



**CALL FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER
PROJECTS NOTICE**
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020
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 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)? Your projects 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 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 29, 2019 if you wish to have your project considered for inclusion on DPH's SFY 2020 Project Priority List (PPL). 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 2020 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. Please refer to the Section C. of the [Priority Ranking System](#) regarding applications submitted after the deadline.

Emergency Power Generator Program (EPGP): 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 29, 2019.

Small Loan Program: The DWSRF developed this new program in 2019 to offer small public water systems loans to replace drinking water equipment or install new equipment such as pumps and water treatment. Similar to the EPGP, this program includes streamlined DWSRF requirements to make it easier for small systems to obtain a loan under \$100,000 without the need to hire an attorney or engineering consultant. These loans are only available for non-construction projects that do not require building additions, new facilities to be built or site work. A DWSRF webpage for this program will be available shortly which will include more information as well as downloadable applications and forms. Attached is a Small Loan Program Eligibility Application that may be used to apply for a loan under this program until the website is available.

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 or on a USB flash drive or CD to:

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