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.

Clean Water
State Revolving Fund

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Upcoming Deadlines

March 15, 2021
PSC approved rate order due to DNR project manager (prior to execution of FAA).

March 31, 2021
Executed construction contracts due for SFY 21 SDWLP projects.

April 30, 2021
Last recommended date for opening bids on SFY 21 CWFP projects.

June 23, 2021
SFY 20 SDWLP final loan closing date.

June 30, 2021

- SFY 22 SDWLP application deadline (reminder: submit P&S to DG & EL).

- ALL required bid documentation (including executed construction contracts) due for SFY 21 CWFP PF projects.

- SFY 21 CWFP application deadline for non-PF projects.

Market Rate Unchanged

There is no change in the EIF market rate for loans with municipal meetings *(resolutions approving the municipal obligations and the financial assistance agreements)* on or after April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

- EIF market rate for loans that have a final maturity of 20 years or less will be **2.700%**.

- EIF market rate for loans that have a final maturity greater than 20 years but less than or equal to 30 years will be **2.90%**.

View current rates at dnr.wi.gov/aid/documents/eif/guide/interest.html.

Private LSL Replacement Program

As of March 10th, the Private Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program has received 67 Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms (PERF) and 53 applications. Total requested costs are currently under $40 million and all eligible applicants will receive funding this year. The first awards are expected to be made in April.

We plan to post a Funding List, which will be updated monthly as awards are made. This list will be somewhat different from the funding lists that are posted for regular SDWLP and CWFP projects as they will not include requested costs but instead will indicate final award amounts.

Applications and PERFs may still be submitted for calendar year 2021 funding through the Private LSL Replacement Program. Late PERF submittals will go to the bottom of the priority list in order of receipt. The last date to submit an application for calendar year 2021 funding is June 30, 2021. Any municipality that has reported private lead or galvanized service lines to the Public Service Commission is eligible to apply.

Eligible properties for replacements include any property containing a residence as well as schools and child daycare centers. More information on the program can be found here.

Technical Assistance Webinars: Operating and Managing Small Wastewater and Water Utilities

The USEPA's Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure Branch (SCIB) is organizing a series of technical assistance webinars in April aimed at small communities. This webinar series will use presentations, case studies, and group discussions to discuss how best to operate, maintain, and manage small utilities. There are no registration fees. Each session will run from 3:00-5:00 PM Central Daylight Time. The five 2-hour sessions include:

April 1, 2021	**Wastewater Treatment System O&M for Small Communities** Learn about O&M practices for small wastewater utilities and get answers to operational issues from your peers & experts.
April 8, 2021	**Drinking Water System O&M for Small Communities** Learn about O&M practices for small water utilities and get answers to operational issues from your peers and experts.
April 15, 2021	**Finding and Retaining Good Leaders and Staff** Effective leadership and staff retention are key issues for small utilities. Learn about successful practices from other organizations.
April 22, 2021	**Asset Management – Planning For the Future** Don't wait until something breaks. Learn about useful asset management tools to support your long-range planning.
April 29, 2021	**Emergency Response and Cyber Security** Learn about important emergency response and cyber security tools and participate in a tabletop exercise based on a real cyber incident.

Please click on the title of each webinar to register. Once registered, participants will receive directions on how to log onto each webinar for the presentations and discussions. To obtain Continuing Education Credits, participants will be expected to participate in group discussions, chats, and other activities.

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New Phone Numbers

The COVID-19 emergency is an evolving situation. At this time, Environmental Loans staff continue to work remotely from home.

EL Staff have recently received new cellphones and now have new telephone numbers (CME phone numbers remain the same).

What does this mean for you?

Please look up your EL project manager's new phone number on the staff directory web page if your project manager has not yet shared it with you.