

Division of Water Infrastructure Announces Fall 2020 Application Training at Five Virtual Training Times

(Training dates: Wednesday, July 29, 2020; Friday, July 31, 2020; Tuesday, August 11, 2020; Wednesday, August 12, 2020; and Friday, August 14, 2020)

The Division of Water Infrastructure in the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality announces training for the Fall 2020 funding round. Funding offered this round is available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the “Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019” (ASADRA), the State Reserve Program, the Asset Inventory and Assessment grant program, and the Merger / Regionalization Feasibility grant program. Funding through ASADRA will be administered through the CWSRF and DWSRF programs and is available only to those who submitted applications by April 30, 2020 or Letters of Intent to Apply (LOIA) by June 17, 2020.

All applications must be received by the division no later than close of business on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020. Application training for the following funding programs will be offered virtually from July 29 through Aug. 14 on five different dates as indicated on page two.

Funding Programs Available in Fall 2020 Funding Round

- **State Reserve Program:** This program funds both wastewater and drinking water projects as well as the Asset Inventory and Assessment Grants and Merger / Regionalization Feasibility Grants. Funding availability will be approximately \$10 million (potentially subject to change). Funding limits for water and wastewater projects as well as the grant programs are as follows:
 - **Project Loans and Grants for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure.** Funding is available to all Local Government Units (LGUs) and non-profit water corporations and has grant limits of \$3 million per applicant per project type (water/sewer) over a period of three consecutive fiscal years. Loans with a targeted interest rate have a limit of \$3 million per applicant per project type over a period of three consecutive fiscal years. Loans at market interest rate have loan limits up to \$3 million per applicant per project type per year. Grant percentages of project costs are based upon affordability criteria.
 - **Asset Inventory and Assessment Grants.** This program funds both wastewater and drinking water projects. It is available to LGUs and non-profit water corporations and has a limit of \$150,000 per applicant per project type (water/sewer) over three consecutive fiscal years. Funds related to this grant are available to inventory the existing water and/or sewer system and document the condition of the inventoried infrastructure.
 - **Merger / Regionalization Feasibility Grants.** This program funds both wastewater and drinking water projects. It is available to LGUs and non-profit water corporations and has a limit of \$50,000 per applicant per project type over three consecutive fiscal years. Funds related to this grant are available to determine the feasibility of consolidating the management of multiple utilities into a single utility operation or to provide regional treatment and the best way of carrying out the consolidation or regionalization.
- **Additional Supplementation Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019:** This program offers supplemental funding to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facilities impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. For projects that submitted ASADRA applications by April 30, 2020 or a Letter of Intent to Apply (LOIA) by June 17, 2020, approximately \$40 million will be available for the **Fall 2020 round only (last round)**.
- **Clean Water State Revolving Fund:** This program funds wastewater and green projects. It is available to all Local Government Units (LGUs) and non-profit water corporations and offers low-interest loans up to \$30

million per applicant. Approximately \$70 million will be available for this round with up to \$2 million as principal forgiveness.

- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:** This program funds drinking water projects. It is available to all LGUs, non-profit water corporations, and for-profit water corporations and offers low-interest loans up to \$20 million per applicant. Approximately \$50 million will be available for this round, with up to \$12 million as principal forgiveness.

If you are considering applying for funding related to any of the available programs listed above, the Division of Water Infrastructure encourages you to attend a training session.

If you cannot attend training, division staff will be available to meet on an individual basis prior to the application submittal deadline.

Application materials will be available on the division website before training begins at:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding/application-forms-and-additional-resources>.

Please see the chart below for application training dates. All times will be from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Please note the following:

- Space is limited at each time to 30 slots.
- Please **RSVP** to Jennifer Haynie at jennifer.haynie@ncdenr.gov (919.707.9173) **at least a week prior to the training event you plan to attend. Upon receipt of your RSVP, you will receive a WebEx invitation to the appropriate training. Please do not share this link with others so that we can keep numbers on each session small.**
- Please provide your name, organization, e-mail, phone number, and the date you plan to attend.
- Training dates and times are noted in the table below.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (30 slots available)
Friday, July 31, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (30 slots available)
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (30 slots available)
Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (30 slots available)
Friday, August 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (30 slots available)