# CALL FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROJECTS NOTICE

## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM

**STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022: July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022**

***ELIGIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS INCLUDE:***

***COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS &***

***NON-PROFIT NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS***

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The DPH is anticipating that a federal infrastructure stimulus bill may be approved at some point during 2021 that includes funding for drinking water infrastructure through the State DWSRF programs. Further details will be released if and when available; however, this "Call for Projects" is anticipated to be the only opportunity to apply for funding. Please see Circular Letter 2021-07 for more information.

Do you have drinking water projects that will need funding during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022? Your projects may be eligible for a low-interest loan through the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. Interest rates of these loans are set at half of the market rate and borrowers have up to 20 years to repay them after their project is completed. The DPH may subsidize eligible projects to the extent allowed by Federal and/or State law. The amounts of subsidy are determined annually and detailed in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP). A DWSRF loan must be executed in order to receive the subsidy. These highly competitive terms make the DWSRF a very attractive financing option for Public Water Systems (PWSs).

The DWSRF is intended to be used to finance improvements to existing drinking water 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. The two programs listed below were developed to make it easier for small PWSs to obtain loans less than $100,000 without the need to hire an attorney or engineering consultant. Streamlined eligibility applications and requirements have been created for projects that qualify for funding under these programs.

**Emergency Power Generator Program (EPGP):** This program provides subsidized loans for the purchase and/or installation of emergency power generators to operate critical drinking water infrastructure during power outages. An EPGP Eligibility Application is available online to apply for generator projects costing less than $100,000. Please visit our EPGP webpage for more information on this program.

**Small Loan Program (SLP)** This program provides loans for the replacement or installation of drinking water equipment such as pumps and water treatment components. These loans are only available for projects that do not require construction activities such as building additions, new facilities to be built or site work. A SLP Eligibility Application is available online to apply for a qualifying small loan project. Please visit our SLP webpage for more information on this program.

**Deadline for Applications:** DPH must receive all applications **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 31, 2021** if you wish to have your project considered for inclusion on DPH's SFY 2022 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 2022 based on their ranking and readiness to proceed. Please provide as much detail as possible about your project when completing your application. If your project qualifies for funding, you will be requested to submit a completed Financial Assistance Application at the appropriate time. Please refer to the Section C. of the Priority Ranking System regarding applications submitted after the deadline.

For general information or to request assistance, please email the DWSRF Unit at DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov. We will respond to your request accordingly.

**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