

E-Bulletin Newsletter



To provide affordable financial assistance to communities within Wisconsin for water infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future generations.



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Submit SFY 2024 ITA/PERF by Oct. 31

If you wish to apply for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 funding, submit a notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) with Priority Evaluation & Ranking Formula (PERF) information and supporting documentation through the online system by the **October 31, 2022** deadline. Learn about using the [online system](#) for [ITA/PERF submittals](#).

- This requirement applies to **all** projects, including lead service line (LSL) replacements and PFAS-related drinking water projects.
- For LSL replacement projects, question HH3 should be answered regardless of whether a watermain replacement is involved with the project.
- For PFAS projects, the PFAS points have not been programmed into the system yet. Those points will be added when scoring is completed after a Financial Assistance Application is submitted.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Read our [BIL Funding Overview](#) with Build America, Buy America (BABA) information to learn about the \$700 million in additional funding.

DW Emerging Contaminants Funding

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Emerging Contaminants (EC) funding will focus on PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) concerns in the drinking water arena. Implementing the SDWLP EC funding requires the DNR to set up a new funding program (determine eligible projects, establish priorities, set funding parameters, and develop application and loan closing requirements). The new program is still under development.

That said, we expect to make State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 SDWLP EC funding available through a stand-alone program with the Intent to Apply and Priority Evaluation & Ranking Formula (ITA/PERF) and application deadlines announced in late 2022. An additional priority scoring form, specific to the EC Principal Forgiveness, will be available prior to the ITA/PERF deadline. This EC-specific ITA/PERF will not be submitted through the normal ITA/PERF online system for SFY 2023 funding.

Years 2-5 of the SDWLP EC funding will be incorporated into the regular SDWLP application process (i.e., for the SFY 2024 funding cycle, the ITA/PERF is due October 31, 2022, and the application, including approvable plans and specifications, is due June 30, 2023).

An amendment to the SFY 2023 SDWLP Intended Use Plan (IUP) will be published on our [Project Lists & IUPs webpage](#) for public comment later in 2022 and will more fully describe the structure and timing of this funding program.

Upcoming Deadlines

October 31

SFY 2024 CWFP & SDWLP notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) deadline.

November

SFY 2023 CWFP & SDWLP Funding Lists published.

December 14

Final loan closing date in 2022.

December 16

Disbursement Request Form due at DNR.

December 28

Last disbursement date in 2022.
No loan closings will occur on 12/28/22.

Winter/Early Spring 2023

SFY 2024 CWFP & SDWLP Project Priority Lists (PPLs) published.

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CWFP Energy Efficiency Priority Principal Forgiveness

Principal forgiveness policies are outlined in the annual Intended Use Plan. [Priority Principal Forgiveness](#) is an incentive that may be awarded in addition to general Principal Forgiveness (PF) with the caveat that no more than 70% of the total Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) financial assistance amount can be awarded as PF.

Applicants do not have to be eligible for general PF to receive Energy Efficiency Priority PF. Municipalities who submit a CWFP application after the September 30 PF deadline can still receive a loan and be considered for Energy Efficiency Priority PF if funds are still available.

To qualify for Energy Efficiency Priority PF, the municipality must be the recipient of an energy efficiency incentive from [Focus on Energy](#).

The Energy Efficiency Priority PF will be awarded as a one-to-one match of the Focus on Energy incentive up to a cap of **\$50,000** per project.

Applicants must provide documentation of the incentive agreement from Focus on Energy. For prescriptive awards, the applicant will need to request pre-approval from Focus on Energy, in order to obtain an incentive agreement. This documentation is not required at the time of application submittal but must be provided prior to loan closing.

Applicants who want to claim Energy Efficiency Priority PF after submittal of their CWFP application, but prior to loan closing, should work with their [DNR Project Manager](#) to submit documentation and be considered for funding.

Focus on Energy Incentives

Tap Into Funding for Your Year-End Projects

Water and wastewater treatment plants consume large amounts of energy, accounting for roughly 35% of municipal energy budgets. However, the industry made it possible to improve performance and efficiency by developing new technologies. Retrofitting existing facilities can help meet your operational goals and save energy. Now is the right time to move forward with these projects with additional funding from FOCUS ON ENERGY®.

Not sure where to start? Consider completing one of the following equipment upgrades before the end of the year and receive up to 35% in additional incentives.

Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs): VFDs are effective for most water and wastewater system processes where load conditions fluctuate. They can control the flow of a process pump, control conveyance pressure in force mains, vary airflow rates from blowers, and control the speed of oxidation ditch drives to achieve desired results while saving energy. Paybacks usually range from six months to five years.

- **Incentive Amount:** \$30-\$35HP
- **Potential Energy Savings:** 15%-50%

LED Lighting: The quality, reliability, and low cost of LEDs make them a primary option for high-efficiency lighting. Interior lighting wattage can be reduced significantly, while improving light quality. Long operating hours of exterior fixtures can yield large energy savings and quick paybacks. When selecting replacement lighting, choose fixtures with the [ENERGY STAR®](#) label or qualified by the [Consortium for Energy Efficiency](#) or [DesignLights Consortium](#).

- **Incentive Amount:** Up to \$80/Fixture
- **Potential Energy Savings:** 30%+

High-Efficiency Boilers & Furnaces: Boilers and furnaces are often a primary source of space heating in treatment facilities. High-efficiency furnaces provide gas and electric savings while delivering increased occupant comfort. When installing high-efficiency boilers, use condensing boilers for return water temperatures less than 130°F and near-condensing boilers for greater than 130°F. A high-efficiency heating system can deliver energy savings for up to 20 years.

- **Incentive Amount:** \$1.50-\$4/Input MBh and \$100-\$220/Furnace
- **Potential Energy Savings:** 5%-15%

Take the next step in your energy efficiency journey and start implementing your energy-saving projects today. With the **Market Relief Bonus**, you will receive 25% added to the incentives above for equipment installed by **December 2, 2022**.

Municipal customers who work with Focus on Energy prior to ordering their equipment are eligible for a **10% Planning Bonus**. Apply for the bonus by working with your Energy Advisor. A reservation code will need to be included on the incentive application to be eligible. Customers can request a reservation code at [Plan Ahead Formstack](#).

Interested in participating in either of the limited-time offerings mentioned? Do not delay! Contact your Energy Advisor today to determine which upgrade works best for you. Visit focusonenergy.com/EA-map or call 888.623.2146.

Focus on Energy is Wisconsin's statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource program. For more information call 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.