





State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Listening Session 2: Implementation

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- NDEP Requirements to receive funding
- Base programs
- DWSRF Emerging Contaminants
- CWSRF Emerging Contaminants
- DWSRF Lead Service Lines
- Next steps
- Questions?

Nevada Requirements to receive Funding

- Must have enough overall projects to demonstrate need
 - The grants are **not** automatically given to Nevada.
 - Demonstrated through the Priority List
 - Not all projects on the priority list are ready to proceed for <u>NEW</u> money
 - Cost estimates from an engineer—based on a practical assessment
- Must have enough projects that meet special requirements
 - Disadvantaged / meets affordability
 - Green Project Reserve
 - Small Systems
- Application timelines
 - Must apply within two years or funds will be swept
 - Must commit loans within one year of receiving funds
 - Must attempt to spend funds within two years of commitment

Drinking Water Capitalization Grant (\$10,000,000)

Small Systems <10,000 population (15%) or \$1,500,000

Loans to Water Systems (74% or \$7,400,000)

Additional Subsidy (26% or \$2,600,000)

Clean Water Capitalization Grant (\$10,000,000)

Green Project Reserve (10% or 1,000,000)

Loans to Water Systems (60% to 80%) \$6,000,000 to \$8,000000

Additional Subsidy (20% to 40%) \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000

Congress and EPA Goals

- Expand disadvantaged community assistance
- Address emerging contaminants
- Get lead out of the drinking water systems
- Increase resiliency to all threats (natural or manmade)
- Ensure projects are following Civil Rights requirements
- Increase a pipeline of projects within states
- Improve the flow of funds to projects

OFA Goals

- All the Congressional and EPA goals
- Ensure Nevada receives its fair share of federal funding
 - Keep the grants flowing to Nevada
- Expand the definitions of disadvantaged community and system affordability
- Improve outreach, training, and resources for project performance, initiation, and closeout
- Streamline the application process for funding
- Ensure technical, managerial and financial capacity for water and wastewater systems
- Ensure as many systems receive funding as possible

National Program Requirements

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Historic Preservation Act (SHPO)
- Davis-Bacon Wage Act
- American Iron and Steel <u>AND</u> Build America, Buy America (BABA)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- Procurement Requirements
- Cost-benefit analysis and value engineering
- Signage
- Civil Rights
- Other federal crosscutters (other federal rules)

Disadvantaged / Affordability

EPA expects states to review, refine, and improve their definition.

- EPA accepts including a large community as disadvantaged as long as the project being funded is addressing a sub-set of the service area that meets affordability criteria.
- Affordability—not size of community
 - Income statistics, unemployment data, population trends, operational cost exceeding 2% of household income, central systems failing



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State Revolving Loan Fund

Drinking Water (DWSRF)

- Public Water Systems
 - Publicly owned
 - Privately owned
- Non-profit
 - (tax exempt) noncommunity water systems
- Native American Tribes

Clean Water (CWSRF)

- Public Municipalities
 - jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes
- Interstate agencies
- Native American Tribes

If your entity is not on this list, you may still be able to receive help.

State Revolving Loan Fund

Drinking Water (DWSRF)

- Drinking Water Treatment
- Transmission
- Distribution
 - Purple pipe distribution included
 - Lead service line replacement
- Storage
- Source
 - Closing abandoned wells
 - Alternative supply
 - Riverbank filtration
- Security
- Meters
- Backup power / redundancy
- Consolidation
- Refinancing expensive debt
- Planning and design

Clean Water (CWSRF)

- Wastewater Treatment
- Storm water management
- Habitat Restoration & Protection
- Re-forestation
- Landfills
- Agriculture Management
- Groundwater protection
- Surface Water protection
- Storm Water Management
- Conservation (energy / water)
- Consolidation
- Refinancing expensive debt
- Planning and design

State Revolving Loan Fund Base Programs

Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation Values are estimates subject to change

Drinking Water (DWSRF)

- \$1,126,088,000—Same as FFY21
 - Less \$397,766,044—Earmarks
 - 35% reduction from FFY21
- Additional Subsidy of 26%
 - 12% to systems defined as disadvantaged
 - 14% to eligible systems as identified by the state
- Nevada's Estimated total grant
 - \$8,288,800 to \$12,752,000

Clean Water (CWSRF)

- \$1,638,826,000—Same as FFY21
 - Less \$443,639,051 —Earmarks
 - 27% reduction from FFY21
- Additional Subsidy of 20%
 - 10% to systems that meet the state affordability criteria
 - 10% to eligible systems as identified by the state
- Nevada's Estimated total grant
 - \$5,678,670 to \$7,779,000

State Revolving Loan Fund BIL Supplemental Funding

For Base Program Activities

Drinking Water (DWSRF)

- Nevada FFY 2022
 - \$20,857,000
- Additional Subsidy of 49%--must be distributed to a disadvantaged community
 - \$10,219,930
- **Loans:** \$10,637,070
- Small Systems: \$3,128,550

Clean Water (CWSRF)

- Nevada FFY 2022
 - \$8,738,000
- Additional Subsidy of 49%-must be distributed to an entity meeting affordability criteria
 - \$4,281,620
- **Loans:** \$4,456,380
- **Green Projects:** \$873,800

State Revolving Loan Fund Normal Program Funding in Year 1

For Base Program Activities

Drinking Water (DWSRF)

Nevada

\$29,145,800 in grants \$87,507,912 in funds \$116,653,712 Total funds

- Interest rates below municipal AA market rates (1.53% as of March 4,2022)
- Up to 20-year terms

As of March 11, 2022 (estimates only)

Additional Subsidy

- Disadvantaged Communities
 - Up to \$11,214,586
 - MHI < 80% of state MHI
- Eligible Recipients
 - \$1,160,432
 - PER's and loan incentives

Technical Assistance

- Up to \$4,954,786
- Operator training, manuals, system mapping, rate setting, project preparation

State Revolving Loan Fund Normal Program Funding in Year 1

For Base Program Activities

Clean Water (CWSRF)

Nevada

\$14,416,670 in grants \$79,078,285 in funds \$93,494,955 Total funds

- Already in discussion for \$80 million loan
- Interest rates below municipal AA market rates (1.53% as of March 4,2022)
- Up to 20-year terms but some funds available at 30-year terms

As of March 11, 2022 (estimates only)

Additional Subsidy

- Affordability Criteria
 - Up to \$4,849,487
 - In the Intended Use Plan
- Eligible Recipients
 - \$567,867
 - PER's and loan incentives

Technical Assistance

- Up to \$288,333
- Operator training, manuals, system mapping, rate setting, project preparation



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DWSRF Emerging Contaminants

• Projects eligible for Funding

- Must be an eligible DWSRF Project
- Primary Purpose to address an emerging contaminant in drinking water
- Primary focus on PFAS contaminants
 - Polyfluoroalkyl
 - Perfluoroalkyl
- Projects that address any contaminant listed on any of EPA's Contaminant Candidate Lists (CCL) 1-5.
 - Pesticides
 - Disinfection byproducts
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Biological toxins
 - Waterborne pathogens
 - Other microbial
 - Other Chemical

<u>Technical Assistance Projects</u>

 Assistance in applying for funding, diagnose problems, training, pilot testing, monitoring

Federal Year	Nevada amount
2022	\$8,758,000
2023	\$8,758,000
2024	\$8,758,000
2025	\$8,758,000
2026	\$8,758,000

100% of these funds are available as principal forgiveness

25% must go to a disadvantaged community or a system that serves less than 25,000 residents

CWSRF Emerging Contaminants

Projects eligible for Funding

- Must be an eligible CWSRF Project
- Primary Purpose to address an emerging contaminants
- Primary focus on PFAS contaminants
 - Polyfluoroalkyl
 - Perfluoroalkyl
- Other Projects addressing:
 - Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)
 - Pesticides
 - Disinfection byproducts
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Biological toxins
 - Endocrine-disrupting chemicals
 - Other microbial
 - Other Chemical

<u>Technical Assistance Projects</u>

 Assistance in applying for funding, diagnose problems, training, pilot testing, monitoring

Federal Year	Nevada amount
2022	\$459,000
2023	\$1,032,750
2024	\$1,032,750
2025	\$1,032,750
2026	\$1,032,750

100% of these funds are available as principal forgiveness

Identify these projects on the preapplication

In the Nevada Infrastructure Financial System (NIFS) Pre-application, Page 1:



Emerging Contaminant Project: 50% of this project will address pharmaceuticals in the water. 50% of this project is to address groundwater nitrates. Support for the cost splits and need for pharmaceutical treatment is attached to this pre-application.

- Documentation will be required to be attached to the Pre-application that demonstrates this need and project.
- A portion of a project can be for emerging contaminants and other needs. This must be spelled out in the pre-application for fund tracking purposes.



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DWSRF Lead Service Lines

Projects eligible for Funding

- Must be an eligible DWSRF Project
- Primary Purpose to address lead in the service line
- Complete removal of the entire line (public and privately owned portion)
- Removal of lead or galvanized goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors.
- Replacement of curb stops, curb stop boxes, and other service line appurtenances
- Site restoration: landscaping, sidewalks, driveways, if the removal was necessary to replace the lead service line.
- Temporary pitcher filters or P.O.U. devices

<u>Technical Assistance Projects</u>

 Assistance in applying for funding, diagnose problems, training, inventories, mapping

Federal Year	Nevada amount
2022	\$32,864,000
2023	\$28,350,000
2024	\$28,350,000
2025	\$28,350,000
2026	\$28,350,000

49% of these funds are available as principal forgiveness to disadvantaged communities

Special loan terms are being evaluated for this funding opportunity, including 0% interest

Identify these projects on the preapplication

In the Nevada Infrastructure Financial System (NIFS) Pre-application, Page 1:



Lead Service Line Project: 80% of this project will replace lead service saddle replacement, including curb, gutter and sidewalk. 20% of this project is to address meters. Support for the cost splits and need for pharmaceutical treatment is attached to this pre-application.

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Milestones completed

For NDEP

For Utilities and consultants

- Listening Sessions
 - BIL Session 1
 - BIL Session 2
 - Drinking Water Regulation Changes
- Project checklists posted
- Website updates
 - page 1 complete)
- Introduction to the Nevada
 Infrastructure Financial System
 (NIFS) and pre-applications

- Participate in Listening Sessions
- Evaluate projects readiness-toproceed
- Submit pre-applications by <u>May</u>
 11, 2022!

Next Steps

For NDEP	For Utilities
More Listening Sessions and outreachAdditional Guidance	 Talk to your citizens and governing boards about needs
• BABA	 Evaluate projects readiness-to- proceed
 Website Changes Resources page Technical Assistance updates 	 Work with engineering firms to prepare cost estimates and timelines Review the project checklists
 Finalization of the Priority Lists 	
 Apply for Grants 	 Complete a pre-application in NIFS for <u>as many projects as you</u> can
NIFSLetter of IntentsLoan Applications	

Project support



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