



CALL FOR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROJECTS NOTICE

Connecticut Department of Public Health
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
State Fiscal Year 2026: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

ELIGIBLE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS INCLUDE:
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS &
NON-PROFIT NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

Do you have drinking water projects that will need funding during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026? Your projects may be eligible for a low-interest loan through the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. Interest rates of these loans are set at half of the market rate and borrowers typically have up to 20 years to repay them after their project is completed.

The DWSRF can finance for all phases of drinking water infrastructure projects including planning, design and construction. The DWSRF cannot finance water system expansions for community economic development projects. [Examples](#) of eligible drinking water projects are provided on the DWSRF website. Through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which became effective on November 15, 2021, the DWSRF has received significant funding for drinking water infrastructure. The DPH anticipates receiving BIL funding again during SFY 2026. Please see the [DWSRF BIL webpage](#) for more information on the DWSRF funding that will be made available through the BIL. Two specific appropriations in the BIL are for Lead Service Line Replacements (LSLR) and projects that address Emerging Contaminants. A third appropriation will direct funding towards any project that is routinely eligible for DWSRF funding.

A significant portion of the BIL funding must be used to subsidize projects receiving DWSRF assistance. The vast majority of subsidization funds from the BIL are required to be directed to disadvantaged communities. Projects that will provide benefits to qualifying disadvantaged communities are strongly encouraged to be submitted for consideration. Subsidization details will be formally announced in the draft SFY 2026 DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP). Please review the DWSRF's [Disadvantaged Community Assistance Program](#) criteria for more information.

Eligibility Application: A project must first be deemed eligible for funding and ready to proceed before the DPH can provide any offer of financing. To begin the eligibility review process, please visit our website at: www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf and complete a [DWSRF Eligibility Application](#) for each project you would like to be considered. If your project is eligible for funding, it will be ranked according to the DPH's [Priority Ranking System](#). Please provide as much detail as possible about your project when completing your application. If your project qualifies for funding, you will be requested to submit a completed Financial Assistance Application at the appropriate time.

Please note that an Eligibility Application is required for NEW and EXISTING Projects which are seeking funding in SFY 2026. Projects appearing in previous years' IUPs will NOT be evaluated for funding eligibility in SFY 2026 without a new and complete Eligibility Application.

The two programs listed below were developed to make it easier for small PWSs to obtain loans less than \$100,000 without the need to hire an attorney or engineering consultant. Streamlined eligibility applications and requirements have been created for projects that qualify for funding under these programs.

Emergency Power Generator Program (EPGP): This program provides subsidized loans for the purchase and/or installation of emergency power generators to operate critical drinking water infrastructure during power outages. An [EPGP Eligibility Application](#) is available online to apply for generator projects costing less than \$100,000. Please visit our [EPGP webpage](#) for more information on this program.

Small Loan Program (SLP): This program provides loans for the replacement or installation of drinking water equipment such as pumps and water treatment components costing less than \$100,000. These loans are only available for projects that do not require construction activities such as building additions, new facilities to be built or site work. A [SLP Eligibility Application](#) is available online to apply for a qualifying small loan project. Please visit our [SLP webpage](#) for more information on this program.

Deadline for Applications: DPH must receive all applications **no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, if you wish to have your project considered for inclusion on DPH's SFY 2026 Project Priority List (PPL).

For general information or to request assistance, please email the DWSRF Unit at DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov.

As part of the DWS's efforts to reduce the use of paper, an electronic copy of the application(s) with digital signature along with all associated documentation is required and may be sent via email to DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov