



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

October 1, 2008

TO: All Eligible Public Water Systems
Other Interested Parties

ELIGIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS INCLUDE:

- 1. ALL COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**
- 2. NON-COMMUNITY (NON-PROFITS ONLY)**

RE: Call For Project Proposals For Public Water Systems (PWS)
For Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009

Dear Public Water System and Other Interested Parties:

The Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Section (DWS) is providing notification to you of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Call For Projects for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Please refer to the attached "Call For Projects Notice". Eligibility Applications for a DWSRF loan are now being accepted and must be submitted no later than **December 31, 2008** for consideration of funding for the FFY 2009 funding cycle.

The DWS encourages you to consider utilizing the DWSRF when you are evaluating your funding options for upcoming water system improvement projects. DWSRF loans offer interest rates that can be as low as half of the market rate, though the rates vary, and a repayment period of up to 20 years.

Specifically, public water systems (PWS) that serve fewer than 10,000 persons are strongly encouraged to apply. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the yearly federal allotment is earmarked for PWSs serving fewer than 10,000 persons.

Please note that project eligibility does not guarantee that your project will be approved for DWSRF funding. 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any DWSRF representative at this office.

Sincerely,

Theodore Dunn
Health Program Associate
DWSRF Program
Drinking Water Section

Attached: FFY2009 Call For Projects

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CALL FOR PROJECTS NOTICE

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2009

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 public water systems (PWS) 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. To date, the Connecticut DWSRF Program has provided over \$92 million in loans for drinking water infrastructure improvement projects. Interest rates vary but are approximately half of the market rate. Loans can be repaid in up to 20 years, making the DWSRF an attractive financing option for PWSs. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the yearly federal allotment is earmarked for PWSs serving fewer than 10,000 persons.

Eligibility Applications for a DWSRF loan may be submitted no later than **December 31, 2008** for consideration of funding for FFY 2009 funding cycle. If you would like to submit an Eligibility Application, it can be downloaded from the DPH website at www.ct.gov/dph and:
1. Click on *Programs and Services* in the light blue area at the top of the page. 2. Click on *D*. 3. Click on *Drinking Water*. 4. You are now on the Drinking Water Section page. 5. Under Public Water Systems, Click on *Drinking Water State Revolving Fund*. 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, the completed Full Loan Application 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 "Public Water System General Application for Approval or Permit" form (GAF) no later than **December 31, 2008** for consideration. The GAF is available at the web-site listed above. Community public water systems whose population is in the small (<1000 persons served) and medium category (between 1,001 and 10,000 persons served) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Send Completed Applications to:
The Connecticut Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section
Capacity Development Unit, DWSRF Program
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