DWS Circular Letter #2016-22

TO: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Applicants (Large Municipal Public Water Systems)

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

DATE: July 15, 2016

RE: Request for DWSRF Capital Budget Information for SFY 2018 and 2019

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is currently planning our funding needs for State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 2018 and 2019. These needs will be used to prepare our biennial state capital budget request and will be based on the anticipated needs of public water systems in those years for loan financing of drinking water infrastructure projects. In order to accomplish this, it is essential that we obtain information on your needs for DWSRF financing during these two SFYs.

It is not necessary to provide detailed project information at this time. It is requested that you review your capital improvement plans and select eligible DWSRF projects that you intend to submit DWSRF Eligibility Applications for during our next Call for Projects in the Fall of 2016. All that is needed at this time are the following. A spreadsheet is attached that for your convenience that you may choose to use.

- the name of each project (Example: Main Street Water Main Replacement)
- the town(s) in which each project will be undertaken
- the estimated project cost
- State Fiscal Year that the project will be expected to need DWSRF funding– SFY 2018 (July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018) SFY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

You are encouraged to review the DWSRF Priority Ranking System to determine the projects that may have the greatest likelihood of receiving funding based on our priority point system. You are also encouraged to consider applying for funding only for the construction phase of your project(s). DPH will need to consider the readiness of each project we receive applications for. Projects that are (or will be) fully designed and ready to proceed to construction prior to the beginning of each fiscal year have a significantly greater likelihood of being prioritized. The criteria used by the DPH to determine readiness is provided in the DWSRF Priority Ranking System.
Please provide the requested information no later than August 5, 2016. For your convenience, this information may be emailed to the DWSRF mailbox at DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov. Please e-mail the information under the header “CAPITAL BUDGET INFORMATION”. If you prefer, they may be mailed to the following address:

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The information that you provide will be used for budget preparation purposes only and shall not be considered a commitment on your behalf to apply for DWSRF funding for those projects. The DPH recognizes that circumstances may change prior to our next Call for Projects and you may submit different or additional projects for funding consideration at that time.

Staff from the DWSRF Program would be glad to meet with you or your staff at your convenience to discuss your upcoming projects and funding needs. I thank you in advance for your very important contribution to this effort. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting, do not hesitate to contact Cameron Walden or Sara Ramsbottom at (860) 509-7333.

Encl: Spreadsheet - Capital Improvement Project Information Request for SFY2018 and 2019