



## CALL FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROJECTS NOTICE

### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM

**STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019: July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019**

**ELIGIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS INCLUDE:**

**COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS &  
NON-PROFIT NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**

Do you have drinking water projects that will need funding during State Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)? Your project may be eligible for a low-interest loan through the Connecticut Department of Public Health's (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. Interest rates of these loans are at half of the market rate and borrowers have up to 20 years to repay them after their project is completed. These highly competitive terms make the DWSRF a very attractive financing option for Public Water Systems (PWSs).

The DPH may subsidize eligible projects to the extent allowed by Federal and/or State law. The amounts of subsidy will be determined annually and detailed in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP). A DWSRF loan must be executed in order to receive the subsidy. There is no penalty for early repayment of the loan.

The DWSRF is intended to be used only for improvements to existing infrastructure. The DWSRF cannot be used to finance water system expansion projects unless those projects are necessary to resolve documented public health problems. Examples of eligible drinking water projects are provided on the DWSRF website. A project must first be deemed eligible for funding and ready to proceed before the DPH can provide any offer of financing. To begin the eligibility review process, please visit our website at: [www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf) and complete a DWSRF Eligibility Application for each project you wish to finance. DPH must receive all applications no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 30, 2018 if you wish to have your project considered for inclusion on DPH's SFY 2019 Project Priority List (PPL). Please refer to DPH Circular Letter 2018-03 regarding applications submitted after the deadline. If your project is eligible for funding, it will be ranked according to the DPH's Priority Ranking System. The DPH will then prepare the PPL detailing the projects that are anticipated to receive the available funding for SFY 2019 based on their ranking and their readiness to proceed. Please provide as much detail as possible about your project when completing your eligibility application. If your project qualifies for funding you will be requested to complete a Financial Assistance Application at the appropriate time.

**Emergency Power Generator Program:** The DWSRF will continue to offer a program to provide subsidized loans for the purchase and/or installation of emergency power generators to operate critical drinking water infrastructure during power outages. PWSs that need to install generator systems to comply with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) Section 19-13-B102(w) may benefit significantly from this program.

A streamlined DWSRF Emergency Power Generator Program Eligibility Application is available online to apply for generator projects costing less than \$100,000. Small systems in need of emergency power to operate their water systems during prolonged power outages are strongly encouraged to apply. Generator projects valued at over \$100,000 must complete the more detailed DWSRF Eligibility Application mentioned previously. The deadline for filing these applications with DPH is also no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 30, 2018.

For more information or to request assistance, please contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Section at (860) 509-7333 and ask for a DWSRF Program representative.

**As part of the DWS's efforts to reduce the use of paper, an electronic copy of the application(s) with digital signature along with all associated documentation is required and may be sent via email to [DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov) or on a USB flash drive or CD to:**

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