



CALL FOR PROJECTS NOTICE

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2011 AND NEW SMALL SYSTEM EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM 2 YEAR FUNDING PERIOD: July 1, 2011- June 30, 2013

APPLICABLE ONLY TO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS & NON-PROFIT NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

Due to Nor'easter Alfred and subsequent power outages, the Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section (DPH DWS) has extended the deadline for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Eligibility Application until **December 15, 2011**.

In addition, as a result of the widespread and prolonged power outages caused by the storms Irene and Alfred, the DPH DWS is offering a new program to provide subsidized loans for the purchase and installation of emergency power generators to eligible public water systems that serve a population less than 10,000 persons.

New Program: Small Systems Emergency Power Generators

Under the new Small System Emergency Power Generator Program, the DWSRF will subsidize up to 45% of the cost of each generator project. The DPH DWS is making \$1.7 million dollars available for this program from the DWSRF's 2011 federal capitalization grant. A one-page [DWSRF Small System Emergency Power Generator – Loan Eligibility Application](#) is available online to apply for the subsidized loan from this program. Small systems in need of emergency power to operate their water systems during prolonged power outages are strongly encouraged to apply. The DPH DWS must receive all applications for this program **no later than 4:30pm on December 15, 2011**.

Other Important Drinking Water Infrastructure Projects

Do you have a drinking water project that will need funding within the next two years? You may be planning a drinking water project that may be eligible for a low interest loan through the Connecticut Department of Public Health's (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The DWSRF is an attractive financing option for Public Water Systems. Interest rates can be as low as half of the current market and loans can be repaid in up to 20 years. Projects may also be eligible to receive partial subsidization from DPH's 2011 federal capitalization grant.

To apply for DWSRF financing and begin the eligibility review process, please visit our website at: www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf and complete a [DWSRF Eligibility Application](#) and [General Application Form](#). To expedite review by the DPH DWS, please provide as much detail as possible about your project when completing your eligibility application. DPH must receive both applications **no later than 4:30 pm on December 15, 2011**.

You will be notified of the eligibility of your project following DPH's review of your completed application. If your application is eligible for funding, it will be ranked according to the Department's [Priority Ranking Criteria](#) and included in the Department's comprehensive Priority List of Projects. If DWSRF funding is made available for your project you will be required to complete and submit a [Full Financial Assistance Application](#) to the DPH DWS to begin the processing of your loan.

All DWSRF applicants are strongly encouraged to include qualifying green elements into their projects. To the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications, a Green Project Reserve (GPR) of no less than 20 percent of the funds made available from the FFY2011 DWSRF grant shall be used for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities. As a result, preference may be given to individual projects that include "green" elements over similar projects that do not. In order to qualify your project under this GPR provision you must complete a [Green Project Information Form](#) (GPIF) and include it with your DWSRF Eligibility Application. The GPIF includes guidance information and examples to assist applicants in completing the form.

The DPH has made several changes to the DWSRF Program for this Call for Projects and those changes are documented in [Circular Letter DWS 2011-02](#). For more information or to request assistance, please contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Section at (860) 509-7333 and ask for a DWSRF Program representative.

Please send completed applications to:
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