

ARRA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Funding Amount: \$19.5 million

Amount Spent: \$8,828,569 (as of 7/1/2010)

Project Description: The Department of Public Health received a \$19,500,000 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act capitalization grant to provide subsidized loans to eligible public drinking water projects with the goals of:

- ◆ capital improvement projects ready to proceed quickly to construction
- ◆ create jobs,
- ◆ promote economic growth, and
- ◆ long term benefits from the infrastructure investment.

This ARRA funding was awarded through the existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program that receives an annual grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for funding drinking water infrastructure projects. All projects also were required to meet the underlying criteria of this program, which include: protection of public health, compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, infrastructure sustainability, affordability, and consistency with water supply planning and conservation and development plans.

One hundred and sixty-five (165) project applications were received seeking funds. Actual funding was awarded to 12 projects. ARRA also included a provision that a certain percentage of the funds go to a project that incorporates green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities. A water efficiency project totaling nearly \$6 million was awarded to meet this Green Project Reserve requirement.



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- ◆ 12 projects directly benefitting approximately 110,000 people in 14 communities
- ◆ Public Health benefits include elimination of contaminated sources of water supply with safe, potable water supply sources; and water system infrastructure improvements to provide long-term sustainability
- ◆ \$9,750,000 of the \$19.5 million provided as subsidization in form of principle forgiveness
- ◆ Funding also created 8 durational jobs at DPH (4 Sanitary Engineers, 2 Environmental Analysts, 1 Health Program Assistant, and 1 Fiscal Administration Officer)

