



Hearing Report
April 24, 2024

Clean Water Fund
Financial Assistance Program
Municipal Water Pollution Control
Priority List, State Fiscal Years
2024 - 2025

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February 7, 2024

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I. Introduction

The award of financial assistance from the Clean Water Fund (CWF) to Municipalities for wastewater infrastructure is governed by Sections 22a-475 through 22a-483 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS); and Sections 22a-482-1 through 4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), otherwise known as “the CWF regulations.” In accordance with the CWF regulations, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP or the Department) shall prepare an ordered priority listing of projects for which funding assistance is available for each fiscal year. Since the State of Connecticut adopts a biennial budget, the Department is adopting a biennial Priority List for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) and Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) based upon previous fiscal year authorizations and the 2024 and 2025 capital budget authorizations. This priority listing is referred to as the CWF Priority List.

II. Administrative Requirements and Proceedings

A new email account, DEEP.CWF@ct.gov, was created for the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) and Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Clean Water Fund Priority List. This email account served as an outlet for Municipalities to submit their Call for Projects Forms and for the public to submit any questions or comments regarding the Priority List. An e-mail notification was sent to the public through DEEP’s Municipal Wastewater Campaign Monitor system on April 13, 2023 (Exhibit 1).

DEEP replaced the prior ListServe system with the Campaign Monitor system in the latter portion of 2021. Municipalities can join the DEEP Municipal Wastewater Updates Newsletter to receive notification of program updates, web postings, and other information regarding the Municipal Wastewater Program. To subscribe to the Campaign Monitor newsletter, Municipalities and the general public can navigate to the DEEP Municipal Wastewater website, select “DEEP Municipal Wastewater Updates Newsletter” at the bottom of the webpage, and then complete the subsequent form that appears.

A memo dated April 14, 2023, regarding a call for project requests for FY24 and FY25 was distributed through DEEP’s Campaign Monitor requesting towns submit a project request form to DEEP so that their projects can be considered for the Priority List. The memo included two attachments, the Project Request form and the Cross-Cutter Checklist required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), (Exhibit 2). These documents were distributed to the public through the Campaign Monitor on April 14, 2023 (Exhibit 3). They were also posted on the Department’s Municipal Wastewater Program’s webpage.

In conformance with the Federal Regulations governing the capitalization grant that the Department receives from the EPA and Section 22a-482-1(c)(4) of the RCSA, the Department issued a Notice of Public Hearing on December 21, 2023 (Exhibit 4).

The notice requested that members of the public register in advance to attend the hearing using the dedicated email address, DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by January 31, 2024. It also

requested notification of the intent to provide oral testimony during the hearing proceedings by the same email notification method and asked that written comments be received through the email by February 23, 2024.

Evidence of publication of the public notice for the public hearing was provided by Graystone Group Advertising. The notice of public hearing appeared in the Connecticut Post, Hartford Courant, New Haven Register, The New London Day, Stamford Advocate, and Waterbury Republican-American on January 2, 2024. The Graystone Group Advertising invoice dated January 31, 2024, included the affidavits of publication from each of the newspapers referenced above (Exhibit 5).

On January 2, 2024, the Department notified subscribers of the Municipal Wastewater Campaign Monitor of the availability of the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List and the Notice of Public Hearing (Exhibit 6). In addition, the Department placed the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List (Exhibit 7) and the Notice of Public Hearing (Exhibit 4) on the Department's Municipal Wastewater webpage.

On January 23, 2024, a reminder notice (Exhibit 8) was subsequently sent to subscribers through the Campaign Monitor informing members of the public that they must pre-register to attend the Public Hearing by sending a request to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by January 31, 2024.

The Connecticut Water Environment Association (CTWEA) also shared a reminder of the Notice of Public Hearing to its subscribers through their newsletter via email on February 7, 2024. Exhibit 9).

A public hearing was conducted on February 7, 2024 via ZOOM and was open to individuals that registered to attend the public hearing on the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List. The hearing began by introducing Stacy Pappano as the Hearing Officer and the DEEP staff who would be assisting with the virtual proceedings. The hearing procedures were outlined, the exhibits entered into the record and the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List was presented. Ivonne Hall, Assistant Director, presented information concerning the Federal and State funding sources. The Hearing Officer presented information regarding priority rating point system, the propose funding allocations for construction projects and for set-aside reserves.

The hearing was convened at 1:06 pm and was concluded at 1:44 pm. A total of thirty-seven (37) people attended the hearing which included twenty-four (24) Department staff. An attendance list taken from Zoom (Exhibit 11). Not all registrants from the public attended the public hearing. The PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit 10) used during the public hearing proceedings was requested by a member of the public through the ZOOM chat and was made available on the DEEP website as of February 14, 2024.

Prior to the hearing no one expressed an interest in providing oral testimony. At the end of the presentation of the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List the Hearing Officer opened the forum and asked if anyone wished to provide comments. One (1) individual identified

themselves and provided oral testimony. Their comments and DEEP’s response are summarized in Section III of the report.

At the public hearing, the public attendees were notified that the comment period for the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List would remain open until the close of business on February 23, 2024, and shall be submitted via e-mail to the Department at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov.

During the public comment period, four (4) letters were received from Municipalities interested in funding through the Clean Water Fund (Exhibits 12 - 15). The written comments and the Department’s response and recommendations are discussed in Section IV of the report.

Following the public hearing, all oral and written comments received in response to the public hearing and presented Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List were considered. A summary of recommendations is in Section V of this report.

There were no technical corrections made to the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List. Technical corrections are typographical errors or minor changes to the Priority List discovered after the draft had been distributed for public comment.

III. Oral Testimony, Comments and Responses

The following oral comments were received during the public hearing proceedings on February 7, 2024.

Bill Lucey, Save the Sound

Comment: “Thank you to the Department for increasing the set-aside for the green infrastructure component and the resiliency. When I started attending these hearings about six or seven years ago, I had to lobby to get two million for green infrastructure. It shows that the Department is taking the recent climate induced rainfall events seriously”.

Response:

The Department appreciates the continued support from Save the Sound. Climate Change and Resiliency initiatives are important for the Department.

IV. Written Testimony, Comments and Responses

The following comment was received during the Public Hearing proceedings on February 7, 2024.

Vincent Gabrielle, CT Insider
Public Hearing ZOOM chat

Comment: Will the PowerPoint presentation be made available?

Response: Nisha Patel, Director of the Water Planning & Management Division (WPMD) replied in the Zoom Chat, “yes” during the hearing proceedings. The Hearing Officer also mentioned at the closing of the hearing proceeding that all information would be posted on DEEP’s Municipal Wastewater webpage for further reference and review.

The PowerPoint presentation was made available to the public by posting it on DEEP’s Municipal Wastewater website on February 14, 2024.

The following written comments were received during the public notice comment period, which was open from January 2, 2024 until February 23, 2024.

**Douglas Brisee, P.E., Fuss & O’Neill, Inc. on Behalf of Town of Plainfield
Letter received on February 5, 2024**

Comment: Fuss & O’Neill provided comments on behalf of the Town of Plainfield. The Town of Plainfield has a \$4M resolution for two projects referenced in Table 3 FY24/25 Projects Requests, the “North Treatment Plant Generator Replacement Project” and “North Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier”. Fuss & O’Neill provided updated costs for both projects. The estimated project costs for the Generator Replacement are \$0.4M and the Secondary Clarifier is \$3.6 M.

Response: The Department will update the project costs for these projects on the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List.

**Amy Siebert, Chair, Ridgefield Water Pollution Control Authority
Letter received on February 6, 2024**

Comment: The Town of Ridgefield wrote in support of the inclusion of the Ridgefield Route 7 Force Main, Pump Station, and Wastewater Treatment Facility Decommissioning project on the DEEP Clean Water Fund FY24/25 Priority List.

Response: The Department appreciates the comments from the Town of Ridgefield and will continue to support Municipalities in their wastewater treatment efforts. No revisions to the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List are needed in response.

**Susan Negrelli, P.E., Director of Engineering, The Metropolitan District (MDC)
Letter received on February 21, 2024**

Comment: The MDC is requesting that its Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement Project, with an estimated construction cost of \$4.8M, be removed from the list. This project is now anticipated to be addressed in their 2028 LTCP/Integrated Plan Update. The MDC is also requesting to change the name of one of its projects titled: “CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor

Avenue, Branford Street.” This name should be replaced with: “Expedited CSO Sewer Separation Contracts (ROW)”, as it is consistent with terminology in the July 2023 Consent Order modification. Additionally, the cost should be revised from \$17M to \$28M. Lastly, The District has updated the project costs of the Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases) from \$15M to \$16M and the Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrade from \$22M to \$23M based on recent construction bidding costs and scope revisions.

Response:

The Department will update project nomenclature, project costs as indicated and will remove the requested project from the Fundable FY25 Projects for Construction on the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List.

**Vanessa Valadares, P.E., Chief of Operations and Public Works, City of Norwalk
Letter received on February 23, 2024**

Comment: The City of Norwalk respectfully requests that the Department reconsider the points allocated to Norwalk’s Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project and the Catch Basin Disconnection Program and recategorize both as fundable projects for the FY24 and FY25 Clean Water Fund Priority List in accordance with the State’s prioritization of combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement projects. The City further requests reconsideration of Norwalk’s eligibility for the Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects based on its status as a CSO community.

Response:

The reserve set-aside for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects is intended for communities to mitigate the potential of chronic street flooding and sewer back-ups on private property as a result of combined sewerage systems. The communities that have been identified in this reserve are Hartford, New Haven, Norwich and Bridgeport. Each of these communities has a documented list of CSO discharges that exist throughout the collection system and are identified in their NPDES permit; and each community maintains active Long-Term Control Plans and Consent Orders with the Department that identify projects to study and mitigate the CSOs identified throughout the collection system.

It is the Department’s understanding that the City of Norwalk does not have any combined sewers remaining in its collection system, and the one (1) CSO identified in its NPDES permit is the wet weather overflow at the Treatment Plant. The overflow at Hubbells Lane in Norwalk has not been verified as a CSO which is solely activated when it rains. The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project is not identified in Consent Order COWRMU22001 as a CSO nor is it identified in their NPDES discharge permit. Therefore, Norwalk does not meet the parameters for this reserve at the increased grant percentage. It is not recommended to add Norwalk to this reserve because they have no documented collection system CSOs in the current NPDES permit or Consent Order COWRMU22001.

V. Summary of Recommendations and Revisions

In response to the comment received by Fuss & O'Neill on behalf of the Town of Plainfield, the Department has updated the project costs for the Town of Plainfield's Generator Replacement Project and Secondary Clarifier Project shown in Table 3 – FY24/25 Project Requests on page 28. The Generator project was changed from \$4M to \$0.4M and the Secondary Clarifier Project was updated from \$0.6M to \$3.6M. These projects would have eligibility for funding under the set-aside reserves which are available on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, there is no change or impact to the proposed Fundable projects or allotments for this Priority List as a result of these adjustments.

In response to the comments received by The Metropolitan District, the Department has updated made the following modifications to the Draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List:

1. Updated the project cost of the Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases) to from \$15M to \$16M on the Fundable Projects: Category 1 list on page 11 and on Table 3 - FY24/25 Project Requests on page 25.
2. Changed on page 11 in the Fundable FY24 Projects: Construction list the project name from “CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor Avenue, Branford Street” to “Expedited CSO Sewer Separation Contracts (ROW)” and updated the associated project cost from \$17M to \$28M. Also made this project name and cost change on Table 3 - FY24/25 Project Requests on page 24.
3. Removed the Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement Project from Fundable FY25 Projects: Construction list on page 11 and from Table 3 - FY24/25 Project Requests on page 24.
4. Updated the project cost for the Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrade project from \$22M to \$23M on the Fundable FY25 Projects: Construction list on page 11 and in Table 3 - FY24/25 Project Requests on page 25.
5. Clarified on page 13 that the Reserve of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects is intended for I/I projects documented in a CSO Long-Term Control Plan to result in a reduction in CSO volume.

As a result of the updates received from MDC regarding their identified fundable projects, the total fundable amounts for the tables on pages 11 and 12 in the draft document were also updated to reflect these modifications. The Category 1 Fundable Projects was increased from \$309.5M to \$310.5M. The Fundable FY24 projects total increased from \$33.5M to \$44.5M. Lastly, the Fundable FY25 projects total decreased from \$136.1M to \$132.3M.

In summary, the comments received during the public hearing and public comment period did not have an impact on the overall funding allocations nor the priority rating system. There was one change to the identified fundable projects listed, which was a deletion at the request of the Municipality due to a change in scheduling priorities by the Municipality.

There were no recommended changes to the allocated set-aside reserves for the FY24 and FY25 Priority List. There were also no comments received pertaining to the priority ratings or priority points assigned to individual projects.

VI. Final Recommendation

I recommend that the Bureau Chief of Water Protection and Land Reuse adopt the Final Clean Water Fund FY24 and FY25 Priority List as presented in Appendix B.

April 24, 2024

Date



Stacy Pappano, Supervising Environmental Engineer
Municipal Wastewater Program

APPENDIX A

EXHIBITS

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Environmental Protection**

Municipal Wastewater Updates

New CWF E-Mail Launched

The Clean Water Fund (CWF) now has a dedicated email account;

DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

Please use this email account to send in the Priority List FY24/25 request form.

The call for projects will likely occur at the end of this week - watch for it!

DEEP.CWF@ct.gov can also be used for all CWF inquiries. We look forward to hearing from you!

SRTK QALERT TIPS

As a reminder:

- USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS SHOULD NEVER BE SHARED!
- Please change your service requests (reports) to a 5 Day report before closing. This will save staff from reopening and sending it back to you to close.
- Remember to SAVE and then CLOSE your reports when you are done!


See the 2022 QAlert Tips button below for a tip sheet to assist you when using the QAlert system.

[2022 QAlert Tips](#)



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.

Connecticut Clean Water Fund: Request to Place Project on Priority List

For this funding cycle (FY 2024 - 2025), all potential Clean Water Fund applicants must complete this request form for each project to be considered for funding assistance.* This form is a planning tool intended to collect standardized information for all projects, and to ensure that projects which have been completed without Clean Water Fund assistance, or for which the municipality no longer seeks assistance, are no longer carried as future needs.

This request form is NOT a Clean Water Fund application. In order to officially apply for Clean Water Fund funding assistance, a funding application must be submitted for each project.

Note that **failure to complete this form completely and accurately may remove the proposed project from consideration** for use of Clean Water Funds.

Any questions on this form can be directed to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov or to Karriem Kazu Folger at Karriem.Folger@ct.gov or at (860) 424-3742. **The completed form should be submitted via email at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov.**

Please note that the submittal of paper copies is not necessary.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Municipality: _____

Project Name: _____

Project contact(s): _____

Contact Information: Phone: (XXX)-(XXX)-(XXXX) Email: _____

Project Type:

Treatment with nutrient removal

Rehabilitation of pump stations

New pump station

Collection system improvements

Infiltration/Inflow correction

Green Infrastructure

Combined sewer overflow abandonment

Small community project

Resiliency project

Other: _____

Has project been assigned a Clean Water Fund project number? No Yes: CWF# _____

For wastewater treatment facility projects, what year was last *comprehensive upgrade* completed?

Brief project description: _____

Please identify the project phase(s) for which funding is being sought at this time (complete and submit a separate form for each additional project):

Planning

Design

Construction

PLANNING

(Estimated planning costs: \$ _____)

A request for planning assistance should include all costs associated with the development of an engineering report (facilities plan) identifying the nature of the pollution problem, evaluating alternatives for addressing the problem and recommending a cost effective and feasible alternative to address the problem.

Status of Planning Effort (as of the date of this form) (Complete all that apply)

- Planning started in FY: 20XX
- Project expected to commence in FY 2024
- Project expected to commence in FY 2025
- Anticipated future project (For projects expected to start after FY2025): Date _____
- Consultant selected via QBS process. (Name of firm: _____)
- Scope of work approved by DEEP. Date: mm/dd/yyyy Approved costs: \$ _____
- Planning complete. (Date of Final Engineering Report: mm/yyyy)
- Engineering Report with approval by DEEP (Date of approval: mm/dd/yyyy)

DESIGN

(Estimated design costs: \$ _____)

Design is the preparation of contract plans and specifications needed to implement the recommendations of an engineering report. It may also include legal costs associated with the identification of needed easements and land acquisition.

Status of Design Effort (as of the date of this form):

- Design expected to commence in FY 2024
- Design expected to commence in FY 2025
- 1. Funding for Design AND Construction has been authorized:
 - Yes Date _____
 - No Anticipated date _____
- 2. Using same consultant from planning phase: Yes No
If no, has new consultant been selected via QBS process? Yes No
Name of new firm selected: _____
- 3. Scope of work approved by DEEP date: mm/dd/yyyy Approved costs: \$ _____
- 4. Is design complete?
 - Yes Date _____
 - No Anticipated date _____

CONSTRUCTION

- Construction commencing in FY 2024
Estimated costs, including engineering and contingency: \$ _____
Date of construction cost estimate: Date _____
- Construction commencing in FY 2025
Estimated costs, including engineering and contingency: \$ _____
Date of construction cost estimate: Date _____

Status of local funding (as of the date on this form):

- Funding approved
Approval date: mm/yyyy (\$ _____)
- Funding approval pending
Expected decision date: mm/yyyy) (\$ _____)

Status of Bids (as of date of this form): **(Select one)**

- Plans and Specs approved by DEEP. Approval date: mm/dd/yyyy
- Bid package draft in process. Date expected to bid: mm/yyyy
- Bid process occurring. Bid close date: mm/dd/yyyy
- Bids under Town review. Expected recommendation to award date: mm/dd/yyyy
- Contract awarded. DEEP approval date: mm/dd/yyyy Name of firm: _____
- Construction underway. DEEP deviation letter date: mm/dd/yyyy
- Construction has not started.

Green Components (Please complete for ALL project types in which you seek funding)

Information related to “green projects” as defined by EPA. Examples include cost effective renewable energy components and projects that achieve a reduction in energy consumption. To determine if any part of your project could qualify as a green project component, please visit EPA’s website for more detailed information: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve-crosswalk-table.pdf.

Please identify below any type of green component utilized in the project you are requesting CWF funding for above, and if available please also include the estimated cost and/or the percentage of the overall project cost. Use the ‘other’ check box if you have a component not specified on the list and enter the description of your green component on the line provided.

	<u>Estimated Cost:</u>	<u>and/or</u>	<u>Percentage of overall project cost:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Infrastructure	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Landscaping and Site Design	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Management Planning	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Pump station Rehabilitation	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> I/I Correction Projects	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> POTW Process & Equipment	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Collection system Equipment	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Resiliency Measures	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve greater than or equal to 20% reduction in energy consumption	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieve less than 20% reduction in energy consumption	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %

COST INCREASES ON EXISTING PROJECTS

Occasionally, cost increases (due to change orders or high initial bids) are required on individual projects when they exceed their CWF allotment. In such a case, it becomes necessary to seek additional funds in subsequent fiscal years. If this is the reason for your request, indicate the status of your project below.

What is the current CWF allotment for the project? Grants: \$ _____
Loans: \$ _____

Is the project still under construction? (Select One)

- Yes, approximate completion will be mm/yyyy
- No, but some billing is outstanding which is estimated to exceed allotment.
- No, all bills are in, but there are insufficient funds to pay them.

Cost Increase authorized under local funding? Yes No
If no, expected date of local authorization: mm/yyyy

How much additional funding will be needed to fully pay the bills? \$ _____

Required Certification:

The municipality and/or utility *and* the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing the application must sign this part. This request will be considered incomplete unless all required signatures are provided. If the municipality and/or utility is the preparer, please mark N/A in the spaces provided for the preparer.

<p>“I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of the individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.”</p>	
<p>Name of Municipal/Utility Representative: (print or type)</p>	<p>Title: (if applicable)</p>
<p>Signature of Municipal/Utility Representative: (signature)</p>	<p>Date: mm/dd/yyyy</p>
<p>Name of Preparer (if different from above): (print or type)</p>	<p>Title: (if applicable)</p>
<p>Signature of preparer: (signature)</p>	<p>Date: mm/dd/yyyy</p>

FOR INTERNAL DEEP REVIEW ONLY

Name of reviewer: _____

Date of review completed: mm/dd/yyyy

Form completed and deemed sufficient: Yes No

Comments/Deficiencies: _____

* This form is a planning tool intended to collect standardized information for all projects, and to ensure that projects which have been completed without Clean Water Fund assistance, or for which the municipality no longer seeks assistance, are no longer carried as future needs. This request form is NOT a Clean Water Fund application. In order to officially apply for Clean Water Fund assistance, a funding application must be submitted for each project.

† A *comprehensive upgrade* is defined as any significant change in treatment process requiring construction or expansion of treatment tankage or replacement of mechanical processes with a value of at least 5 times the annual operation and maintenance budget at the time of construction. It is meant as a comprehensive refurbishing or expansion of the entire facility.

‡ Note that, in order to retain eligibility for Clean Water Fund assistance, prior approval of the scope of work is required for all consulting services initiated prior to a Clean Water Fund agreement. To retain eligibility for a construction project initiated prior to a Clean Water Fund agreement, a letter approving a deviation from Clean Water Fund regulations, signed by the Commissioner of DEEP, is required.

§ Note that a request for additional funds is not a guarantee that funding can be secured through the CWF.

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Business Case Required		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing to keep livestock out of streams and stream buffers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing to keep livestock out of streams and stream buffers
Categorically Eligible	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permeable pavement • Bioretention • Trees • Green roofs • Constructed wetlands • Other practices that mimic natural hydrology to prevent wet weather flows • Equipment to maintain green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vactor trucks • Other equipment • Street tree/urban forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expansion of tree boxes • Stormwater harvesting/reuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisterns • Distribution pipes • Downspout disconnection • Riparian buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodplains • Wetlands • Bioengineered streambank • Stream daylighting • Sustainable landscaping and site design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permeable pavement • Bioretention • Trees • Green roofs • Constructed wetlands • Other practices that mimic natural hydrology to prevent wet weather flows • Equipment to maintain green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vactor trucks • Other equipment • Street tree/urban forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expansion of tree boxes • Stormwater harvesting/reuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisterns • Distribution pipes • Downspout disconnection • Riparian buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodplains • Wetlands • Bioengineered streambank • Stream daylighting • Sustainable landscaping and site design • Fee simple land purchase or easement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permeable pavement • Bioretention • Trees • Green roofs • Constructed wetlands • Other practices that mimic natural hydrology to prevent wet weather flows • Equipment to maintain green streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vactor trucks • Other equipment • Street tree/urban forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expansion of tree boxes • Stormwater harvesting/reuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisterns • Distribution pipes • Downspout disconnection • Riparian buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodplains • Wetlands • Bioengineered streambank • Stream daylighting • Sustainable landscaping and site design • Fee simple land purchase or easement
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Energy Efficiency

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Business Case Required	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POTW projects or unit process projects that achieve less than a 20% energy efficiency improvement • (Non-categorical) projects implementing recommendations from an energy audit • Projects that cost effectively eliminate pumps or pumping stations • Infiltration/inflow correction projects that save energy • I/I correction projects where excessive groundwater infiltration is requiring unnecessary treatment processes • Replacing pre-Energy Policy Act of 1992 motors with NEMA premium efficiency motors • Upgrade of POTW lighting to energy efficient sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal halide pulse start technologies • Compact fluorescent • Light emitting diode (LED) • SCADA systems • Variable Frequency Drives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that cost effectively eliminate pumps or pumping stations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment works projects or unit process projects that achieve less than a 20% energy efficiency improvement • (Non-categorical) projects implementing recommendations from an energy audit • Projects that cost effectively eliminate pumps or pumping stations • Infiltration/inflow correction projects that save energy • I/I correction projects where excessive groundwater infiltration is requiring unnecessary treatment processes • Replacing pre-Energy Policy Act of 1992 motors with NEMA premium efficiency motors • Upgrade of treatment works lighting to energy efficient sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal halide pulse start technologies • Compact fluorescent • Light emitting diode (LED) • SCADA systems • Variable Frequency Drives
Categorically Eligible	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy source for a POTW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind • Solar • Geothermal • Micro-hydroelectric • Biogas combined heat and power (CHP) • Projects that achieve 20% reduction in energy consumption • Collection system I/I detection equipment • POTW energy management planning (reasonably expected to result in a capital project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy assessments • Energy audits • Optimization studies • Sub-metering individual processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that achieve 20% reduction in energy consumption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy source for a treatment works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind • Solar • Geothermal • Micro-hydroelectric • Biogas combined heat and power (CHP) • Projects that achieve 20% reduction in energy consumption • Collection system I/I detection equipment • Treatment works energy management planning (reasonably expected to result in a capital project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy assessments • Energy audits • Optimization studies • Sub-metering individual processes
CWSRF GPR Ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately owned renewable energy generation • The portion of a publicly owned renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a POTW • Simply replacing a piece of equipment that is at the end of its useful life with something of average efficiency • Facultative lagoons • Hydroelectric facilities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portion of a renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a treatment works • Simply replacing a piece of equipment that is at the end of its useful life with something of average efficiency • Facultative lagoons • Hydroelectric facilities

Water Efficiency

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Business Case Required	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water meter replacement with traditional water meters Projects that result from a water audit Storage tank replacement/rehabilitation New water efficient landscape irrigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects that result from a water audit New water efficient landscape irrigation New water efficient agricultural irrigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water meter replacement with traditional water meters Projects that result from a water audit Storage tank replacement/rehabilitation New water efficient landscape irrigation New water efficient agricultural irrigation
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Business Case Required	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed wetlands projects used for municipal wastewater treatment, polishing, and/or effluent disposal • Projects or project components resulting from total/integrated water resource management planning • Projects that facilitate POTW adaptation to climate change identified by a carbon footprint analysis or climate adaptation study • POTW upgrades or retrofits that remove phosphorus for biofuel production • Projects that significantly reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals in wastewater treatment • Treatment technologies or approaches that significantly reduce the volume of residuals or lower chemical volume in residuals • Educational activities and demonstration projects for water or energy efficiency • Projects that achieve the goals of utility asset management plans • Sub-surface land application of effluent and other means for ground water recharge such as spray irrigation and overland flow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects or project components resulting from total/integrated water resource management planning • Educational activities and demonstration projects for water or energy efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed wetlands projects used for municipal wastewater treatment, polishing, and/or effluent disposal • Projects or project components resulting from total/integrated water resource management planning • Projects that facilitate treatment works adaptation to climate change identified by a carbon footprint analysis or climate adaptation study • Treatment works upgrades or retrofits that remove phosphorus for biofuel production • Projects that significantly reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals in wastewater treatment • Treatment technologies or approaches that significantly reduce the volume of residuals or lower chemical volume in residuals • Educational activities and demonstration projects for water or energy efficiency • Projects that achieve the goals of utility asset management plans • Sub-surface land application of effluent and other means for ground water recharge such as spray irrigation and overland flow
Categorically Eligible	<p>Publicly Owned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total/integrated water resources management planning likely to result in a capital project • Utility Sustainability Plan • Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory or mitigation plan • POTW planning activities to adapt to long-term effects of climate change and/or extreme weather • Construction of LEED certified buildings or renovation of an existing building on POTW facilities • Decentralized wastewater treatment solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual onsite systems • Cluster systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total/integrated water resources management planning likely to result in a capital project • Construction of LEED certified buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total/integrated water resources management planning likely to result in a capital project • Utility Sustainability Plan • Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory or mitigation plan • Treatment works planning activities to adapt to long-term effects of climate change and/or extreme weather • Construction of LEED certified buildings or renovation of an existing building on treatment works facilities • Decentralized wastewater treatment solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual onsite systems • Cluster systems
CWSRF GPR Ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air scrubbers to prevent nonpoint source deposition • Facultative lagoons • Surface discharging decentralized wastewater systems • Higher seawalls to protect POTWs from rising sea levels • Reflective roofs at POTW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air scrubbers to prevent nonpoint source deposition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air scrubbers to prevent nonpoint source deposition • Facultative lagoons • Surface discharging decentralized wastewater systems • Higher seawalls to protect treatment works from rising sea levels • Reflective roofs at treatment works

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Municipal Wastewater Updates

CWF FY24-25 Call For Projects

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.

Some updates to the Priority List Request form have been made for the FY24/25 requests. Please review the CWF Memo for the updates.

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.**

Remember to submit all forms and additional information to the Clean Water Fund (CWF) dedicated email account: DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

[FY24-25 Call For Projects Memo](#)

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Notice of Public Hearing Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025

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Dated: __12/21/2023_____

/s/ Nisha Patel
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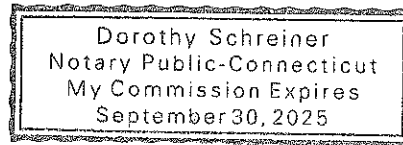
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1. 2863 Broadbridge Avenue and Streckfus Road – Petition of Romano Brothers Builders, LLC seeking a modification of site plan approval to remove condition # 2 on sidewalks requirement that was previously approved on November 16, 2022 for a five lot subdivision with lot sizes ranging from 7,500 sf. to 14,221 sf. (total ±1.16 acres) in RS-4 zone.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the Planning and Zoning webpage, and in the Office of Planning and Zoning at Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

SUSMITHA ATTOTA, TOWN PLANNER
 PLANNING COMMISSION

PROBATE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Roger J. Genest, of Monroe, AKA Roger Joseph Genest (23-00563)

The Hon. T. R. Rowe, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Trumbull Probate Court, by decree dated December 22, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Cortney Gerber, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
 Monique F. Oppel,
 c/o Thomas E. Brennan, Attorney at Law, LLC., 3288 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06614 (203)504-9924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE L. WILDER, LATE OF BRIDGEPORT, AKA WILLIE LEE WILDER (23-00866)

The Hon. Paul J. Ganim, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Bridgeport Probate Court, by decree dated , ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Amy DeLeon, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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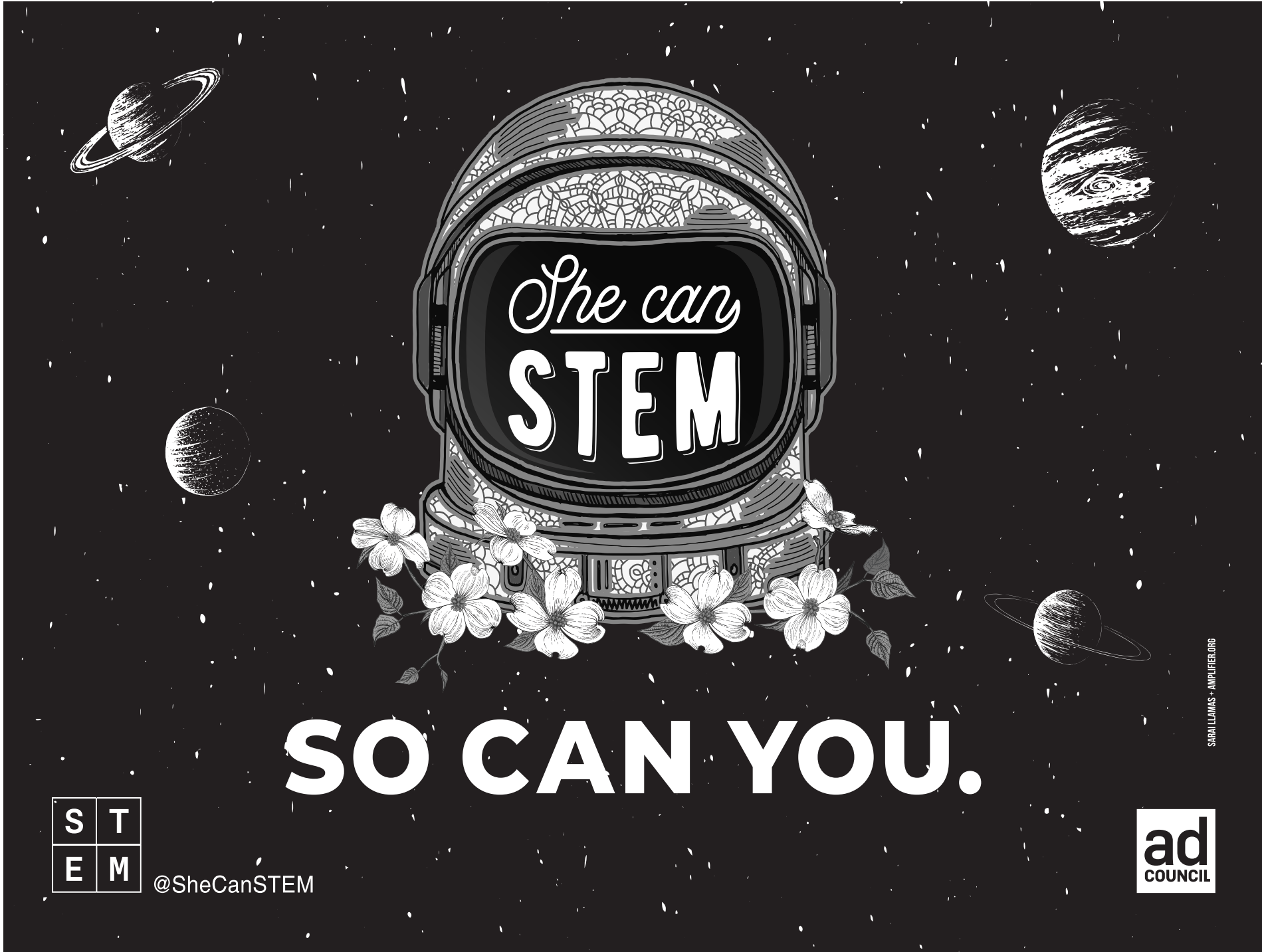
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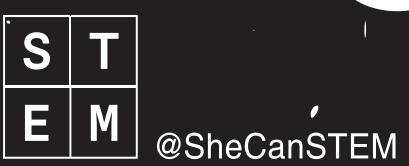
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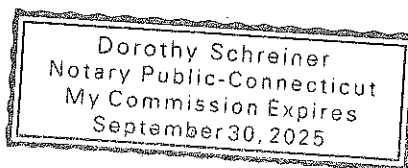
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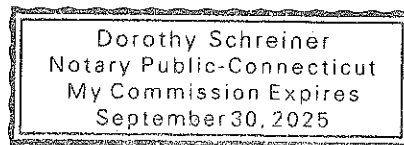
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Battery Energy Storage System Project
Hanwha Q Cells America Inc.

0 State Pier Road, New London, Connecticut - New London Assessor's Parcel: F10-247-5A

Hanwha Q Cells America Inc., a subsidiary of Hanwha Group, who are developers of battery energy storage systems intends to develop a 4.0-megawatt ("MW") battery energy storage system to be located at 0 State Pier Road, New London Connecticut identified by the City of New London Assessor as Parcel F10-247-5A ("Property").

In connection with this proposed project, Hanwha Q Cells America Inc. will be filing a petition for declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council on or after January 5, 2024, seeking the Council's approval of the battery energy storage facility at the Property.

Once filed, a full digital copy of the initial Petition will be provided to the City of New London. A full hard copy will be provided to the City of New London if so requested. In addition, an electronic copy of the Petition will be available on the Siting Council's website at www.ct.gov/csc.

Dated at New London, Connecticut this 28th day of December, 2023.

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Lyme, Connecticut.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on January 10, 2024, at 7:30 PM, at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, to endorse candidates for the Lyme Democratic Town Committee and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus.

Dated at the Town of Lyme, Connecticut, on January 2, 2024.
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Town of Lyme

The Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear and act on the following:

An amendment to Chapter 315, Article 4.3, Special permit uses.

Any correspondence concerning the above may be sent to the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission, Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371, or any person may attend said meeting to voice their opinion. Copies of the above are on file at the office of the Lyme Town Clerk.

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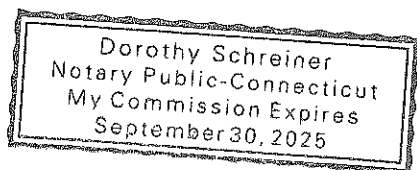
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Genealogy fascinates much of the general public. The number of people learning more about their families and heritage through genealogy increases year to year. According to FamilyTree.com, genealogy is the second only to gardening as the most popular hobby in the United States.

People explore genealogy for many reasons, including learning about their ancestry. A rundown of the basics of genealogy can make such pursuits more enjoyable.

Genealogy and family history are subtly different

Genealogy is a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor, while family history is defined as the history or narrative of a family. They are intertwined but not synonymous.

Vital records are key

Genealogists explore vital records to obtain information about their ancestors. Vital records include documentation of ancestors' life events, including births, deaths, marriages, and more. Civil registration began at different times around the world, and even across North America, so it's often challenging, though entirely possible, to develop an accurate history.

Surnames may be different

Surnames were not commonplace until around the eleventh century in Europe, according to S.C. Perkins, who is the author of a mystery series featuring a Texas genealogist as the protagonist. Surnames fall into four general categories:

1. Place or geographical features (i.e., "Hill")
2. Nicknames or appearance ("Little")
3. Occupation ("Baker")
4. Father's name ("Peterson")

Some names may not have been recorded correctly, so a person's last name actually may be a derivative of the real name or a misspelling. Often immigrants changed their own surnames to make them sound more American or more native to wherever they were emigrating to.

Cities change

Discovering records of ancestors can be even more challenging because of shifting borders or municipalities, which change over time. The Family Tree Factbook provides European maps from throughout history and a timeline of European border changes that can help with research.

Preserve family history

In addition to uncovering mysteries of one's heritage, dabbling in genealogy helps to preserve family history by confirming tales and tracing ancestors' journeys. It also may help shed light on the history of artifacts or jewelry that ancestors owned and passed down.

Connect with others

A motivator behind genealogy research is to uncover relatives. Cousins from all over the world can discover they are related and bridge the gap between them through shared genetics and history. This may be particularly important to those who were adopted and hope to understand more about where they came from for personal or health-related reasons.

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Draft Clean Water Fund FY24-25 Priority List Hearing

The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is pleased to announce that the [Draft Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2024 and FY 2025](#) is available for public comment. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 1pm via ZOOM (virtual option only). Public comments will be received through February 23, 2024. Details about public hearing and how to submit comments are included in the [public notice](#).

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. The draft Priority List proposes a funding strategy that will reach a significant number of necessary wastewater infrastructure projects whose implementation is considered significant to reduce serious negative impacts on water quality in our state.

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Section 1: Program Authorization and Objectives

Authorizations:

The purpose of this document is to present the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's (Department or DEEP) state and federal funding assistance programs for municipal water pollution control projects during State Fiscal Years 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) and 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). This document describes the uses of funds available under Sections 22a-478 and 22a-483 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and federal funds under the Water Quality Act of 1987.

A public hearing on this document (hereafter referred to as “the Priority List”) will be held by video conference on February 7, 2024, at 1 pm. The draft Priority List was distributed through a Municipal Wastewater email newsletter to all subscribers and posted on the Department’s website. Public notices of its availability were posted in various newspapers throughout the state. The Department sought public comment on the draft Priority List and all comments were considered in the development of the final Priority List.

The Department has been funding projects in accordance with the FY2022 and FY2023 Priority List. The unallocated balances from that Priority List were considered in the development of the FY2024 and FY2025 Priority List.

The anticipated funding for this Priority List is as follows:

	Anticipated FY2024 Funds Authorized	Anticipated FY2025 Funds Authorized
State General Obligation Bonds (1)	\$40,000,000	\$ 65,000,000
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(3) BIL = Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; Refer to Section 4b for more information on this BIL grant.

Requirements of the Federal Capitalization Grant:

The requirements for the federal Capitalization Grants are as follows:

- 10% of the grant shall be used for green infrastructure, energy efficiency, or other environmentally innovative projects. The projects that are deemed eligible for funding are identified in Section 3b; and
- 10% to 40% of the Federal Capitalization Grant shall be applied as grant.

Funding Levels Based Upon Project Type:

The Clean Water Fund program is defined by Sections 22a-475 through 22a-483 of the CGS and by regulations adopted on February 19, 1992, pursuant to CGS 22a-482. The State's Clean Water Fund program (Section 3a of the Priority List) provides grants equal to 20% of the eligible project costs and a loan for the remainder of the project costs which are to be repaid over not more than 20 years at 2% interest for water pollution control projects. Exceptions to grant percentage are noted below.

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects receive grants equal to 50% of the eligible project costs associated with CSO control.
- Nutrient (Nitrogen or Phosphorus) Removal projects receive grants equal to 30% of the project costs associated with nutrient removal.
- Small Community projects receive grants of 25% of the eligible project cost.
- Collection System improvements receive 100% loan of the eligible project cost and shall not receive a project grant.

Pursuant to CGS sec. 22a-478(c)(4), if supplemental federal grant funds are available for Clean Water Fund projects specifically related to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, a distressed municipality may receive a combination of state and federal grants in an amount not to exceed 50% of the cost of the project associated with nutrient removal.

Management System

As required by Section 22a-482-1(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), a Priority List is established for the purpose of determining funding assistance available for sewerage projects. This list is effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until adoption of the subsequent Priority List. The intended effective period is from the date of adoption through June 30, 2025, or until the next Priority List is adopted.

The Priority List management system (Section 22a-482-1(c)(1) through (5) of the RCSA) includes sections on priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, order of priority funding, public hearing, and revisions to the Priority List. The Priority List has been developed in accordance with the requirements referenced above.

This document incorporates the priority ranking systems for grant-eligible priority projects. The loan-only collection system improvement projects will be funded from the reserves on a first-come, first-served basis.

Projects will be removed from the Priority List if they have been fully funded by the Clean Water Fund, if they have been funded by any other means, if they are no longer eligible for funding, or if the municipality withdraws the project from consideration.

Set-Asides and Reserves

In developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations.

Reserves have been considered for:

- a) Program administrative costs (set aside)
- b) Water quality management (set aside)
- c) Cost increases
- d) Planning projects
- e) Design projects
- f) Infiltration and inflow rehabilitation projects
- g) Green Components projects
- h) Resiliency projects
- i) Small community projects
- j) Pump station rehabilitation projects
- k) Collection system improvement projects

Program Administrative Costs

The costs of administering the Clean Water Fund are covered by a combination of federal grants and state bonds. Section 35.2020(a) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) provides that the State may set aside from the federal capitalization grant of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 and FFY2024 a reserve not to exceed 4 percent of Title VI appropriations for the purpose of administration. In addition to these federal dollars, the state may set aside an amount not to exceed 4 percent of the total bonding authorization to cover the reasonable costs of administering the program. These administrative expenses are allowed in accordance with appropriate tax laws and bonding practices.

Water Quality Management

Section 604(b) of the 1987 Amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act is applicable to Title VI only. This section is intended to provide a funding source to states for water quality management planning as defined by 205(j) and 303(e) of the Federal Act. Approximately \$351,000 (\$93,000 from Base SRF and \$258,000 from BIL Supplemental) will be reserved from the FFY2023 allotment and the FFY2024 allotment for this purpose will be determined in FY2024.

Small Communities

A “small community” means a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less, or highly dispersed sections of large municipalities. The regulations adopted pursuant to CGS Section 22a-482 require that a reserve of funds sufficient to finance the construction of at least one small community project per year be established.

Revisions to the Priority List

The Department reserves the right to evaluate the usage of funds in all of the reserves and the fundable construction projects at any time during the last six months of each fiscal year and to reallocate underutilized funds into any other reserve or construction project as determined by the Commissioner. This shall be done in accordance with the requirements of Section 22a-482-1 (c) (5) (Revisions to the Priority List) of the RCSA.

Revisions of the Priority List may be made at any time during the funding period in accordance with public participation requirements and all other established procedures. A public hearing with appropriate notice may be held on all significant changes to the Priority List and all parties affected by such changes may be notified directly. If the State determines that a change must be made and that such a change is not significant, or the affected municipality has been previously notified, public notice requirements and a public hearing may be waived.

If the passage of a public act or budgetary rescissions results in a reduction in the amount of funding authorized, the final Priority List will be revised without a public notice and public hearing. In order to account for a reduction in funding, the Department will make adjustments to the funding reserves that are underutilized for new projects. Specifically, the Department will revise Section 3b of the *Set-Asides and Reserves* and Section 3c of the *Collection System Improvement Program*. If adjusting those reserves is insufficient to account for the reduction in funding, then the lowest priority point projects listed in the table for *Fundable Construction Projects* will not receive funding. Any changes to the final Priority List will be posted on the DEEP website.

Section 2: Meeting Future Clean Water Fund Demands and Economic Benefits to the State

The FY2024 and FY2025 state capital budget will likely continue a trend of generous financial support for the ongoing improvement of our aging wastewater infrastructure. Current funding authorizations will further stimulate our recovering economy through the creation or retention of jobs for construction contractors, equipment manufacturers, construction materials suppliers, design and management professionals, and supporting businesses and industries. The availability of Clean Water Fund financing will reduce the burden on ratepayers and taxpayers from stable, low-interest financing as well as grant dollars to municipal wastewater treatment authorities.

Consistent with the priority list scoring process (See Section 3a) and in accordance with the RCSA Section 22a-482-1(c), available funding is proposed to address priority water quality areas. The priority needs of the state still remain achieving: CSO abatement as required under Long Term Control Plans and/or Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Plans, meeting the nitrogen load allocation required by the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Long Island Sound, and phosphorus reduction to control nutrient enrichment of streams.

Other issues that will likely add to the Clean Water Fund demands, but for which costs cannot be precisely determined at this time include:

- Tighter effluent limits for metals;
- Control of pharmaceuticals and personal care products; and
- Adaptation to address climate change effects of flooding and sea level rise.

Section 3: Municipal Funding Programs

Section 3a: Priority Project Grant-Loan Program

Priority Project Ranking System

Regulations adopted pursuant to CGS 22a-439 and 22a-482 (Section 22a-482-1(c) of the RCSA) and under 40 CFR Part 35 specify the use of a priority system for determining the funding of municipal projects.

The priority system and Priority List include project information and point ratings that become the basis for committing available and anticipated state and federal funds. Projects on the Priority List are rated on several criteria that emphasize the impact of each project on public health, improvement of water quality, and water resource utilization. Both the federal regulations governing the development of this document, 40 CFR 35.2015 and 35.2020, and state law, CGS 22a-439 and 22a-478, stress the need to fund projects that improve "priority water quality areas," i.e., specific stream segments or bodies of water where municipal discharges have resulted in the impairment of a designated use or significant public health risk, and where the reduction of pollution from the municipal discharges will substantially restore surface or groundwater uses. Based on the priority rating system and other specific management criteria, all anticipated eligible sewerage projects as requested by the municipalities or identified by the Department have been ranked for funding purposes and appear on the Priority List.

The Priority List contains the fundable portion, consisting of those projects anticipated to be funded from any unobligated balance of prior year carry-over funds and the anticipated FY2024 and FY2025 allotments. The priority rating score, which is developed from the priority rating system for every project, becomes the prime consideration in the overall Priority List ranking.

The criteria, which establish the priority rating number, are shown below. The application of this rating system to each individual project request that was received is shown in Table 1. Note that the criteria are evaluated against existing conditions, and not against future, 20-year flow projections. In cases where the priority rating number is the same for two or more projects, preference will be given to that project ready to proceed at the earliest date.

I. Project impacts potable water supply – (10 points maximum).

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| A. Impaired water supply affecting less than 25 people – | 2 points. |
| B. Impaired water supply affecting 26 to 100 people – | 4 points. |
| C. Impaired water supply affecting 101 to 1,000 people – | 6 points. |
| D. Impaired water supply affecting 1,001 to 5,000 people – | 8 points. |
| E. Impaired water supply affecting more than 5,000 people – | 10 points. |

II. Project is necessary for attainment of State water quality goals – (28 points maximum)

- A. Project is necessary for attainment of water quality standards where the

impacted water resource is:

1. Smaller than main stem of a sub-regional drainage basin or groundwater goals will be attained – 5 points.
 2. Main stem of sub-regional drainage basin – 10 points.
 3. Main stem of regional drainage basin – 15 points.
 4. Main stem of major drainage basin – 20 points.
 5. Projects that impact coastal areas are considered the equivalent of a regional drainage basin and assigned – 15 points.
- B. Project will enable the water body to meet minimum dissolved oxygen standards – 8 points.

III. Project will enhance specific water resource values – (24 points maximum)

- A. Fishery resources - (6 points maximum).
1. Project will improve recreational fisheries – 3 points.
 2. Project will improve anadromous fisheries – 6 points.
 3. Project will open new streams for fish stocking programs – 6 points.
- B. Shellfish resources – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will lower coliform bacterial levels in the waters of shellfish beds – 3 points
 2. Project will open new areas for shell fishing – 6 points.
- C. Swimming – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will enhance existing swimming opportunities – 3 points.
 2. Project will allow for new swimming opportunities – 6 points.
- D. Eutrophication – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by diverting septic system discharges out of a drainage basin – 3 points.
 2. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by providing nutrient removal in a municipal treatment plant or by relocating an existing treatment plant discharge – 6 points.

IV. Sewered Population initially served by the project – (12 points maximum)

- A. Less than 5,000 - 2 points.
- B. 5,000 but less than 10,000 - 4 points.
- C. 10,000 but less than 20,000 - 6 points.
- D. 20,000 but less than 40,000- 8 points.
- E. 40,000 but less than 75,000 - 10 points.
- F. 75,000 or greater - 12 points.

*For any project that is not listed as a “WPCF Upgrade” project type, 25% of the sewered population of the municipality was used during scoring.

V. Health Related Issues - (6 points).

Project will eliminate ponding of sewage from failing septic systems, backup of sewage into basements, or overflow of sewage in streets (CSO correction projects are not eligible for points for this criterion).

VI. Miscellaneous – (20 points maximum).

- A. Project involves the upgrading of an existing primary facility in order to comply with secondary treatment standards – 5 points.
- B. Project will result in the DEEP rescinding an Order concerning a sewer connection moratorium – 5 points.
- C. Project will eliminate nuisance odors associated with treatment processes or pump stations but exclusive of large-scale expansion or upgrading of treatment facilities – 5 points.
- D. Remedial action will improve treatment plant operations where treatment standards are already being achieved - 5 points.

(Note that projects receiving points under this category cannot also claim points under category VIII)

VII. Connecticut Housing Partnership Program – Development Designation

Community has received development designation - 0 points.

Public Act No. 88-305 established a Connecticut housing partnership program, and amended CGS 22a-478, requiring the Commissioner of DEEP to consider the formation of a housing partnership program with a development designation as a factor in making grants and loans. However, the Department of Housing (DOH) has discontinued the housing partnership program and is no longer maintaining a list of qualifying communities. Therefore, the priority points for such a program have been revised from 3 (on prior lists) to zero at this time.

VIII. Implementation of Long Island Sound TMDL

All projects that are designed to meet interim or final goals for nitrogen reduction per the Long Island Sound TMDL continue to receive points under this criterion. In order to prioritize the projects based on net impacts to Long Island Sound, a range of 15 to 32 points, rounded to the nearest whole number, based on their equalized baseline load, was established. This is in lieu of assigning each such project the full 32 points from Categories II.A.5 (15 pts), II.B (8 pts), III.A.1 (3 pts), and III.D.2 (6 pts). The actual formula for determining the points for each facility under this criterion is:

$$\text{Priority Points} = 14 + (\text{equalized baseline load, in lbs/day})^{0.368}$$

Once a facility has been constructed that is designed to or has demonstrated the ability to achieve the final nitrogen permit limit, it is no longer eligible for priority points under this criterion. This criterion constitutes a deviation from the existing regulations and has been approved

by an action of the Commissioner dated February 2, 2002, with a goal of being consistently applied since its inception.

Projects incorporating both phosphorus and nitrogen removal components shall only receive credit for one type of nutrient removal. These types of projects shall be rated two separate ways: the first score shall include points for phosphorus removal and no points under category VIII for nitrogen removal; the second score shall include points for nitrogen removal under category VIII, with no credit for phosphorus removal. The greater of the two scores shall carry forward.

Category I, II, and III Projects

The priority rating system also includes a project ranking mechanism as permitted by federal and state regulations. The ranking system allows the State to put certain **lower priority** projects in a favorable position for funding for certain specific reasons. Any project listed in Category I, II, or III will be funded first without regard to priority points prior to funding other construction projects in order of priority points. In general, the rank of the project depends on its priority number, but the Commissioner **may**, in accordance with Clean Water Fund regulations, choose to assign a higher rank for projects which fall into one of the following categories:

Category I - Consists of projects for which:

- A complete financing application for construction was submitted to the Department for review during the previous funding period,
- The project was on the fundable portion of the previous priority list, and
- A Clean Water Fund agreement has not been executed for the project.

These applications have undergone preliminary review and represent the good faith efforts of the municipality to comply with program requirements. Funding for planning and design, initially funded by the municipality, may be recouped in the future if the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. It should be stressed that any project placed in this category must come from the fundable portion of the previous Priority List.

Category II - Consists of projects where previously funded segments of pollution abatement facilities have been built and are not usable or are severely restricted in use until the remainder of the project is fully constructed and operational.

Category III - Consists of projects that remedy documented pollution of potable water supplies.

Fundable Projects: Category I

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
698-C	MDC	CT0100170	East Hartford WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$24
741-C	Ridgefield	CT0101451	Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, WPCF Decommission*	\$10
743-C	Norwich	CT0100412	WPCF Upgrade*	\$191
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Shore WPAF: Air Compressor Improvements*	\$19.5
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Street Pump Station*	\$50
TBD	MDC	CT0100480	Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$15
				\$309.5

Fundable FY24 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
30	TBD	Plymouth	CT0100463	WPCF Phosphorus Reduction Improvements	\$14
27	TBD	Norwich	CT0100412	South Thames Street Force Main*	\$2.5
26	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor Avenue, Branford Street	\$17
				\$33.5	

Fundable FY25 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
44	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade	\$30
42	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	Ash Creek CSO Conveyance Project	\$21
37	TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2	\$3.3
36	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement – Hartford	\$4.8
30	TBD	MDC	CT0100994	Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrades	\$22

26	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	Granby 7/8/9 CSO Sewer Separation	\$54
19	TBD	Sprague	CT0100978	WPCF Denitrification Upgrade*	\$1
					\$136.1

- (1) TBD – Clean Water Fund number to be determined at time of agreement execution.
- (2) Projects listed with * were listed on the FY22 and FY23 Priority List for construction funding and are delayed until FY24 and FY25.
- (3) WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility; WPAF = Water Pollution Abatement Facility
- (4) *Italicized projects are part of the North Hartford Pilot Project.*

Section 3b: Set-Asides and Reserves

As previously noted, in developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations. **These reserves are accessed on a first-come, first-served basis unless otherwise noted, and do not rely on a priority point score for allocation to qualifying municipalities. Projects seeking funding through Reserve categories must submit a complete Clean Water Fund application to be considered; projects will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of funds.**

Reserve for Cost Increases

(Grant percentage varies) FY24/25 \$20M

This reserve is intended for construction cost increases on currently funded projects (i.e. design or construction projects with executed Clean Water Fund agreements).

Reserve for Planning Projects (55% grant) FY24/25 \$11M

Planning funds will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis as complete applications are filed. In order for a planning project to be eligible, Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project.

After the planning reserve funds are depleted, municipalities may proceed with planning by utilizing local funds, and retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the Department. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible planning efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

Reserve for Design Projects

FY24/25

\$20M

(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)

Design funds will be made available only for those projects that can be expected to be reached on the Priority List for construction funding within three years. The QBS process must be followed in the selection of the design engineer. If the design engineer was selected by the town through a QBS process during the planning phase, the town may continue to use the same engineering consultant.

For design costs associated with collection system improvements in Section 3c of the Priority List, the Department will not process separate design agreements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior written approval on the design fees and to then complete design with local financing. The municipality may then recoup the design cost (as loan) by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Design funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as complete applications are filed. If the design reserve funds are depleted, municipalities may proceed with design by utilizing local funds and retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the department. In such cases, funding for design may be recouped at the time the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible design efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

Reserve for Construction of **non-CSO** I/I Rehabilitation Projects

FY24/25

\$60M

(20% grant/80% loan)

Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) rehabilitation projects are designed to reduce the volume and frequency of extraneous flow (storm and surface water inflow and groundwater infiltration) entering sanitary sewer systems. Since climate change continues to cause more frequent flooding, the Department has decided to continue providing a partial grant for I/I projects under this Priority List. Projects funded under this reserve minimize sewage overflows resulting from system surcharge, reduce hydraulic overloading and energy consumption, improve treatment efficiency, and reserve capacity for future wastewater needs.

Reserve for Construction of **CSO** I/I Rehabilitation Projects

FY24/25

\$125M

(50% grant/50% loan)

Flooding causes more complex issues in CSO communities including chronic sewer backups. Therefore, I/I rehabilitation projects specifically located in CSO communities are critical to protecting public health. On a limited basis and subject to availability of state funding, I/I projects documented to result in combined sewer overflow mitigation in the four (4) CSO communities, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and Norwich, will have availability of up to 50% grant.

Reserve for Construction of Green Components

(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)

FY24/25

\$20M

Green Components are components of “green projects” as specified by the EPA [Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table \(epa.gov\)](#) that adopt practices to reduce the environmental footprint of water and wastewater treatment, collection, and distribution, help utilities adapt to climate change, enhance water and energy conservation, adopt more sustainable solutions to wet weather flows, and promote innovative approaches to water management problems.

This reserve includes, but is not limited to, the following types of construction projects:

- Green Infrastructure, including demonstration projects of green infrastructure technologies to promote infiltration of stormwater and mitigate combined sewer overflows. (50% grant/50%loan)
- Energy Management planning (20% grant/80% loan)
- Pump Station Consolidation and/or Elimination (not otherwise funded in the pump station reserve in Section 3c) (20% grant/80% loan)
- I/I Rehabilitation Projects (not otherwise funded in the reserves listed above in this section)
- Energy efficiency projects as defined by EPA. Examples include cost-effective renewable energy components at treatment plants and projects that achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption at treatment plants. (20% grant/80% loan)
- Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Process & Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Collection System Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, geothermal, micro-hydroelectric, and biogas combined heat and power systems that provide power to a POTW (20% grant/80% loan)

Projects that DO NOT meet the EPA criteria of energy efficiency include:

- Renewable energy generation that is privately owned or the portion of a publicly owned renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a POTW
- Simply replacing a piece of equipment, because it is at the end of its useful life, with something of average efficiency
- Facultative lagoons, even if integral to an innovative treatment process.

Reserve for Construction of Resiliency Projects

(20% grant/80% loan)

FY24/25

\$20M

This reserve is for projects that allow wastewater infrastructure to better withstand the effects of severe weather events and expected climate change impacts such as an increase in frequency and

severity of precipitation events, flooding, storm surge, wave action, and sea level rise. Projects that fall under the resiliency category may also contain green components as well. A portion of this reserve may be prioritized for projects in municipalities, especially distressed municipalities, that have established a Municipal Stormwater Authority pursuant to section 22a-498 of the general statutes. In addition to the rolling application period associated with all reserve categories in the Priority List, this reserve may be administered by a specific call for projects, on a first come, first served basis, or both.

<u>Reserve for Small Community Projects</u> <u>(25% grant/75% loan)</u>	FY24/25	\$76M
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This reserve allows for the funding of small community projects that will mitigate an existing documented community pollution problem. Small community projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

New Hartford, Pine Meadow sewer extension -	\$5M
Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Phase IV -	\$8M
Old Lyme Project Areas:	
Sound View Town Area -	\$10M
Miami Beach Association, Old Colony Beach Association, and , Old Lyme Shores Beach Association Sewers -	\$54M

Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program

In accordance with Section 22a-478(c)(8) of the CGS, the funding of collection system improvement projects is permissive (“sewer collection system improvements may receive a loan for one hundred percent of the eligible cost...”). This is different from the priority project grant-loan program which is obligatory if funding is available. This funding is a 2% interest rate loan payable over 20 years.

It is important to note that this program is a subset of the Clean Water Fund and the only changes to the Clean Water Fund program are the funding level and the requirement for a separate priority system. All other aspects of the Clean Water Fund program, including the statutes and regulations, cost-effectiveness of projects, and environmental review apply to the collection system improvement program. Qualifications Based Selection must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project. All administrative procedures applicable to the Clean Water Fund program apply to the collection system improvement program as well.

As indicated in Section 3b, the Department will not process separate design agreements for collection system improvements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior

written approval on the design fees and then complete design with local financing rather than a Clean Water Fund loan. The municipality may then recoup the design cost by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Fundable FY2024/2025 Construction Projects (Collection System Improvement Program)

<u>Reserve for Construction of Collection System Improvement Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY24/25	\$20M
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This reserve will be available for the following types of sanitary sewer projects:

- Rehabilitation and/or replacement of sanitary sewers that cannot be adequately repaired through lining alone;
- Construction of relief sewers in separated sewer systems to address hydraulic overloading of existing sewers;
- Construction of sewers to cost-effectively eliminate sanitary sewer pump stations; and
- Extension of sanitary sewers to solve an existing community pollution problem.

<u>Reserve for Construction of Pump Station Rehabilitation Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY24/25	\$20M
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Projects funded under this reserve are for pump station improvement projects located in the collection system that result in a reduction in energy consumption, increase resiliency during extreme wet weather events, upgrade the ability to provide emergency power, or replace equipment that is beyond its design life.

Section 4: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, by President Biden, resulting in increased support of wastewater infrastructure needs in alignment with State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF, aka Connecticut's Clean Water Fund). This section discusses changes to the CWSRF base program requirements, as well as the three additional federal grants that BIL has provided to the State of Connecticut. The BIL grants will continue to be provided annually through October 2026, with implementation by the Department in accordance with applicable implementation guidelines, as published and amended by US EPA and/or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Section 4a: CWSRF Amendments from BIL

For the CWSRF Base Program, some of the key provisions of BIL include the following amendments:

Annual CWSRF Capitalization Grant Requirements – BIL establishes an additional subsidy range of 10% to 30% for the annual CWSRF capitalization grant. Congress has previously required that states use 10% of the annual CWSRF capitalization grant for additional subsidy. For projects funded through the Base SRF grant, this requirement can be met without changing the existing grant and loan ratios for state clean water projects.

American Iron and Steel – The American Iron and Steel procurement requirement is permanent for *all* CWSRF construction projects going forward.

Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) – BIL also expands domestic sourcing requirements with the inclusion of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA). Starting on May 14, 2022, all steel, iron, manufactured products, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall used in infrastructure projects for federal financial assistance programs must be produced in the United States. US EPA has approved various waivers which can be found at: [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) Approved Waivers | US EPA](#).

The Adjustment Period Waiver of Section 70914(a) of P.L. 117-58, Build America, Buy America Act, 2021 for SRF Projects that have Initiated Design Planning applies to projects that initiated planning and/or design prior to May 14, 2022, and is anticipated to sunset in the near future. Recently, EPA solicited comments related to the planned sunset. CT DEEP has requested the continuation of this waiver so as not to negatively impact projects which were substantially designed prior to BABAA and continuing to experience post-pandemic related delays.

CT DEEP will require BABA compliance for construction projects funded through this Priority List pursuant to EPA requirements, as amended.

Section 4b:

1. BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant

In addition to the annual capitalization grant, BIL has authorized an annual CWSRF General Supplemental Grant through 2026 to further support the Clean Water Fund program. In State FY2024, the Supplemental CWSRF grant award to Connecticut will be \$25,535,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

A key priority of BIL is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure. Congress required 49% of BIL CWSRF General Supplemental funding be provided as grants and/or forgivable loans to communities that meet a state's affordability criteria or certain project types, consistent with the Clean Water Act, and EPA encourages states to use these funds to support projects in disadvantaged communities. In Connecticut, BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant recipients will be a municipality(ies) listed as a [distressed community](#) by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Per Section 22a-478(c)(4) of Connecticut General Statutes, if supplemental federal grants are available for projects targeted to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, those project components may receive up to 50% grant. CT DEEP has targeted the removal of sanitary sewer overflows (i.e. untreated discharges of sewage) as a priority to address the health and environmental impacts of such overflows to Long Island Sound, which occur either directly or indirectly through inland waters.

2. BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant:

This grant seeks to address emerging contaminants (including but not limited to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS) through any project eligible per section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act. In accordance with the Department's water quality goals and the state PFAS Action Plan, dated November 1, 2019, the Department is proposing to focus on PFAS contamination and treatment and is coordinating with EPA to develop an implementation plan consistent with EPA requirements.

In State FY2024, the Emerging Contaminant grant award to Connecticut will be \$2,605,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

Section 4c: Non-Clean Water Fund Grant

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant – Separate from the CWSRF Program, the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG Program) was reauthorized by America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and again by the 2021 BIL. The BIL reauthorized the program through 2026 to further support clean water needs. The OSG grant provides funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects to eligible entities with projects that

address infrastructure needs related to mitigation and/or removal of CSOs and SSOs and to improve stormwater management. Eligible projects can be located on private or public property and include planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater and any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.

Priority will be given to funding projects in communities in distressed areas that have a long-term municipal CSO or SSO control plan and are listed on this Priority List as construction-ready or eligible under a reserve category. For State FY2024 and FY2025, the removal of private inflow connections and the installation of new storm sewer connections from residences in North Hartford (as part of a new pilot program to address the impacts of CSOs) is proposed. North Hartford is an economically distressed area with a combined sewer system which often causes sewer backups into homes. Traditionally, work on private property has been excluded from the CWSRF. However, in light of the ongoing public health and environmental equity crisis, the Department has determined that the OSG program is well-suited to provide additional funding for projects funded under this Priority List in the North Hartford area.

In State FY2024, the OSG grant award to Connecticut will be \$1,054,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

TABLE 1 – BIL Summary

Connecticut’s expected allocations and state match requirements for the next two years are as follows:

BIL Grant	State FY 24 (Federal FY23) Allocation	State FY 25 (Federal FY24) Allocation	State Match
Supplemental Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant	\$25,535,000	<i>\$25,535,000</i>	<p>1. Match of 10% in FFY23 (state FY24). Match increases to 20% in FFY24 (state FY25).</p> <p>2. 49% of grant funds must be additional subsidy (i.e. grants).</p> <p>Note: Projects on this Priority List and/or the FY24/FY25 intended use plan will be eligible to receive additional subsidy, as funds are available and provided a project meets CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to develop a list of <u>Connecticut’s distressed municipalities</u>.</p> <p>Refer to Table 2 below for additional eligibility information and the order of priority for additional subsidy.</p>
Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG)	\$1,054,000	<i>\$1,054,000</i>	1. Match of 20% in FY24/FY25
Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$2,605,000	<i>\$2,605,000</i>	<p>1. Match not required.</p> <p>2. 100% of EPA’s capitalization grant to be provided as an add. Subsidy (i.e. grant)</p>

Italics indicate an estimated value.

TABLE 2 – Supplemental Clean Water SRF Grant Priority

	Order of Priority	
FY24: Additional subsidy of \$25,535,000	#1	<p>90% to Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) removal projects which meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p> <p>10% to innovative green infrastructure, energy efficiency, and/or water/energy conservation projects.</p>
	#2	<p>If eligible SSO projects do not utilize the full FY24 subsidy, the remaining funds will be distributed across all construction projects which appear on this PL and meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p>
FY25: Additional subsidy of \$25,535,000	#1	<p>90% to SSO removal projects which meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p> <p>10% to innovative green infrastructure, energy efficiency, and/or water/energy conservation projects</p>
	#2	<p>If eligible SSO projects do not utilize the full FY25 subsidy, the remaining funds will be distributed across all construction projects which appear on this PL and meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p>

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TABLE 3 – FY24/25 Project Requests

Town	Project Type	Description	I	IIA	IIB	3A1	3A2	3A3	3B1	3B2	3C1	3C2	3D1	3D2	IV	V	VIA	VIB	VIC	VID	VII	VIII	Priority Points	Public Project Cost (\$M)
Bridgeport	CSO	Ash Creek CSO Conveyance Project		20	8				3		3				8								42	\$21.0
Bridgeport	WPCF Upgrade	West Side WWTP Upgrade													12							32	44	\$30.0
Brookfield	Sewers	Sewer Extension - Dean/Pocono													2								2	\$3.3
Cheshire	I/I	SSES and Associated Improvements													2								2	\$2.0
Cheshire	Pump Station	Elmwood Pump Station Comprehensive Upgrade													2								2	\$3.5
Coventry	I/I	Coventry Lake Pipe Lining													2								2	\$0.2
Coventry	WPCF Upgrade	Treatment Plant Upgrade and/or Regionalization													4								4	\$12.0
Danbury	Green	WWTP Solar Power													6								6	\$10.0
Danbury	I/I	Sheridan Street Project													6	6							12	\$0.6
Danbury	Pump Station	Beaver Brook Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$4.9
Danbury	Pump Station	Turner Rd Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$0.3
Danbury	Pump Station	Triangle St Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$0.3
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Generator Upgrade													6								11	\$1.0
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Switchgear Relocation													6								11	\$1.0
Danbury	Resiliency	Sewer Pump Station Emergency Generators													6								6	\$0.6
Danbury	Sewers	West Side Sewer Phase II													6								6	\$17.6
Danbury	Sewers	East Side Sewer													6								6	\$5.4

Danbury	Sewers	Mill Plain Sewer Extension & PS Elimination																				6															6	\$2.8				
Danbury	Sewers	Osborne St Sewer																																					6	\$1.6		
Danbury	Sewers	Triangle Street Sewer Rehabilitation																																					6	\$0.6		
Danbury	Sewers	Valley View Sewer Replacement																																					6	\$0.5		
Danbury	Sewers	Hillside Sewer Pump Station Abandonment																																					6	\$0.4		
Derby	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade																																					6	\$57.0		
Fairfield	Resiliency	Center Street Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																					4	\$5.0		
Fairfield	Resiliency	Fairfield Beach Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																						4	\$5.0	
Fairfield	Resiliency	Pine Creek Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																						4	\$4.5	
Fairfield	Sewers	Kings Highway East Trunk Replacement																																						4	\$10.0	
Glastonbury	Green	WPCF Aeration Tank Jockey Blower																																						4	\$0.5	
Glastonbury	Pump Station	Parker Terrace Pump Station Upgrade																																							4	\$4.2
Groton	WPCF Upgrade	Biosolids Handling Upgrade																																						8	\$6.0	
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade	Secondary Treatment Improvements																																							2	\$7.5
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade	Solids Handling Improvements																																							2	\$5.0

Marlborough	Small Community	Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terrammuggus Sewer Project Phase IV		10										2							12	\$7.6
MDC	CSO	Granby 7 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	Granby 8 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	Granby 9 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor Avenue, Branford Street		10	8									8							26	\$17.0
MDC	CSO	Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement - Hartford		20	8									8							36	\$4.8
MDC	CSO & I/I	NBPR Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$16.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	Gully Brook Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$10.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	North Meadows 5/6/7 Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$5.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	Tower Avenue Area Sewer Rehabilitation (NM 2/3/4) - Hartford												8							8	\$2.0
MDC	I/I	West Hartford SSES Implementation Contract 2012-59												6							6	\$27.4

MDC	I/I	18-in to 21-in Brick Rehabilitation & I/I Reduction (L-D Phase 3A-2) - Hartford																					8																				8	\$12.4					
MDC	I/I	18-in to 21-in Brick Rehabilitation & I/I Reduction (L-D Phase 3A-1) - Hartford																						8																							8	\$11.5	
MDC	I/I	Easement Sewer Lining Program (Bloomfield & East Hartford)																						6																					6	\$5.8			
MDC	I/I	I-4 Small Diameter Rehabilitation - Hartford																						8																						8	\$0.2		
MDC	Pump Station	Island Road Sewer Pumping Station Improvements																						4																						4	\$6.3		
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Poquonock Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrades																						8																				22	30	\$22.0			
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	EHWPCF Aeration, DO Control & SCADA Upgrades - Phase 3B																						8																						8	\$21.0		
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	RHWPCF - Headworks & Sludge Storage Upgrades (Bid Alt 1 & 2)																						6																						6	\$15.0		
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	HWPCF - Site Wrap-up Phase 1 Contract A (WWEP)																						12																							12	\$12.0	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	HWPCF EPA SSI/MACT Incinerator Upgrades																						12																							12	\$5.3	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge Screening and Equalization Phase 1																						12																								12	\$4.7
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Hartford WPCF Centrifuge Replacement																						12																								12	\$4.5

MDC	WPCF Upgrade	EHWPCF Aeration, DO Control & SCADA Upgrades - Phase 3A													8							8	\$3.0
Miami Beach Association	Small Community	MBA Collection System Sewers		20											2							22	\$16.0
Montville	WPCF Upgrade	Influent Distribution Box Replacement													6							6	\$3.1
Naugatuck	I/I	Phase 2 I/I Removal													4							4	\$0.8
New Hartford	Small Community	Pine Meadow Sewer Extension		15											2							17	\$4.5
New Haven	CSO	East St. Pump Station Improvements for CSO Reduction		15	8				3		3				8							37	\$50.0
New Haven	CSO	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2		15	8				3		3				8							37	\$3.3
New Haven	I/I	Construction of I/I Improvements Woodbridge Areas 2 & 2A and East Haven Areas 15, 18, 23													8							8	\$6.1
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Construction of Process Air Compressor Improvements for Low-Level Nitrogen Reduction													12							12	\$19.5
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Solids Management Improvements at East Shore WPAF													12							12	\$17.5
Norwalk	I/I	Catch Basin Disconnection Program													6							6	\$5.0
Norwalk	Resiliency	Keeler Brook Pump Station Upgrade													6							6	\$5.0
Norwalk	Sewers	Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer													6	6						12	\$5.4

Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Wet Weather Treatment Improvements													10							10	\$38.0
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Aeration System Upgrades													10							10	\$35.0
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Equipment Updates													10							10	\$18.0
Norwich Public Utilities	CSO	WPCF/POTW Upgrade		15	8										4							27	\$191.0
Norwich Public Utilities	CSO	South Thames Street Emergency Services Force Main & Utility Bridge Improvements		15	8										4							27	\$2.5
Norwich Public Utilities	I/I	Greenville Sanitary Sewer Improvements													4	6						10	\$4.4
Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community	Old Lyme Beach Associations Shared Sewer Infrastructure Project		20											2	6						28	\$18.0
Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community	OCBCA Sewers and Other Infrastructure		20											2	6						28	\$9.0
Old Lyme	Small Community	Sound View and Misc. Town Area B		20											2	6						28	\$10.0
Old Lyme Shores Beach Association	Small Community	OLSBA Sewers and Other Infrastructure		20											2	6						28	\$11.0
Old Saybrook	Small Community	Community Large-Scale OWRS Planning and Pilot Test		20											2	6						28	\$1.6
Oxford	Green	Install Three Phase Power at Perkins Rd. Pump Station													2							2	\$0.3

Oxford	Green	Upgrade Long Meadow Meter Station													2								2	\$0.2
Oxford	Pump Station	E-Commerce Drive Sewer Pump Station. Construction of new pump station.													2								2	\$0.8
Oxford	Pump Station	Update Towner Lane Pump Station													2								2	\$0.5
Oxford	Resiliency	Increase capacity at Oxford Road Pump Station													2								2	\$0.1
Oxford	Sewers	Replace Towner Lane Force Main													2								2	\$3.3
Plainfield	Resiliency	North Treatment Plant Generator Replacement Project													2							5	7	\$4.0
Plainfield	WPCF Upgrade	North Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier (Design)													4								4	\$0.6
Plainville	Pump Station	Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Upgrade													4								4	\$2.6
Plymouth	WPCF Upgrade - Phosphorous	Phosphorous Reduction Improvements at Plymouth WPCF		10	8									6	6								30	\$14.0
Ridgefield	Pump Station	Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation													2								2	\$4.3
Ridgefield	Pump Station	Ramapoo Road Pump Station Upgrade													2								2	\$2.5
Ridgefield	WPCF Upgrade	Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning													4								4	\$10.0
South Windsor	Pump Station	Clark St, Benedict Dr, Pleasant Valley Pump Station Upgrade													4								4	\$9.0

Southington	WPCF Upgrade	Final Phase of PCB remediation																			8									8	\$3.0
Southington	WPCF Upgrade - Phosphorous	Magnetite Feed System																			8									8	\$0.4
Sprague	WPCF Upgrade	WPCF Denitrification Upgrade																			2							17	19	\$1.0	
Suffield	Sewers	Stony Brook Interceptor Rehabilitation																			2								2	\$4.0	
Suffield	Sewers	Kent Farms Sewer Improvements																			2	6							8	\$1.3	
Thomaston	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge System Upgrades																			4								4	\$3.5	
Torrington	I/I	Central Drainage Basin Sewershed I/I & SSES																			4								4	\$4.5	
Torrington	Pump Station	Harris Drive Pump Station Upgrade																			4								4	\$4.0	
Torrington	Pump Station	Miscellaneous Pump Station Rehabilitation																			4								4	\$2.8	
Torrington	Sewers	Toro Siphon Abandonment																			4								4	\$3.0	
Trumbull	Pump Station	Whitney Avenue PS Rehabilitation																			4								4	\$2.0	
Trumbull	Sewers	Rehabilitation of Beardsley Parkway Force Main																			4								4	\$8.9	
Trumbull	Sewers	Old Town Road Force Main Replacement																			4	6							10	\$2.7	
Trumbull	Sewers	Merritt Parkway Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation																			4								4	\$1.0	
Wallingford	WPCF Upgrade	Gas Pipe Replacement																			8								8	\$2.5	
Wallingford	WPCF Upgrade	Headworks Rebuild																			8								8	\$1.5	

Waterbury	I/I	I/I Reduction Infrastructure Improvements														6							6	\$15.0
Waterbury	Resiliency	Pump Station Replace Generators														6							6	\$5.0
Waterbury	WPCF Upgrade	Replace Aeration Tank Blower and Upgrades														10							10	\$10.0
West Haven	I/I	High Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Contract 2														6							6	\$0.4
West Haven	I/I	High Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Contract 3														6							6	\$11.6
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 3														6							6	\$0.8
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 4														6							6	\$1.5
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 5														6							6	\$2.0
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 2 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Oyster River														6							6	\$6.2
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 3 Pump Station Rehabilitation (Dawson Ave. and East Ave.)														6							6	\$17.6
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 4 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Main														6							6	\$6.2
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 5 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Trumbull and Savin														6							6	\$0.1
West Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Pipe Improvements														10							10	\$60.0
West Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Incinerator Upgrade														10							10	\$21.0

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Municipal Wastewater Updates

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EXHIBIT 10



**CLEAN WATER FUND
DRAFT FY2024/2025 PRIORITY LIST
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
1PM, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, VIA ZOOM**

INTRODUCTIONS

Municipal Wastewater Program– FY24-25 Priority List

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Stacy Pappano, Supervising Environmental Engineer

Syed Bokhari, Environmental Engineer II

Karriem Kazu Folger, Environmental Engineer I

HEARING PROCEDURE

This hearing is for informational purposes. It is not intended for a debate or as a question-and-answer session.

All testimony and comments received during this process will be addressd formally through the adoption of a hearing examiners report and the finalization of the FY24-25 Priority List.

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PUBLIC HEARING - OUTLINE

1. Introductions by Hearing Examiner Stacy Pappano
2. Hearing Procedures and Instructions
3. Introduction of Exhibits
4. Sources of funding by Assistant Director Ivonne Hall
5. Project prioritization: categories, fundable construction list, reserves
6. Written testimony received to date
7. Introduction of oral testimony by registered speakers
8. Closing

EXHIBITS

1. Announcement of the new email DEEP.CWF@ct.gov through Campaign Monitor
2. Call for Projects Memorandum, Request Form and EPA Green Reserve Crosswalk Table
3. Call for Projects sent out via Campaign Monitor and available on DEEP's website
4. Public Notice to hold a Public Hearing issued Dec 21, 2023
5. Public Notice publication on January 2, 2024, newspapers and affidavits
6. Public Notice sent out on the Campaign Monitor on January 2, 2024
7. Draft FY24-25 Priority List
8. Reminder notification for the Public Hearing via the Campaign Monitor on January 23, 2024
9. Town of Plainfield Letter
10. Ridgefield WPCA Letter
11. CT WEA Announcement of the Public Hearing

CT CWF SOURCES OF MONEY – PRIOR TO BIL

EPA
grants

Base Clean Water State
Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
Capitalization grant

Was typically \$15M
to \$20M

State

General Obligation Bonds
(grants)

State Revenue Bonds (loans)

BIL = Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,
FY2022 - FY2026

CWF SOURCES OF MONEY – FY24/25 PL

EPA grants

Base Capitalization grant \$9.19M FY24/\$6.89M FY25
Continues to shrink from earmarks

BIL Supplemental grant \$25.5M FY24

BIL Emerging
Contaminants \$2.65M FY24

Stormwater & Sewer
Overflow grant or OSG \$1.05M FY24

State

General Obligation Bonds (grants)

State Revenue Bonds (loans)

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)

BIL is discussed in Section 4 of the Draft Priority List

- Provides additional grants for municipal wastewater projects annually through Oct 2026
- A key priority of BIL is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure.

Municipalities do not apply separately for BIL funds

- Similar to how the annual EPA CWSRF Base Capitalization grant is used, DEEP determines how the additional BIL money will be distributed to projects based on 1) which projects are ready and 2) which ready projects fit the BIL criteria.

Additional BIL funding available: BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant & BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant

BIL also reauthorized the existing Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) program through 2026.

BIL CWSRF GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant:

- In Connecticut, BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant recipients must be a municipality(ies) listed as a distressed community by the Department of Community and Economic Development.
- CT DEEP has targeted the removal of sanitary sewer overflows (i.e. untreated discharges of sewage) as a priority to address the health and environmental impacts of such overflows to Long Island Sound, which occur either directly or indirectly through inland waters.

The Norwich WPCF Upgrade has been selected to receive the FY24 and FY25 BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grants.

- Norwich is a distressed community per the Office of Policy & Management.
- The Norwich WPCF Upgrade will reduce sanitary sewer overflows and reduce nitrogen ultimately discharged to Long Island Sound.

BIL EMERGING CONTAMINANTS GRANT

DEEP is finalizing a workplan with EPA to pilot PFAS removal technologies on landfill leachate.



SEWER OVERFLOW & STORMWATER REUSE MUNICIPAL GRANT (OSG)

The EPA OSG program is offered separately from the CWSRF.

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The FY24 and FY25 OSG grants will fund private property work as part of the North Hartford pilot project.

DEVELOPING THE FY24/25 PRIORITY LIST



Call for projects

\$2.4B in needs submitted



Assess readiness to proceed to construction

>\$900M in new needs assessed as ready projects



Determine fundable projects with consideration of available funds (State Capital Budget)



Prepare draft PL document

>\$800M projects proposed (including pending applications)



Public notice of public hearing



Public hearing at DEEP (via Zoom)



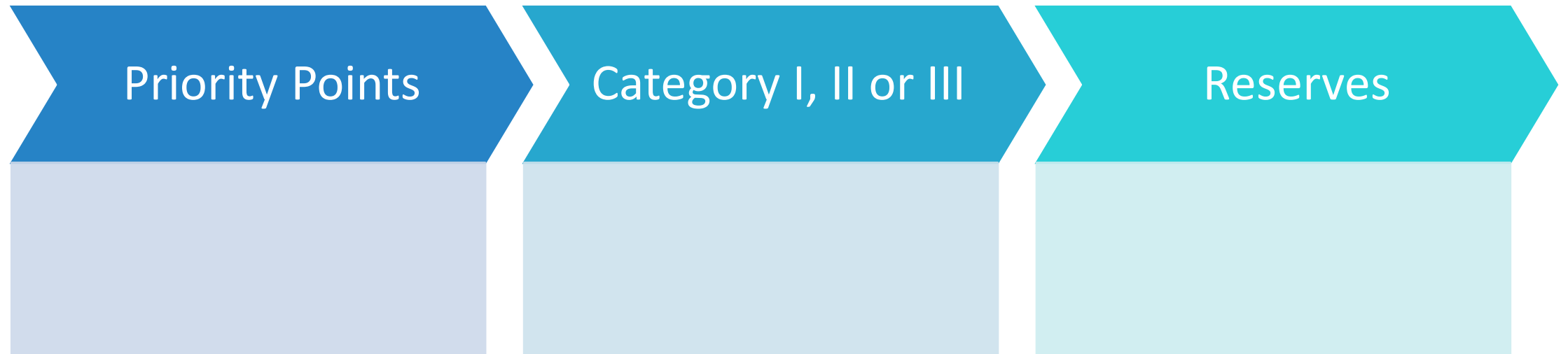
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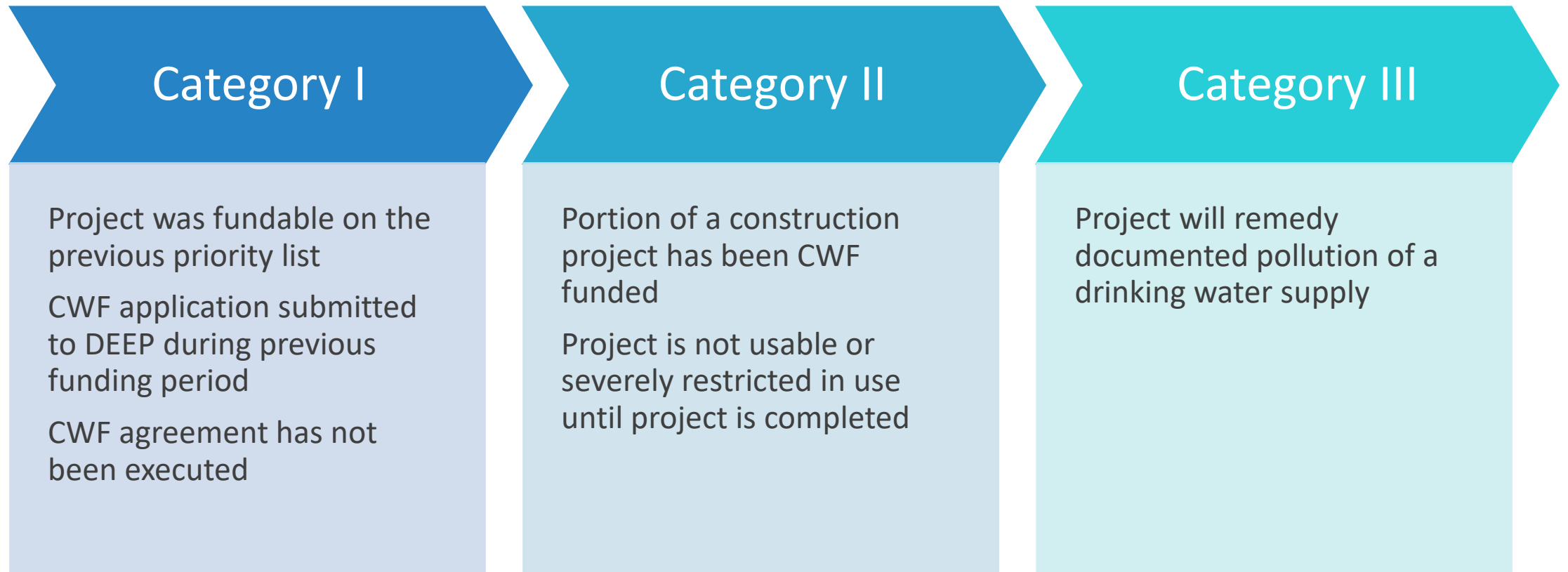
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Finalized Priority List

HOW DO CWF PROJECTS GET FUNDED?



CATEGORIES



CATEGORY 1 – FUNDABLE CONSTRUCTION

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
698-C	MDC	CT0100170	East Hartford WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$24
741-C	Ridgefield	CT0101451	Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, WPCF Decommission*	\$10
743-C	Norwich	CT0100412	WPCF Upgrade*	\$191
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Shore WPAF: Air Compressor Improvements*	\$19.5
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Street Pump Station*	\$50
TBD	MDC	CT0100480	Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$15
				\$309.5

* Projects listed on FY22-23 PL for construction funding but were delayed until FY24-25

FUNDABLE FY24 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
TBD	Plymouth	CT0100463	WPCF Phosphorus Reduction Improvements	\$14
TBD	Norwich	CT0100412	South Thames Street Force Main*	\$2.5
<i>TBD</i>	<i>MDC</i>	<i>CT0100251</i>	<i>CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor Avenue, Branford Street</i>	<i>\$17</i>
				\$33.5

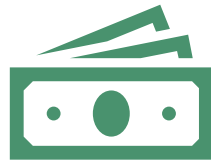
FUNDABLE FY25 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade	\$30
TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	Ash Creek CSO Conveyance Project	\$21
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2	\$3.3
TBD	MDC	CT0100251	Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement – Hartford	\$4.8
TBD	MDC	CT0100994	Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrades	\$22
<i>TBD</i>	<i>MDC</i>	<i>CT0100251</i>	<i>Granby 7/8/9 CSO Sewer Separation</i>	<i>\$54</i>
TBD	Sprague	CT0100978	WPCF Denitrification Upgrade*	\$1
				\$136.1

SET-ASIDES AND RESERVES



First come, first served



Funding not based upon priority points



With few exceptions, available to all towns



Categories change over time (add/delete)

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Cost Increases - \$20 Million

- First-come first-serve basis

Planning (engineering studies) - \$11 Million

- 55% grant; first-come first-serve basis

Design - \$20 million

- Grant and Loan, first-come first-serve basis

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Construction of Non-CSO Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation - \$60 Million

- 20% grant, 80% Loan

Construction of CSO Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation - \$125 Million

- Up to 50% grant , 50% Loan
- 4 CSO Communities : Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Norwich

Construction of Green Components - \$20 Million

- Non CSO Community 20 % Grant., 80% Loan, CSO Community 50% Grant, 50% Loan
- EPA Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table

Construction of Resiliency Projects - \$20 Million

- 20% Grant , 80% Loan

SET ASIDE AND RESERVES SMALL COMMUNITY

Reserve of \$76 Million, 25% Grant and 75% Loan

New Hartford – Pine Meadows

Marlborough - Town Center / Lake Terramuggus Phase 4

Old Lyme – Sound View Town Area

Old Lyme – Miami Beach, Old Colony Beach, Old Lyme Shores Beach

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Collection System Improvement Projects - \$ 20 Million

- Loan Only

Construction of Pump Station Rehabilitation - \$ 20 Million

- Loan Only

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

- Town of Plainfield
- Ridgefield WPCA

ORAL TESTIMONY

Registered speakers

Order of testimony: Members of the State Legislature,
Professional Organizations,
Municipal CEOs,
Other Municipal Officials,
Consultants,
Members of the Public

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Written comment period ends February 23, 2024

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[Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table \(epa.gov\)](#)



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1. Laura Tessier, *Funding Manager, Woodward & Curran*
2. David Banker, *Metropolitan District Commission*
3. Vanessa McPherson, *Arcadis*
4. Lisa Muscanell-DePaola, *Wright-Pierce*
5. Mike Manfre, *Glastonbury WPCA*
6. Vincent Gabrielle, *Staff-Writer, CT Insider*
7. Kallysia Raymond, *Waterbury Development Corporation*
8. Frank Russo, *Meriden WPCF*
9. Fred Mueller, *Tighe & Bond*
10. Mike Ruef, *Coventry WPCA*
11. Bill Lucey, *Save The Sound*
12. Paola Molloy, *Jacobs, City of Waterbury*
13. Chuck Bohaboy, *Glastonbury WPCA*
14. Nisha Patel, *Director, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
15. Stacy Pappano, *Supervising Environmental Engineer, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
16. Syed Bokhari, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
17. Karriem Kazu Folger, *Environmental Engineer I, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
18. Graham Stevens, *Bureau Chief, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, CT DEEP*
19. Ivonne Hall, *Assistant Director, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
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EXHIBIT 12

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To: [DEEP CWF](#)
Cc: [WPCA](#); [Walter Dylag](#); [Kevin M. Flood](#); [Allen L. Pigeon](#)
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Good afternoon,

I am writing to provide a comment as it relates to the FY 24-25 DRAFT Clean Water Fund Priority List.

The comment is regarding Table 3 – FY 24/25 Project Requests. Please note that the Town of Plainfield has a \$4M resolution for their two projects referenced in Table 3 (“North Treatment Plant Generator Replacements Project” and “North Treatment Plan Secondary Clarifier”) The estimated Project Cost for those projects is Generator Replacement Project is \$0.4M and the Secondary Clarifier Project is the balance (\$3.6M).

Thank you.

Doug

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February 6, 2024

Ms. Nisha Patel, P.E., Director
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Water Planning and Management Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Subject: Clean Water Fund
Draft FY 24 and FY 25 Priority List

Dear Ms. Patel:

We are writing to support the inclusion of the Ridgefield Route 7 Force Main, Pump Station, and Wastewater Treatment Facility Decommissioning project on the DEEP Clean Water Fund FY 24 and FY 25 fundable Priority List.

As DEEP is aware, the Town of Ridgefield has been implementing an upgrade of the town's Wastewater Treatment Facilities in accordance with the DEEP approved Wastewater Facilities Plan. Construction on the South Street WWTF Upgrade contract is ongoing and the Ridgefield Route 7 Force Main, Pump Station, and Wastewater Treatment Facility Decommissioning contract is the second construction contract in the planned upgrade. Undertaking the implementation of the Wastewater Facilities upgrade project is a significant financial cost to the Ridgefield Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town, and the funding assistance provided by the Clean Water Fund as detailed in the draft FY 24 and FY 25 Clean Water Fund Priority List was a key element of the voter approval process for the funding for this major infrastructure upgrade project.

The Ridgefield WPCA appreciates the support, cooperation, and accessibility of DEEP staff during this challenging multi-year construction project that will improve the level of treatment of the Town's wastewater and protect the Town and State's valued natural resources.

If we can provide any further documentation to support inclusion of the Ridgefield project on the Final Priority List, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Amy Siebert, Chair
Ridgefield Water Pollution Control Authority

cc: Rudy Marconi, First Selectman
Ann Straut, DEEP



February 21, 2024

Mr. Karriem Kazu Folger
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: Draft FY 24/25 CWF Priority List - Comments

Dear Mr. Folger,

The Metropolitan District (MDC) would like to first express our great appreciation of the overall funding identified for MDC within the Draft FY 24/25 CWF Priority List (“Priority List”). As detailed in our 2018 Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Update/Integrated Plan (IP) submitted to CT DEEP in December 2018, and updated in various correspondences and submittals through 2023, the MDC is committed to continuing its progress to date on both Consent Order and Consent Decree related projects (Clean Water Project). That being said, the MDC would like to provide the following written testimony for the purposes of public comment relative to the Priority List:

- The District is requesting that its Collection System Sewer Gate Replacement Project, with an estimated construction cost of \$4.8M, be removed from the list. As documented in the Consent Order (CO) Modification dated July 24, 2023, this project (SM-2 Improvements) was deferred from Phase I of the IP, and is anticipated to be addressed in the 2028 LTCP/IP Update and completed in Phase II of the IP.
- The District is requesting to change the name of its project titled: “CSO Sewer Separation: Westland Street, Durham Street, Woodstock Street, Windsor Avenue, Branford Street.” This name should be replaced with: “Expedited CSO Sewer Separation Contracts (ROW)”, as it is consistent with terminology in the July 2023 CO modification. Additionally, the cost should be revised from \$17M to \$28M, as result of the expansion of areas included, which will benefit CSO reduction volumes as well as provide a community benefit.
- The District has updated the project costs of the following projects based on recent construction bidding costs and scope revisions.
 - Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases), revised from \$15M to \$16M.
 - Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrade, revised from \$22M to \$23M.

Again, the District thanks CT DEEP for the support received to date, and for the cooperative efforts by CT DEEP staff on the development, and subsequent revisions, of the LTCP Update/IP as well as generous funding for projects in our plan.

Sincerely,



Susan Negrelli, PE

Director of Engineering

The Metropolitan District

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EXHIBIT 15

**Norwalk Water
Pollution Control
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February 23, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Municipal Wastewater Division
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DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

Subject: Draft FY2024-2025 Clean Water Fund Priority List

Dear Municipal Wastewater Division:

The Water Pollution Control Authority (“WPCA”) for the City of Norwalk (the “City”) has reviewed the Draft FY2024-2025 Clean Water Fund (“CWF”) Priority List and offers the following comment. The City respectfully requests that DEEP reconsider the points allocated to Norwalk’s Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project (the “Project”) and the Catch Basin Disconnection Program (the “Program”) and recategorize them as fundable projects for the FY2024-2025 CWF in accordance with the State’s prioritization of combined sewer overflow (“CSO”) abatement projects. The City further requests reconsideration of Norwalk’s eligibility for the Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects based on its status as a CSO community.

Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project

In October 2020, during routine surveillance of the collection system, Norwalk discovered an unidentified and unmapped CSO located at Wall Street in Norwalk. The 48-inch outfall is located north of the wastewater treatment plant in an area that receives significant flow from the northern portion of the City’s collection system. Norwalk promptly and diligently notified DEEP of the outfall, and following correspondence with the Agency, blocked approximately 46 inches of the outfall. Norwalk now seeks to eliminate the Wall Street CSO in its entirety through implementation of the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project.

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project will reroute flows from the East Wall Street trunk sewer to the East Interceptor downstream of the Moody’s Lane Siphon, via a Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer.¹ Modeling shows that construction of the Project will have three primary benefits:

- (1) Permanently close the Wall Street CSO and eliminate the CSO from the City’s collection system;
- (2) Lower the hydraulic grade line in portions of the East Interceptor that have historically been prone to significant surcharge; and

¹ Please see the proposed layout of the Hubbell’s Lane Relief Sewer (Figure 5-2 of the Collection System Master Plan, submitted September 30, 2022, and amended September 29, 2023) attached to this Comment.

- (3) Effectively mitigate significant surcharging and prevent manhole overflows up to the 25-year, 6-hour return frequency event.

Because the Project eliminates a CSO, the City believes that the Project Type as set forth in the Draft Priority List should be recategorized from “Sewers” to “CSO.” Similarly, the City believes that the Project is eligible for points in Criteria II(A), Criteria III(B)(1) and Criteria III(C)(1). The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project is necessary for the furtherance of water quality goals in the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound because it will eliminate a CSO from the collection system and mitigate surcharges to the system in this area, which will have a significant positive effect on water quality. Similarly, by eliminating this CSO, the Project minimizes potential bacterial impacts to shellfish beds and enhances existing swimming opportunities by significantly improving overall water quality in these areas. The City has some of Connecticut’s largest oyster beds downstream of this area, and Norwalk’s beaches are an important recreational source for the City.

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project is estimated to cost \$5,400,000, with \$4,500,000 in construction costs and \$900,000 in engineering and contingencies. The Project is currently at 90% design. The project will be advertised in summer/fall 2024, with estimated construction completed by the end of 2025. The anticipated project schedule is as follows:

Project Component	Projected Start Date	Projected End Date
Project Design Currently at 90% design	09/01/2023	06/28/2024
Design Review (CT DEEP) ²	07/01/2024	07/30/2024
Bidding Phase & Contract Award	08/01/2024	09/15/2024
Construction	10/01/2024	12/26/2025

Based on the above factors, the City respectfully requests that DEEP review and revise the Priority List points allocation for the Hubbells Lane Sewer Relief Project to take into consideration these substantial benefits, including elimination of a CSO and significantly enhanced water quality.

Catch Basin Disconnection Program

In addition to the Hubbells Lane Sewer Relief Project, Norwalk intends to implement the Catch Basin Disconnection Program. While Norwalk’s stormwater and wastewater collection systems were largely separated in the 1970s and 1980s, there are 81 catch basins that are known to be directly connected to the wastewater collection system. These catch basins capture and convey stormwater to the collection system, which is a significant source of inflow that contributes to high peak flows in short periods of time, resulting in CSO or SSO discharges. Modeling results show that disconnecting these identified catch basins will have several beneficial impacts including:

- (1) Significant overall reduction in flow to the collection system thereby reducing CSO discharges; and

² Bidding would only occur following DEEP review and approval.

(2) Reduced manhole overflows and SSO discharges.

Because the Program will significantly reduce CSO discharges, the City believes that DEEP should reconsider points awarded to the Program. As with the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project the City believes that the Catch Basin Disconnection Program should be awarded points in Criteria II(A), Criteria III(B)(1) and Criteria III(C)(1). Because the Catch Basin Disconnection Program will reduce overall flows, SSOs, and CSO discharges, the program is necessary for furtherance of water quality goals in the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound. Similarly, by reducing overall flow to the collection system and eliminating CSO discharges, the Catch Basin Disconnection Program will minimize any potential bacterial impacts to the shellfish beds and enhance existing swimming opportunities by significantly improving overall water quality.

The Program will confirm catch basin drainage areas, perform disconnection feasibility analyses, develop detailed design and disconnection specification, and carry out project bidding, construction management and project close out tasks. The project is expected to cost \$5,000,000. The Catch Basin Disconnection Program schedule and draft basis of design report are currently being reviewed by the WPCA, with design expected to commence in 2024, and construction in 2025.

In accordance with the above factors, the City respectfully requests that DEEP review and revise the Priority List points for the Catch Basin Disconnection Program to take into consideration these significant benefits, including substantial reduction in CSO discharges.

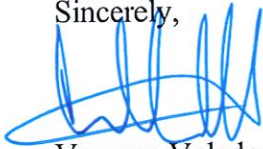
Reconsideration of Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects

Finally, the City requests that DEEP reconsider Norwalk's eligibility for the Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects. Because Norwalk is a CSO community, which is demonstrated by the Wall Street CSO discussed above, and further reflected in the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, the City respectfully requests that Norwalk be considered for this reserve funding alongside other CSO communities. As demonstrated by the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer project and the Catch Basin Disconnection Program, the City is actively engaging in CSO and I/I rehabilitation projects to reduce flooding, surcharging, and chronic collection system backups.

The City of Norwalk appreciates DEEP's ongoing commitment to allocate funding to municipalities and looks forward to continuing to partner with DEEP to meet our shared goals of improving water quality in the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vvaladares@norwalkct.gov.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Valadares, P.E.
Chief of Operations and Public Works

Copy: Chris Torre, DPW (*via Electronic Mail*)
Ralph Kolb, P.E., WPCA (*via Electronic Mail*)

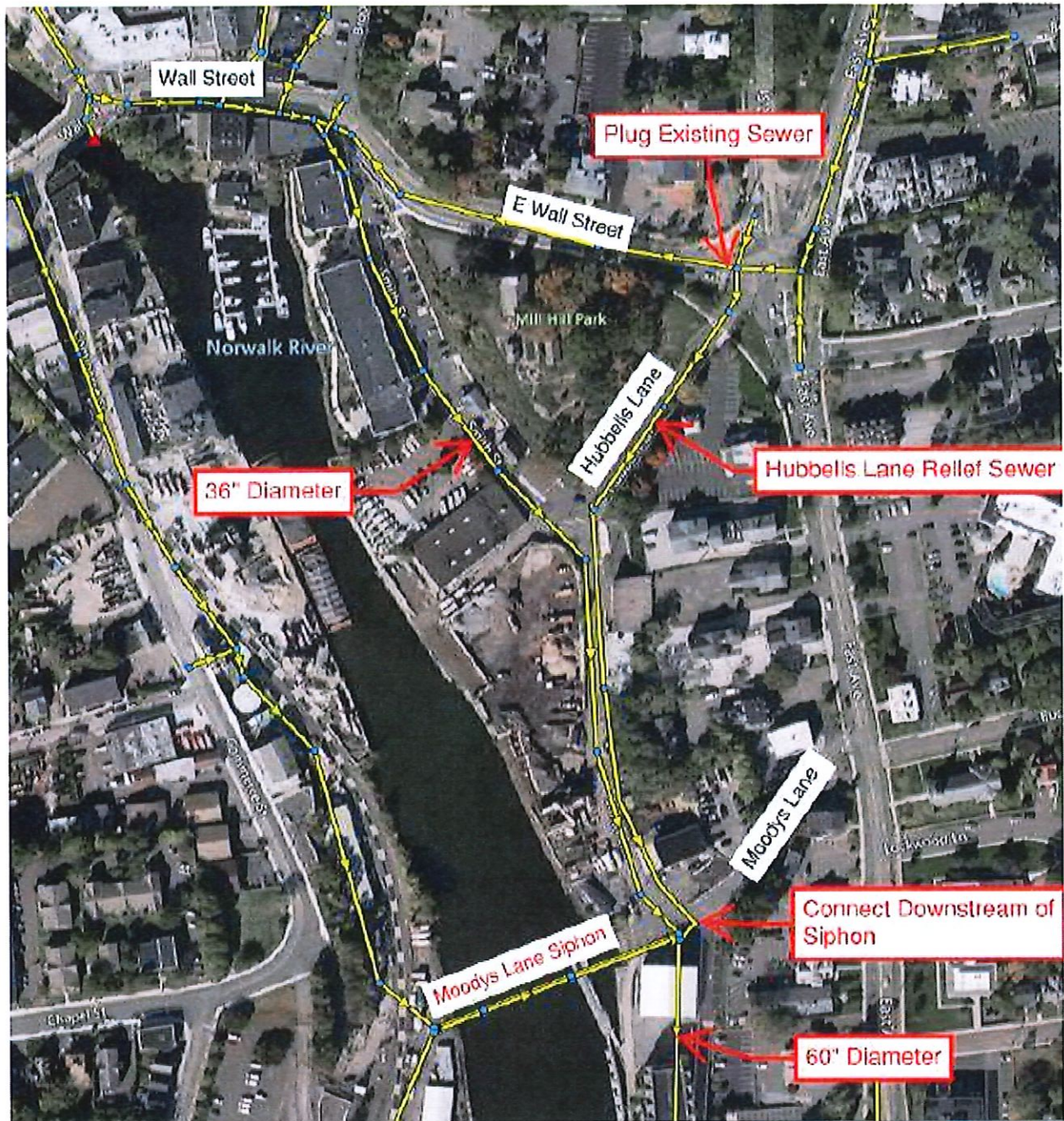


Figure 5-2. Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Layout

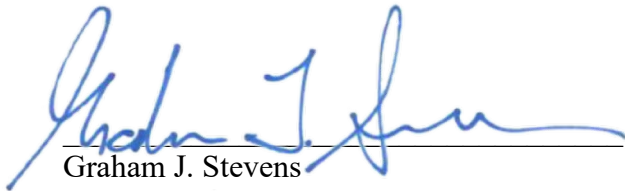
APPENDIX B

FINAL FY2024/2025 CLEAN WATER
FUND PRIORITY LIST

**Adoption of the Clean Water Fund
Financial Assistance Program
Municipal Water Pollution Control
State Fiscal Years 2024 – 2025
(FY24 and FY25 Priority List)**

In accordance with Section 22a-482-1(c)(4) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, I have reviewed the Hearing Report dated April 24, 2024 on the public hearing of the draft FY24 and FY25 Priority List held on February 7, 2024.

Based upon this review, I accept the recommendations of the Hearing Report and deem the revised priority list identified as Appendix B in the Hearing Report as the final FY24 and FY25 Priority List.



Graham J. Stevens
Bureau Chief
Water Protection and Land Reuse

July 8, 2024

Date



Clean Water Fund

Financial Assistance Programs Municipal Water Pollution Control Priority List, State Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025

- Section 1: Program Authorization and Objectives
- Section 2: Meeting Future Clean Water Fund Demands and Economic Benefits to the State
- Section 3: Municipal Funding Programs
 - Section 3a: Priority Project Program (Grant & Loan)
 - Section 3b: Set-Asides and Reserves (Grant & Loan)
 - Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program (Loan)
- Section 4: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Section 1: Program Authorization and Objectives

Authorizations:

The purpose of this document is to present the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's (Department or DEEP) state and federal funding assistance programs for municipal water pollution control projects during State Fiscal Years 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) and 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). This document describes the uses of funds available under Sections 22a-478 and 22a-483 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and federal funds under the Water Quality Act of 1987.

A public hearing on this document (hereafter referred to as “the Priority List”) was held by video conference on February 7, 2024, at 1 pm. The draft Priority List was distributed through a Municipal Wastewater email newsletter to all subscribers and posted on the Department’s website. Public notices of its availability were posted in various newspapers throughout the state. The Department sought public comment on the draft Priority List and all comments were considered in the development of the final Priority List.

The Department has been funding projects in accordance with the FY2022 and FY2023 Priority List. The unallocated balances from that Priority List were considered in the development of the FY2024 and FY2025 Priority List.

The anticipated funding for this Priority List is as follows:

	Anticipated State FY2024 Funds Authorized	Anticipated State FY2025 Funds Authorized
State General Obligation Bonds (1)	\$40,000,000	\$ 65,000,000
State Revenue Bonds (1)	--	--
Federal Capitalization Base Grant (2)	\$ 9,189,000	<i>\$ 8,000,000</i>
Federal SRF BIL Supplemental Grant (3)	\$ 25,535,000	<i>\$ 25,535,000</i>

(1) CONNECTICUT FY 2024 – FY 2025 BIENNIUM GOVERNOR’S BUDGET
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/Budget/2024_2025_Biennial_Budget/Budget_WebPage/GovBudget_2024-25_Final-Web-Version.pdf

(2) Amount estimated after earmarks. *Italics indicate the estimated amount.*

(3) BIL = Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; Refer to Section 4 for more information on this BIL grant.

Requirements of the Federal Capitalization Grant:

The requirements for the federal Capitalization Grants are as follows:

- 10% of the grant shall be used for green infrastructure, energy efficiency, or other environmentally innovative projects. The projects that are deemed eligible for funding are identified in Section 3b; and
- 10% to 40% of the Federal Capitalization Grant shall be applied as grant.

Funding Levels Based Upon Project Type:

The Clean Water Fund program is defined by Sections 22a-475 through 22a-483 of the CGS and by regulations adopted on February 19, 1992, pursuant to CGS 22a-482. The State's Clean Water Fund program (Section 3a of the Priority List) provides grants equal to 20% of the eligible project costs and a loan for the remainder of the project costs which are to be repaid over not more than 20 years at 2% interest for water pollution control projects. Exceptions to grant percentage are noted below.

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects receive grants equal to 50% of the eligible project costs associated with CSO control.
- Nutrient (Nitrogen or Phosphorus) Removal projects receive grants equal to 30% of the project costs associated with nutrient removal.
- Small Community projects receive grants of 25% of the eligible project cost.
- Collection System improvements receive 100% loan of the eligible project cost and shall not receive a project grant.

Pursuant to CGS sec. 22a-478(c)(4), if supplemental federal grant funds are available for Clean Water Fund projects specifically related to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, a distressed municipality may receive a combination of state and federal grants in an amount not to exceed 50% of the cost of the project associated with nutrient removal.

Management System

As required by Section 22a-482-1(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), a Priority List is established for the purpose of determining funding assistance available for sewerage projects. This list is effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until adoption of the subsequent Priority List. The intended effective period is from the date of adoption through June 30, 2025, or until the next Priority List is adopted.

The Priority List management system (Section 22a-482-1(c)(1) through (5) of the RCSA) includes sections on priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, order of priority funding, public hearing, and revisions to the Priority List. The Priority List has been developed in accordance with the requirements referenced above.

This document incorporates the priority ranking systems for grant-eligible priority projects. The loan-only collection system improvement projects will be funded from the reserves on a first-come, first-served basis.

Projects will be removed from the Priority List if they have been fully funded by the Clean Water Fund, if they have been funded by any other means, if they are no longer eligible for funding, or if the municipality withdraws the project from consideration.

Set-Asides and Reserves

In developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations.

Reserves have been considered for:

- a) Program administrative costs (set aside)
- b) Water quality management (set aside)
- c) Cost increases
- d) Planning projects
- e) Design projects
- f) Infiltration and inflow rehabilitation projects
- g) Green Components projects
- h) Resiliency projects
- i) Small community projects
- j) Pump station rehabilitation projects
- k) Collection system improvement projects

Program Administrative Costs

The costs of administering the Clean Water Fund are covered by a combination of federal grants and state bonds. Section 35.2020(a) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) provides that the State may set aside from the federal capitalization grant of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 and FFY2024 a reserve not to exceed 4 percent of Title VI appropriations for the purpose of administration. In addition to these federal dollars, the state may set aside an amount not to exceed 4 percent of the total bonding authorization to cover the reasonable costs of administering the program. These administrative expenses are allowed in accordance with appropriate tax laws and bonding practices.

Water Quality Management

Section 604(b) of the 1987 Amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act is applicable to Title VI only. This section is intended to provide a funding source to states for water quality management planning as defined by 205(j) and 303(e) of the Federal Act. Approximately \$351,000 (\$93,000 from Base SRF and \$258,000 from BIL Supplemental) will be reserved from the FFY2023 allotment and the FFY2024 allotment for this purpose will be determined in FY2024.

Small Communities

A “small community” means a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less, or highly dispersed sections of large municipalities. The regulations adopted pursuant to CGS Section 22a-482 require that a reserve of funds sufficient to finance the construction of at least one small community project per year be established.

Revisions to the Priority List

The Department reserves the right to evaluate the usage of funds in all of the reserves and the fundable construction projects at any time during the last six months of each fiscal year and to reallocate underutilized funds into any other reserve or construction project as determined by the Commissioner. This shall be done in accordance with the requirements of Section 22a-482-1 (c) (5) (Revisions to the Priority List) of the RCSA.

Revisions of the Priority List may be made at any time during the funding period in accordance with public participation requirements and all other established procedures. A public hearing with appropriate notice may be held on all significant changes to the Priority List and all parties affected by such changes may be notified directly. If the State determines that a change must be made and that such a change is not significant, or the affected municipality has been previously notified, public notice requirements and a public hearing may be waived.

If the passage of a public act or budgetary rescissions results in a reduction in the amount of funding authorized, the final Priority List will be revised without a public notice and public hearing. In order to account for a reduction in funding, the Department will make adjustments to the funding reserves that are underutilized for new projects. Specifically, the Department will revise Section 3b of the *Set-Asides and Reserves* and Section 3c of the *Collection System Improvement Program*. If adjusting those reserves is insufficient to account for the reduction in funding, then the lowest priority point projects listed in the table for *Fundable Construction Projects* will not receive funding. Any changes to the final Priority List will be posted on the DEEP website.

Section 2: Meeting Future Clean Water Fund Demands and Economic Benefits to the State

The FY2024 and FY2025 state capital budget will likely continue a trend of generous financial support for the ongoing improvement of our aging wastewater infrastructure. Current funding authorizations will further stimulate our recovering economy through the creation or retention of jobs for construction contractors, equipment manufacturers, construction materials suppliers, design and management professionals, and supporting businesses and industries. The availability of Clean Water Fund financing will reduce the burden on ratepayers and taxpayers from stable, low-interest financing as well as grant dollars to municipal wastewater treatment authorities.

Consistent with the priority list scoring process (See Section 3a) and in accordance with the RCSA Section 22a-482-1(c), available funding is proposed to address priority water quality areas. The priority needs of the state still remain achieving: CSO abatement as required under Long Term Control Plans and/or Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Plans, meeting the nitrogen load allocation required by the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Long Island Sound, and phosphorus reduction to control nutrient enrichment of streams.

Other issues that will likely add to the Clean Water Fund demands, but for which costs cannot be precisely determined at this time include:

- Tighter effluent limits for metals;
- Control of pharmaceuticals and personal care products; and
- Adaptation to address climate change effects of flooding and sea level rise.

Section 3: Municipal Funding Programs

Section 3a: Priority Project Grant-Loan Program

Priority Project Ranking System

Regulations adopted pursuant to CGS 22a-439 and 22a-482 (Section 22a-482-1(c) of the RCSA) and under 40 CFR Part 35 specify the use of a priority system for determining the funding of municipal projects.

The priority system and Priority List include project information and point ratings that become the basis for committing available and anticipated state and federal funds. Projects on the Priority List are rated on several criteria that emphasize the impact of each project on public health, improvement of water quality, and water resource utilization. Both the federal regulations governing the development of this document, 40 CFR 35.2015 and 35.2020, and state law, CGS 22a-439 and 22a-478, stress the need to fund projects that improve "priority water quality areas," i.e., specific stream segments or bodies of water where municipal discharges have resulted in the impairment of a designated use or significant public health risk, and where the reduction of pollution from the municipal discharges will substantially restore surface or groundwater uses. Based on the priority rating system and other specific management criteria, all anticipated eligible sewerage projects as requested by the municipalities or identified by the Department have been ranked for funding purposes and appear on the Priority List.

The Priority List contains the fundable portion, consisting of those projects anticipated to be funded from any unobligated balance of prior year carry-over funds and the anticipated FY2024 and FY2025 allotments. The priority rating score, which is developed from the priority rating system for every project, becomes the prime consideration in the overall Priority List ranking.

The criteria, which establish the priority rating number, are shown below. The application of this rating system to each individual project request that was received is shown in Table 3. Note that the criteria are evaluated against existing conditions, and not against future, 20-year flow projections. In cases where the priority rating number is the same for two or more projects, preference will be given to that project ready to proceed at the earliest date.

I. Project impacts potable water supply – (10 points maximum).

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| A. Impaired water supply affecting less than 25 people – | 2 points. |
| B. Impaired water supply affecting 26 to 100 people – | 4 points. |
| C. Impaired water supply affecting 101 to 1,000 people – | 6 points. |
| D. Impaired water supply affecting 1,001 to 5,000 people – | 8 points. |
| E. Impaired water supply affecting more than 5,000 people – | 10 points. |

II. Project is necessary for attainment of State water quality goals – (28 points maximum)

- A. Project is necessary for attainment of water quality standards where the

impacted water resource is:

1. Smaller than main stem of a sub-regional drainage basin or groundwater goals will be attained – 5 points.
 2. Main stem of sub-regional drainage basin – 10 points.
 3. Main stem of regional drainage basin – 15 points.
 4. Main stem of major drainage basin – 20 points.
 5. Projects that impact coastal areas are considered the equivalent of a regional drainage basin and assigned – 15 points.
- B. Project will enable the water body to meet minimum dissolved oxygen standards – 8 points.

III. Project will enhance specific water resource values – (24 points maximum)

- A. Fishery resources - (6 points maximum).
1. Project will improve recreational fisheries – 3 points.
 2. Project will improve anadromous fisheries – 6 points.
 3. Project will open new streams for fish stocking programs – 6 points.
- B. Shellfish resources – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will lower coliform bacterial levels in the waters of shellfish beds – 3 points
 2. Project will open new areas for shell fishing – 6 points.
- C. Swimming – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will enhance existing swimming opportunities – 3 points.
 2. Project will allow for new swimming opportunities – 6 points.
- D. Eutrophication – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by diverting septic system discharges out of a drainage basin – 3 points.
 2. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by providing nutrient removal in a municipal treatment plant or by relocating an existing treatment plant discharge – 6 points.

IV. Sewered Population initially served by the project – (12 points maximum)

- A. Less than 5,000 - 2 points.
- B. 5,000 but less than 10,000 - 4 points.
- C. 10,000 but less than 20,000 - 6 points.
- D. 20,000 but less than 40,000- 8 points.
- E. 40,000 but less than 75,000 - 10 points.
- F. 75,000 or greater - 12 points.

*For any project that is not listed as a “WPCF Upgrade” project type, 25% of the sewered population of the municipality was used during scoring.

V. Health Related Issues - (6 points).

Project will eliminate ponding of sewage from failing septic systems, backup of sewage into basements, or overflow of sewage in streets (CSO correction projects are not eligible for points for this criterion).

VI. Miscellaneous – (20 points maximum).

- A. Project involves the upgrading of an existing primary facility in order to comply with secondary treatment standards – 5 points.
- B. Project will result in the DEEP rescinding an Order concerning a sewer connection moratorium – 5 points.
- C. Project will eliminate nuisance odors associated with treatment processes or pump stations but exclusive of large-scale expansion or upgrading of treatment facilities – 5 points.
- D. Remedial action will improve treatment plant operations where treatment standards are already being achieved - 5 points.

(Note that projects receiving points under this category cannot also claim points under category VIII)

VII. Connecticut Housing Partnership Program – Development Designation

Community has received development designation - 0 points.

Public Act No. 88-305 established a Connecticut housing partnership program, and amended CGS 22a-478, requiring the Commissioner of DEEP to consider the formation of a housing partnership program with a development designation as a factor in making grants and loans. However, the Department of Housing (DOH) has discontinued the housing partnership program and is no longer maintaining a list of qualifying communities. Therefore, the priority points for such a program have been revised from 3 (on prior lists) to zero at this time.

VIII. Implementation of Long Island Sound TMDL

All projects that are designed to meet interim or final goals for nitrogen reduction per the Long Island Sound TMDL continue to receive points under this criterion. In order to prioritize the projects based on net impacts to Long Island Sound, a range of 15 to 32 points, rounded to the nearest whole number, based on their equalized baseline load, was established. This is in lieu of assigning each such project the full 32 points from Categories II.A.5 (15 pts), II.B (8 pts), III.A.1 (3 pts), and III.D.2 (6 pts). The actual formula for determining the points for each facility under this criterion is:

$$\text{Priority Points} = 14 + (\text{equalized baseline load, in lbs/day})^{0.368}$$

Once a facility has been constructed that is designed to or has demonstrated the ability to achieve the final nitrogen permit limit, it is no longer eligible for priority points under this criterion. This criterion constitutes a deviation from the existing regulations and has been approved

by an action of the Commissioner dated February 2, 2002, with a goal of being consistently applied since its inception.

Projects incorporating both phosphorus and nitrogen removal components shall only receive credit for one type of nutrient removal. These types of projects shall be rated two separate ways: the first score shall include points for phosphorus removal and no points under category VIII for nitrogen removal; the second score shall include points for nitrogen removal under category VIII, with no credit for phosphorus removal. The greater of the two scores shall carry forward.

Category I, II, and III Projects

The priority rating system also includes a project ranking mechanism as permitted by federal and state regulations. The ranking system allows the State to put certain **lower priority** projects in a favorable position for funding for certain specific reasons. Any project listed in Category I, II, or III will be funded first without regard to priority points prior to funding other construction projects in order of priority points. In general, the rank of the project depends on its priority number, but the Commissioner **may**, in accordance with Clean Water Fund regulations, choose to assign a higher rank for projects which fall into one of the following categories:

Category I - Consists of projects for which:

- A complete financing application for construction was submitted to the Department for review during the previous funding period,
- The project was on the fundable portion of the previous priority list, and
- A Clean Water Fund agreement has not been executed for the project.

These applications have undergone preliminary review and represent the good faith efforts of the municipality to comply with program requirements. Funding for planning and design, initially funded by the municipality, may be recouped in the future if the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. It should be stressed that any project placed in this category must come from the fundable portion of the previous Priority List.

Category II - Consists of projects where previously funded segments of pollution abatement facilities have been built and are not usable or are severely restricted in use until the remainder of the project is fully constructed and operational.

Category III - Consists of projects that remedy documented pollution of potable water supplies.

Fundable Projects: Category I

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
698-C	MDC	CT0100170	East Hartford WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$24
741-C	Ridgefield	CT0101451	Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, WPCF Decommission*	\$10
743-C	Norwich	CT0100412	WPCF Upgrade*	\$191
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Shore WPAF: Air Compressor Improvements*	\$19.5
TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	East Street Pump Station*	\$50
TBD	MDC	CT0100480	Rocky Hill WPCF Upgrade (2 phases)*	\$16
				\$310.5

Fundable FY24 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
30	TBD	Plymouth	CT0100463	WPCF Phosphorus Reduction Improvements	\$14
27	TBD	Norwich	CT0100412	South Thames Street Force Main*	\$2.5
26	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	Expedited CSO Sewer Separation Contracts (ROW)	\$28
					\$44.5

Fundable FY25 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
44	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade	\$30
42	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	Ash Creek CSO Conveyance Project	\$21
37	TBD	New Haven	CT0100366	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2	\$3.3
30	TBD	MDC	CT0100994	Poquonock WPCF Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrades	\$23
26	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	Granby 7/8/9 CSO Sewer Separation	\$54
19	TBD	Sprague	CT0100978	WPCF Denitrification Upgrade	\$1
					\$132.3

- (1) TBD – Clean Water Fund number to be determined at time of agreement execution.
- (2) Projects listed with * were listed on the FY22 and FY23 Priority List for construction funding and are delayed until FY24 and FY25.
- (3) WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility; WPAF = Water Pollution Abatement Facility
- (4) *Italicized projects are part of the North Hartford Pilot Project.*

Section 3b: Set-Asides and Reserves

As previously noted, in developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations. **These reserves are accessed on a first-come, first-served basis unless otherwise noted, and do not rely on a priority point score for allocation to qualifying municipalities. Projects seeking funding through Reserve categories must submit a complete Clean Water Fund application to be considered; projects will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of funds.**

Reserve for Cost Increases
(Grant percentage varies)

FY24/25 \$20M

This reserve is intended for construction cost increases on currently funded projects (i.e. design or construction projects with executed Clean Water Fund agreements).

Reserve for Planning Projects (55% grant)

FY24/25 \$11M

Planning funds will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis as complete applications are filed. In order for a planning project to be eligible, Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project.

After the planning reserve funds are depleted, municipalities may proceed with planning by utilizing local funds, and retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the Department. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible planning efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

Reserve for Design Projects

FY24/25 \$20M

(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)

Design funds will be made available only for those projects that can be expected to be reached on the Priority List for construction funding within three years. The QBS process must be followed in the

selection of the design engineer. If the design engineer was selected by the town through a QBS process during the planning phase, the town may continue to use the same engineering consultant.

For design costs associated with collection system improvements in Section 3c of the Priority List, the Department will not process separate design agreements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior written approval on the design fees and to then complete design with local financing. The municipality may then recoup the design cost (as loan) by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Design funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as complete applications are filed. If the design reserve funds are depleted, municipalities may proceed with design by utilizing local funds and retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the department. In such cases, funding for design may be recouped at the time the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible design efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

<u>Reserve for Construction of non-CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects</u> <u>(20% grant/80% loan)</u>	FY24/25	\$60M
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Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) rehabilitation projects are designed to reduce the volume and frequency of extraneous flow (storm and surface water inflow and groundwater infiltration) entering sanitary sewer systems. Since climate change continues to cause more frequent flooding, the Department has decided to continue providing a partial grant for I/I projects under this Priority List. Projects funded under this reserve minimize sewage overflows resulting from system surcharge, reduce hydraulic overloading and energy consumption, improve treatment efficiency, and reserve capacity for future wastewater needs.

<u>Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects</u> <u>(50% grant/50% loan)</u>	FY24/25	\$125M
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Flooding causes more complex issues in CSO communities including chronic sewer backups. Therefore, I/I rehabilitation projects specifically located in CSO communities are critical to protecting public health. On a limited basis and subject to availability of state funding, I/I projects documented to result in combined sewer overflow volume reduction or elimination in the four (4) CSO communities with active CSO Long-Term Control Plans: Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and Norwich, will have availability of up to 50% grant.

Reserve for Construction of Green Components

(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)

FY24/25

\$20M

Green Components are components of “green projects” as specified by the EPA [Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table \(epa.gov\)](#) that adopt practices to reduce the environmental footprint of water and wastewater treatment, collection, and distribution, help utilities adapt to climate change, enhance water and energy conservation, adopt more sustainable solutions to wet weather flows, and promote innovative approaches to water management problems.

This reserve includes, but is not limited to, the following types of construction projects:

- Green Infrastructure, including demonstration projects of green infrastructure technologies to promote infiltration of stormwater and mitigate combined sewer overflows. (50% grant/50%loan)
- Energy Management planning (20% grant/80% loan)
- Pump Station Consolidation and/or Elimination (not otherwise funded in the pump station reserve in Section 3c) (20% grant/80% loan)
- I/I Rehabilitation Projects (not otherwise funded in the reserves listed above in this section)
- Energy efficiency projects as defined by EPA. Examples include cost-effective renewable energy components at treatment plants and projects that achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption at treatment plants. (20% grant/80% loan)
- Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Process & Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Collection System Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, geothermal, micro-hydroelectric, and biogas combined heat and power systems that provide power to a POTW (20% grant/80% loan)

Projects that DO NOT meet the EPA criteria of energy efficiency include:

- Renewable energy generation that is privately owned or the portion of a publicly owned renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a POTW
- Simply replacing a piece of equipment, because it is at the end of its useful life, with something of average efficiency
- Facultative lagoons, even if integral to an innovative treatment process.

Reserve for Construction of Resiliency Projects

(20% grant/80% loan)

FY24/25

\$20M

This reserve is for projects that allow wastewater infrastructure to better withstand the effects of severe weather events and expected climate change impacts such as an increase in frequency and severity of precipitation events, flooding, storm surge, wave action, and sea level rise. Projects that

fall under the resiliency category may also contain green components as well. A portion of this reserve may be prioritized for projects in municipalities, especially distressed municipalities, that have established a Municipal Stormwater Authority pursuant to Section 22a-498 of the general statutes. In addition to the rolling application period associated with all reserve categories in the Priority List, this reserve may be administered by a specific call for projects, on a first come, first served basis, or both.

<u>Reserve for Small Community Projects</u> <u>(25% grant/75% loan)</u>	FY24/25	\$76M
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This reserve allows for the funding of small community projects that will mitigate an existing documented community pollution problem. Small community projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

New Hartford, Pine Meadow sewer extension -	\$5M
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Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Phase IV -	\$8M
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Old Lyme Project Areas:

Sound View Town Area -	\$10M
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Miami Beach Association, Old Colony Beach Association, and , Old Lyme Shores Beach Association Sewers -	\$54M
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Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program

In accordance with Section 22a-478(c)(8) of the CGS, the funding of collection system improvement projects is permissive (“sewer collection system improvements may receive a loan for one hundred percent of the eligible cost...”). This is different from the priority project grant-loan program which is obligatory if funding is available. This funding is a 2% interest rate loan payable over 20 years.

It is important to note that this program is a subset of the Clean Water Fund and the only changes to the Clean Water Fund program are the funding level and the requirement for a separate priority system. All other aspects of the Clean Water Fund program, including the statutes and regulations, cost-effectiveness of projects, and environmental review apply to the collection system improvement program. Qualifications Based Selection must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project. All administrative procedures applicable to the Clean Water Fund program apply to the collection system improvement program as well.

As indicated in Section 3b, the Department will not process separate design agreements for collection system improvements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior

written approval on the design fees and then complete design with local financing rather than a Clean Water Fund loan. The municipality may then recoup the design cost by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Fundable FY2024/2025 Construction Projects (Collection System Improvement Program)

<u>Reserve for Construction of Collection System Improvement Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY24/25	\$20M
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This reserve will be available for the following types of sanitary sewer projects:

- Rehabilitation and/or replacement of sanitary sewers that cannot be adequately repaired through lining alone;
- Construction of relief sewers in separated sewer systems to address hydraulic overloading of existing sewers;
- Construction of sewers to cost-effectively eliminate sanitary sewer pump stations; and
- Extension of sanitary sewers to solve an existing community pollution problem.

<u>Reserve for Construction of Pump Station Rehabilitation Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY24/25	\$20M
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Projects funded under this reserve are for pump station improvement projects located in the collection system that result in a reduction in energy consumption, increase resiliency during extreme wet weather events, upgrade the ability to provide emergency power, or replace equipment that is beyond its design life.

Section 4: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, by President Biden, resulting in increased support of wastewater infrastructure needs in alignment with State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF, aka Connecticut's Clean Water Fund). This section discusses changes to the CWSRF base program requirements, as well as the three additional federal grants that BIL has provided to the State of Connecticut. The BIL grants will continue to be provided annually through October 2026, with implementation by the Department in accordance with applicable implementation guidelines, as published and amended by US EPA and/or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Section 4a: CWSRF Amendments from BIL

For the CWSRF Base Program, some of the key provisions of BIL include the following amendments:

Annual CWSRF Capitalization Grant Requirements – BIL establishes an additional subsidy range of 10% to 30% for the annual CWSRF capitalization grant. Congress has previously required that states use 10% of the annual CWSRF capitalization grant for additional subsidy. For projects funded through the Base SRF grant, this requirement can be met without changing the existing grant and loan ratios for state clean water projects.

American Iron and Steel – The American Iron and Steel procurement requirement is permanent for *all* CWSRF construction projects going forward.

Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) – BIL also expands domestic sourcing requirements with the inclusion of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA). Starting on May 14, 2022, all steel, iron, manufactured products, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall used in infrastructure projects for federal financial assistance programs must be produced in the United States. US EPA has approved various waivers which can be found at: [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) Approved Waivers | US EPA](#).

The Adjustment Period Waiver of Section 70914(a) of P.L. 117-58, Build America, Buy America Act, 2021 for SRF Projects that have Initiated Design Planning applies to projects that initiated planning and/or design prior to May 14, 2022 has sunset. As a result, the Adjustment Period Waiver will only be applicable to equivalency projects on the FY23 or earlier priority lists, which were planned and designed prior to May 12, 2022. This project specific planning and design waiver will carry forward so long as there are no changes in the scope of work during the construction period.

Section 4b:

1. BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant

In addition to the annual capitalization grant, BIL has authorized an annual CWSRF General Supplemental Grant through 2026 to further support the Clean Water Fund program. In State FY2024, the Supplemental CWSRF grant award to Connecticut will be \$25,535,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

A key priority of BIL is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure. Congress required 49% of BIL CWSRF General Supplemental funding be provided as grants and/or forgivable loans to communities that meet a state's affordability criteria or certain project types, consistent with the Clean Water Act, and EPA encourages states to use these funds to support projects in disadvantaged communities. In Connecticut, BIL CWSRF General Supplemental Grant recipients will be a municipality(ies) listed as a [distressed community](#) by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Per Section 22a-478(c)(4) of Connecticut General Statutes, if supplemental federal grants are available for projects targeted to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, those project components may receive up to 50% grant. CT DEEP has targeted the removal of sanitary sewer overflows (i.e. untreated discharges of sewage) as a priority to address the health and environmental impacts of such overflows to Long Island Sound, which occur either directly or indirectly through inland waters.

2. BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant:

This grant seeks to address emerging contaminants (including but not limited to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS) through any project eligible per Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act. In accordance with the Department's water quality goals and the state PFAS Action Plan, dated November 1, 2019, the Department is proposing to focus on PFAS contamination and treatment and is coordinating with EPA to develop an implementation plan consistent with EPA requirements.

In State FY2024, the Emerging Contaminant grant award to Connecticut will be \$2,605,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

Section 4c: Non-Clean Water Fund Grant

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant – Separate from the CWSRF Program, the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG Program) was reauthorized by America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and again by the 2021 BIL. The BIL reauthorized the program through 2026 to further support clean water needs. The OSG grant

provides funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects to eligible entities with projects that address infrastructure needs related to mitigation and/or removal of CSOs and SSOs and to improve stormwater management. Eligible projects can be located on private or public property and include planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater and any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.

Priority will be given to funding projects in communities in distressed areas that have a long-term municipal CSO or SSO control plan and are listed on this Priority List as construction-ready or eligible under a reserve category. For State FY2024 and FY2025, the removal of private inflow connections and the installation of new storm sewer connections from residences in North Hartford (as part of a new pilot program to address the impacts of CSOs) is proposed. North Hartford is an economically distressed area with a combined sewer system which often causes sewer backups into homes. Traditionally, work on private property has been excluded from the CWSRF. However, in light of the ongoing public health and environmental equity crisis, the Department has determined that the OSG program is well-suited to provide additional funding for projects funded under this Priority List in the North Hartford area.

In State FY2024, the OSG grant award to Connecticut will be \$1,054,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2025.

TABLE 1 – BIL Summary

Connecticut’s expected allocations and state match requirements for the next two years are as follows:

BIL Grant	State FY 24 (Federal FY23) Allocation	State FY 25 (Federal FY24) Allocation	State Match
Supplemental Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant	\$25,535,000	<i>\$25,535,000</i>	<p>1. Match of 10% in FFY23 (state FY24). Match increases to 20% in FFY24 (state FY25).</p> <p>2. 49% of grant funds must be additional subsidy (i.e. grants).</p> <p>Note: Projects on this Priority List and/or the FY24/FY25 intended use plan will be eligible to receive additional subsidy, as funds are available and provided a project meets CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to develop a list of <u>Connecticut’s distressed municipalities</u>.</p> <p>Refer to Table 2 below for additional eligibility information and the order of priority for additional subsidy.</p>
Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG)	\$1,054,000	<i>\$1,054,000</i>	1. Match of 20% in FY24/FY25
Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$2,605,000	<i>\$2,605,000</i>	<p>1. Match not required.</p> <p>2. 100% of EPA’s capitalization grant to be provided as an add. Subsidy (i.e. grant)</p>

Italics indicate an estimated value.

TABLE 2 – Supplemental Clean Water SRF Grant Priority

	Order of Priority	
FY24: Additional subsidy of \$25,535,000	#1	<p>90% to Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) removal projects which meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p> <p>10% to innovative green infrastructure, energy efficiency, and/or water/energy conservation projects.</p>
	#2	<p>If eligible SSO projects do not utilize the full FY24 subsidy, the remaining funds will be distributed across all construction projects which appear on this PL and meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p>
FY25: Additional subsidy of \$25,535,000	#1	<p>90% to SSO removal projects which meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p> <p>10% to innovative green infrastructure, energy efficiency, and/or water/energy conservation projects</p>
	#2	<p>If eligible SSO projects do not utilize the full FY25 subsidy, the remaining funds will be distributed across all construction projects which appear on this PL and meet CT’s existing affordability criteria as used by the DECD to develop a list of distressed municipalities in Connecticut.</p>

Italics indicate an estimated value.

TABLE 3 – FY24/25 Project Requests

Town	Project Type	Description	I	IIA	IIB	3A1	3A2	3A3	3B1	3B2	3C1	3C2	3D1	3D2	IV	V	VIA	VIB	VIC	VID	VII	VIII	Priority Points	Public Project Cost (\$M)
Bridgeport	CSO	Ash Creek CSO Conveyance Project		20	8				3		3				8								42	\$21.0
Bridgeport	WPCF Upgrade	West Side WWTP Upgrade													12							32	44	\$30.0
Brookfield	Sewers	Sewer Extension - Dean/Pocono													2								2	\$3.3
Cheshire	I/I	SSES and Associated Improvements													2								2	\$2.0
Cheshire	Pump Station	Elmwood Pump Station Comprehensive Upgrade													2								2	\$3.5
Coventry	I/I	Coventry Lake Pipe Lining													2								2	\$0.2
Coventry	WPCF Upgrade	Treatment Plant Upgrade and/or Regionalization													4								4	\$12.0
Danbury	Green	WWTP Solar Power													6								6	\$10.0
Danbury	I/I	Sheridan Street Project													6	6							12	\$0.6
Danbury	Pump Station	Beaver Brook Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$4.9
Danbury	Pump Station	Turner Rd Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$0.3
Danbury	Pump Station	Triangle St Pump Station Upgrade													6								6	\$0.3
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Generator Upgrade													6					5			11	\$1.0
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Switchgear Relocation													6					5			11	\$1.0
Danbury	Resiliency	Sewer Pump Station Emergency Generators													6								6	\$0.6
Danbury	Sewers	West Side Sewer Phase II													6								6	\$17.6
Danbury	Sewers	East Side Sewer													6								6	\$5.4

Danbury	Sewers	Mill Plain Sewer Extension & PS Elimination																				6																6	\$2.8								
Danbury	Sewers	Osborne St Sewer																																						6	\$1.6						
Danbury	Sewers	Triangle Street Sewer Rehabilitation																																							6	\$0.6					
Danbury	Sewers	Valley View Sewer Replacement																																							6	\$0.5					
Danbury	Sewers	Hillside Sewer Pump Station Abandonment																																								6	\$0.4				
Derby	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade																																									6	\$57.0			
Fairfield	Resiliency	Center Street Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																									4	\$5.0			
Fairfield	Resiliency	Fairfield Beach Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																										4	\$5.0		
Fairfield	Resiliency	Pine Creek Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main																																										4	\$4.5		
Fairfield	Sewers	Kings Highway East Trunk Replacement																																										4	\$10.0		
Glastonbury	Green	WPCF Aeration Tank Jockey Blower																																										4	\$0.5		
Glastonbury	Pump Station	Parker Terrace Pump Station Upgrade																																											4	\$4.2	
Groton	WPCF Upgrade	Biosolids Handling Upgrade																																											8	\$6.0	
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade	Secondary Treatment Improvements																																											2	\$7.5	
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade	Solids Handling Improvements																																												2	\$5.0

Marlborough	Small Community	Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terrammuggus Sewer Project Phase IV		10										2							12	\$7.6
MDC	CSO	Granby 7 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	Granby 8 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	Granby 9 Sewer Separation - NBPR		10	8									8							26	\$18.0
MDC	CSO	Expedited CSO Sewer Separation Contracts (ROW)		10	8									8							26	\$28.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	NBPR Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$16.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	Gully Brook Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$10.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	North Meadows 5/6/7 Area CMOM & Lateral Rehabilitation - Hartford												8							8	\$5.0
MDC	CSO & I/I	Tower Avenue Area Sewer Rehabilitation (NM 2/3/4) - Hartford												8							8	\$2.0
MDC	I/I	West Hartford SSES Implementation Contract 2012-59												6							6	\$27.4
MDC	I/I	18-in to 21-in Brick Rehabilitation & I/I Reduction (L-D Phase 3A-2) - Hartford												8							8	\$12.4

MDC	I/I	18-in to 21-in Brick Rehabilitation & I/I Reduction (L-D Phase 3A-1) - Hartford																					8												8	\$11.5	
MDC	I/I	Easement Sewer Lining Program (Bloomfield & East Hartford)																																	6	\$5.8	
MDC	I/I	I-4 Small Diameter Rehabilitation - Hartford																																	8	\$0.2	
MDC	Pump Station	Island Road Sewer Pumping Station Improvements																																4	\$6.3		
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Poquonock Trickling Filter & BNR Upgrades																																8	22	30	\$23.0
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	EHWPCF Aeration, DO Control & SCADA Upgrades - Phase 3B																																8	8	\$21.0	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	RHWPCF - Headworks & Sludge Storage Upgrades (Bid Alt 1 & 2)																																6	6	\$16.0	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	HWPCF - Site Wrap-up Phase 1 Contract A (WWEP)																																12	12	\$12.0	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	HWPCF EPA SSI/MACT Incinerator Upgrades																																12	12	\$5.3	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge Screening and Equalization Phase 1																																12	12	\$4.7	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Hartford WPCF Centrifuge Replacement																																12	12	\$4.5	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	EHWPCF Aeration, DO Control & SCADA Upgrades - Phase 3A																																8	8	\$3.0	

Miami Beach Association	Small Community	MBA Collection System Sewers		20																	22	\$16.0	
Montville	WPCF Upgrade	Influent Distribution Box Replacement												6								6	\$3.1
Naugatuck	I/I	Phase 2 I/I Removal												4								4	\$0.8
New Hartford	Small Community	Pine Meadow Sewer Extension		15										2								17	\$4.5
New Haven	CSO	East St. Pump Station Improvements for CSO Reduction		15	8				3		3			8								37	\$50.0
New Haven	CSO	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2		15	8				3		3			8								37	\$3.3
New Haven	I/I	Construction of I/I Improvements Woodbridge Areas 2 & 2A and East Haven Areas 15, 18, 23												8								8	\$6.1
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Construction of Process Air Compressor Improvements for Low-Level Nitrogen Reduction												12								12	\$19.5
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Solids Management Improvements at East Shore WPAF												12								12	\$17.5
Norwalk	I/I	Catch Basin Disconnection Program												6								6	\$5.0
Norwalk	Resiliency	Keeler Brook Pump Station Upgrade												6								6	\$5.0
Norwalk	Sewers	Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer												6	6							12	\$5.4
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Wet Weather Treatment Improvements												10								10	\$38.0
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Aeration System Upgrades												10								10	\$35.0

Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Equipment Updates																			10										10	\$18.0
Norwich Public Utilities	CSO	WPCF/POTW Upgrade		15	8																	4									27	\$191.0
Norwich Public Utilities	CSO	South Thames Street Emergency Services Force Main & Utility Bridge Improvements		15	8																	4									27	\$2.5
Norwich Public Utilities	I/I	Greenville Sanitary Sewer Improvements																				4	6								10	\$4.4
Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community	Old Lyme Beach Associations Shared Sewer Infrastructure Project		20																		2	6								28	\$18.0
Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community	OCBCA Sewers and Other Infrastructure		20																		2	6								28	\$9.0
Old Lyme	Small Community	Sound View and Misc. Town Area B		20																		2	6								28	\$10.0
Old Lyme Shores Beach Association	Small Community	OLSBA Sewers and Other Infrastructure		20																		2	6								28	\$11.0
Old Saybrook	Small Community	Community Large-Scale OWRS Planning and Pilot Test		20																		2	6								28	\$1.6
Oxford	Green	Install Three Phase Power at Perkins Rd. Pump Station																				2									2	\$0.3
Oxford	Green	Upgrade Long Meadow Meter Station																				2									2	\$0.2

Oxford	Pump Station	E-Commerce Drive Sewer Pump Station. Construction of new pump station.																						2																2	\$0.8							
Oxford	Pump Station	Update Towner Lane Pump Station																								2																		2	\$0.5			
Oxford	Resiliency	Increase capacity at Oxford Road Pump Station																								2																	2	\$0.1				
Oxford	Sewers	Replace Towner Lane Force Main																								2																	2	\$3.3				
Plainfield	Resiliency	North Treatment Plant Generator Replacement Project																								2													5						7	\$0.4		
Plainfield	WPCF Upgrade	North Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier (Design)																								4																	4	\$3.6				
Plainville	Pump Station	Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Upgrade																									4																		4	\$2.6		
Plymouth	WPCF Upgrade - Phosphorous	Phosphorous Reduction Improvements at Plymouth WPCF			10	8																					6	6															30	\$14.0				
Ridgefield	Pump Station	Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation																									2																		2	\$4.3		
Ridgefield	Pump Station	Ramapoo Road Pump Station Upgrade																									2																		2	\$2.5		
Ridgefield	WPCF Upgrade	Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning																									4																		4	\$10.0		
South Windsor	Pump Station	Clark St, Benedict Dr, Pleasant Valley Pump Station Upgrade																									4																			4	\$9.0	
Southington	WPCF Upgrade	Final Phase of PCB remediation																										8																			8	\$3.0

Southington	WPCF Upgrade - Phosphorous	Magnetite Feed System																				8											8	\$0.4
Sprague	WPCF Upgrade	WPCF Denitrification Upgrade																				2										17	19	\$1.0
Suffield	Sewers	Stony Brook Interceptor Rehabilitation																				2										2		\$4.0
Suffield	Sewers	Kent Farms Sewer Improvements																				2	6									8	\$1.3	
Thomaston	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge System Upgrades																				4										4		\$3.5
Torrington	I/I	Central Drainage Basin Sewershed I/I & SSES																				4										4		\$4.5
Torrington	Pump Station	Harris Drive Pump Station Upgrade																				4										4		\$4.0
Torrington	Pump Station	Miscellaneous Pump Station Rehabilitation																				4										4		\$2.8
Torrington	Sewers	Toro Siphon Abandonment																				4										4		\$3.0
Trumbull	Pump Station	Whitney Avenue PS Rehabilitation																				4										4		\$2.0
Trumbull	Sewers	Rehabilitation of Beardsley Parkway Force Main																				4										4		\$8.9
Trumbull	Sewers	Old Town Road Force Main Replacement																				4	6									10	\$2.7	
Trumbull	Sewers	Merritt Parkway Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation																				4										4		\$1.0
Wallingford	WPCF Upgrade	Gas Pipe Replacement																				8										8		\$2.5
Wallingford	WPCF Upgrade	Headworks Rebuild																				8										8		\$1.5
Waterbury	I/I	I/I Reduction Infrastructure Improvements																				6										6		\$15.0

Waterbury	Resiliency	Pump Station Replace Generators																				6																6	\$5.0		
Waterbury	WPCF Upgrade	Replace Aeration Tank Blower and Upgrades																					10																10	\$10.0	
West Haven	I/I	High Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Contract 2																					6																6	\$0.4	
West Haven	I/I	High Priority Sewer Rehabilitation Contract 3																						6																6	\$11.6
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 3																						6																6	\$0.8
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 4																						6																6	\$1.5
West Haven	I/I	Dawson Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 5																						6																6	\$2.0
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 2 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Oyster River																						6																6	\$6.2
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 3 Pump Station Rehabilitation (Dawson Ave. and East Ave.)																						6																6	\$17.6
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 4 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Main																						6																6	\$6.2
West Haven	Pump Station	Phase 5 Pump Station Rehabilitation - Trumbull and Savin																						6																6	\$0.1
West Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Pipe Improvements																						10																10	\$60.0
West Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Incinerator Upgrade																						10																10	\$21.0