

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (DFA)



Sustainable Infrastructure Resource Forum
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DFA'S MISSION

*Providing Financial Assistance for Projects
that Serve the Water Boards' Mission:
Preserve, Enhance, and Restore California's
Water Resources*

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program:
 - Wastewater & Water Recycling Projects (hard copy application)
 - Expanded Use (online application)
- Resources

CWSRF PROGRAM: APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant means “.... Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial waters, or other waste....”

(from CWSRF Policy,
amended March 2009)

CWSRF PROGRAM:

TRADITIONALLY ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

(SECTION 212)

Construction of publicly-owned facilities with waste discharge requirements (WDR) or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit:

- Wastewater treatment
- Local sewers
- Sewer interceptors
- Water reclamation facilities
- Stormwater treatment

CWSRF PROGRAM: EXPANDED USE PROJECTS

(SECTIONS 319 & 320)

Expanded Use Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Nonpoint source (NPS) projects identified in NPS Plan
- Development and implementation of an estuary comprehensive conservation and management plan
- Other non-wastewater point sources, such as stormwater reduction and treatment facilities, concentrated animal feeding operations, etc.

CWSRF PROGRAM: STANDARD FINANCING

- Interest Rate: $\frac{1}{2}$ most recent General Obligation Bond Sale (currently ~2.6%) at time of preliminary funding commitment
- Financing Term: 20 Years (typically)
- Financing Amount: Maximum \$50 million per agency, per year (may be waived)
- Repayment: Begins 1 year after completion of construction
- Amount Available: ~\$200-300 million available annually (typically)

CWSRF PROGRAM: PRELIMINARY PROJECT LIST (PPL)

- First step in continuous application process
- Updated annually (currently)
- PPL questionnaire submitted electronically using State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):

[**https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/**](https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/)



Follow up with applicable financial assistance application for traditional or expanded use project(s)

CWSRF PROGRAM: FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS

- Project identified on PPL (FAAST questionnaire) – **Proceed with application as PPL is unavailable**
- Submit Application & Associated Documents:
 - Project Report
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Plus, including Cultural Resources
 - Legal
 - Credit Review
 - Water Conservation/Water Rights Requirement
- Kickoff Meeting
- Issue Facility Plan Approval Letter

CWSRF PROGRAM: FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS, CONTINUED

- Preliminary Funding Commitment
- Initial Financing Agreement
 - Access planning and design disbursements
- Amend Financing Agreement
 - Reflects final project costs based on selected bid
 - Establishes project performance standards
 - Details eligibility determinations
- Start Construction
- One-year Operational Evaluation Period
- Project Certification

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Resources:

LYRIS Email Lists

- Subscription form can be accessed at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml
under “Financial Assistance (Grants & Loans)”
- Available for many programs, including:
 - “Clean Water State Revolving Fund”
 - “Tribal Wastewater Operators”