water Pollution Control Authority, Superintendent, Consulting Engineer, and Regional Planning Organization

From: Nisha Patel, P.E., Director, Water Planning and Management Division 

Date: April 14, 2023

Re: Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025
Clean Water Fund Priority List

The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is preparing the Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2024 and FY 2025 (7/1/23 – 6/30/25) and is requesting that you provide us with information on any planning, design, or construction project(s) you intend to start between the time period listed above.

Through the Clean Water Fund, DEEP is able to provide grants and low-interest loans for infrastructure projects to meet clean water needs such as addressing combined sewer overflows, nutrient pollution, wastewater collection infrastructure needs, and projects using green infrastructure and addressing resiliency. For FY24 and FY25, DEEP will be able to provide municipalities with additional funding opportunities resulting from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). BIL implementation will prioritize clean water projects in distressed communities (as defined by [DECD](#)) and projects seeking to address combined and sanitary sewer overflow (CSO/SSO) removal. If such project types are do not completely utilize all funds, then we may be able to fund additional projects identified in the Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Some updates to the Priority List Request form have been made for the FY24/25 requests. The Planning, Design, and Construction sections have been modified to include information needed to determine eligibility and timeliness of projects for the relevant state fiscal years. A new section has been added to the form on page 3 titled "**Green Components**". The purpose of this section is to promote use by municipalities of a dedicated reserve category funds and meet EPA requirements for green project/component funding. Municipalities must identify key components within their projects that will either provide a reduction in energy consumption or install various types of green infrastructure. For example, if a project can show a reduction of 20% or more in energy consumption through the various components listed, those components may be eligible for funding through the supplemental monies for green infrastructure. Refer to Column 212 of EPA's Green Crosswalk table¹ for additional information on green components.

Please be aware that your municipality **MUST** complete a Project Request Form for **ALL NEW AND EXISTING** projects for which you may seek funding. **DO NOT ASSUME** that if your project has been included on a previous Priority List, that it will be included in the evaluation for FY2024 and FY2025. **Please fill out the attached form and submit it by Friday, May 19, 2023.**

How to Contact Us:

The attached form and any additional information should be submitted to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov or via mail to Municipal Wastewater, WPLR/WPMD, CT DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. Any questions pertaining to the form can be submitted to Karriem Kazu Folger via email at karriem.folger@ct.gov or via telephone at (860) 424-3742. If submitted electronically, paper copies via mail are not necessary.

¹ https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve-crosswalk-table.pdf.