



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### CALL FOR PROJECTS NOTICE

#### DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008

#### ELIGIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS [COMMUNITY SYSTEMS & NON-PROFIT NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS]

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-182) allows states to establish a DWSRF low-interest loan program to assist community public water systems and non-profit non-community public water systems with financing infrastructure upgrades needed to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to promote the public health and sustainability objectives of the act. Interest rates vary but are approximately half of the market rate making the DWSRF an attractive financing option for PWSs. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the yearly federal allotment is earmarked for systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons. By combining the federal allotment with various state mechanisms, \$24,000,000 dollars was available for loans during Federal Fiscal Year 2007.

Eligibility Applications for a DWSRF loan must be submitted no later than **December 31, 2007** for consideration of funding for the 2008 funding cycle. If you would like to submit an Eligibility Application, it can be downloaded from the DPH website at [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph) and clicking on "Drinking Water" under the Featured Links. It is strongly recommended that applicants become familiar with the DWSRF process by reading the DWSRF Process Overview and the various Project Review Forms located on the web-site prior to completing the Eligibility Application. If you have any questions, or are in need of assistance, please phone the DPH, Drinking Water Section at (860) 509-7333 and ask for a DWSRF representative. DPH will notify you of the eligibility of your project following our review of your completed Eligibility Application. If your project is deemed eligible, you will be requested to complete a Full Loan Application.

Both the federal and state statutes require the adoption and use of a priority system for determining the allocation of DWSRF funds to eligible projects. The Eligibility Application will be used by DPH to determine if your project is eligible for DWSRF funding. The application will then be ranked according to the priority ranking criteria and used to develop the Draft DWSRF Priority List of Projects. Provide as much detail (system violations and/ or deficiencies) as possible when completing your Eligibility Application. It is important that the information you provide be accurate and correct so that DPH's evaluation and ranking of your project proposal can be determined appropriately. The priority ranking criteria is also available on our website and should be reviewed to assist eligible systems in preparing their applications so they can receive the most points possible. The DRAFT Priority Ranking List of Projects will determine the allocation of DWSRF funds and is subject to public review and comment before it is finalized.

Please note that project eligibility does not guarantee that your project will be approved for DWSRF funding. That determination will be made in part by the DPH based on the amount of funds available, and a project's readiness to proceed. Also, applicants must obtain written authorization from DPH prior to entering into an engineering agreement or construction contract or risk not having those services paid for by the DWSRF Program. Any modifications to your project proposal between the submission of your Eligibility Application and the Full Loan Application may significantly affect your ranking and/or your opportunity to secure DWSRF financing.

Completed Eligibility Application(s) must be submitted with a General Application Form (GAF) no later than **December 31, 2007** for consideration. The GAF is also available at the web-site listed above. Community public water systems whose population is in the small (<1000 persons served) and medium (between 1,001 and 10,000 persons served) category are strongly encouraged to apply.

Send Completed Applications to:  
The Connecticut Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section  
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