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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Project Evaluation Forms for 2025 State Revolving Fund Projects

To all interested parties:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is pleased to announce that the solicitation period for new drinking water and clean water projects seeking funding through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program is now open for the calendar year 2025 financing cycle. MassDEP's Division of Municipal Services will accept Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) for construction projects, Asset Management Planning, and Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG) **until 12:00 PM, July 26, 2024.**

Project proponents may submit PEFs (applications) online at the following MassDEP weblink: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/state-revolving-fund-applications-forms>. This link contains the Project Evaluation Form Guidance and Instructions. The online PEF submission will allow you to upload your supporting documentation files. If this presents a difficulty, please email the SRF Data Support Team at srfmadep@mass.gov for assistance.

Drinking Water Construction Projects ([DWSRF](#)):

There are no significant changes to the DWSRF PEF for 2025. The ranking system criteria remain the same. Please be aware of the following priorities for financing construction projects:

- **PFAS mitigation** - Projects that reduce the concentration of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water to below the Massachusetts Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 20 parts per trillion for the sum of six PFAS substances (PFAS6) and projects that reduce the concentration of PFAS to meet the new U.S. EPA's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations that set MCLs for PFAS (measured on a running annual average). The PFAS concentrations must be reduced, if feasible, to levels approaching the MassDEP Minimum Reporting Level of 2 parts per trillion (ng/L). PFAS mitigation projects are eligible to receive additional subsidy in the form of a 0% interest rate loans. The additional subsidy is contingent on the availability of funds and approval of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Board of Trustees, refer to the following link for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/zero-interest-pfas-mitigation-loans>.

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- Lead reduction - Full lead service lines replacement projects and projects that address lead in drinking water including lead removal, corrosion control capital improvements, and water main rehabilitation projects.

Clean Water Construction Projects ([CWSRF](#)):

There are no significant changes to the CWSRF PEF for 2025. The ranking system criteria remain the same. Please be aware of the following priorities for financing construction projects:

- Combined Sewer Overflows ([CSO](#)) or Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) projects that eliminate or abate discharges.
- Projects that reduce nutrient enrichment. Nutrient reduction projects that meet certain criteria are eligible for 0% interest rate financing, refer to the following link for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/zero-interest-nutrient-enrichment-reduction-loans>.
- PFAS remediation to mitigate releases to the environment that are impacting drinking water sources. PFAS mitigation projects, are eligible to receive additional subsidy in the form of a 0% interest rate loans. The additional subsidy is contingent on the availability of funds and approval of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Board of Trustees, refer to the following link for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/zero-interest-pfas-mitigation-loans>.

DWSRF and CWSRF projects that incorporate green elements and innovative technologies that result in reduced energy consumption, resource conservation, production of renewable energy and climate resiliency receive added points in the ranking system. Massachusetts is encouraging resiliency and climate adaptation in the design and construction of infrastructure through its Statewide Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (SHMCAP); refer to the following link for details: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-integrated-state-hazard-mitigation-and-climate-adaptation-plan>. The RMAT tool can be found at: https://resilientma.mass.gov/rmat_home/designstandards/. The tool provides Massachusetts projects with a preliminary climate exposure rating based on best available statewide climate data, recommended resilience design criteria, and technical guidance.

Asset Management Planning (AMP) Program:

The Trust will make available funding to subsidize 60% of the project cost, up to \$150,000, for existing water infrastructure to plan and implement Asset Management Planning programs. Cybersecurity risk assessments will be funded through the AMP Grant program as these activities are critical to service continuity. Activities are limited to planning and assessment only, refer to the following link for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/asset-management-planning-grant-program>.

Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG) Program

With a focus on rural communities (populations of 10,000 or less) or [disadvantaged communities](#), the OSG program is intended to address infrastructure needs for combined sewer overflows (CSO), sanitary sewer overflows (SSO), stormwater management and subsurface water drainage. Eligible communities may apply for a grant of up to \$250,000 to implement planning and/or design activities by submitting PEFs online at the following MassDEP weblink: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/state-revolving-fund-applications-forms>. MassDEP may cap project costs based on the scope of the project and the availability of funds. All federal fund grant recipients must comply with the Uniform Grant Guidance, including the procurement provisions, as outlined here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/additional-subsidy-as-a-grant-guidance/download>

Rolling SRF applications for calendar year 2024:

MassDEP is accepting applications on a rolling basis, while funding is available, for the following projects:

- **Lead Service Lines (LSL) planning grants** – Grant applications for planning activities that assist public water suppliers (PWS) to complete LSL inventories and to develop LSL replacement programs. It is recommended that PWS apply as soon as possible as funding will be provided at a first come, first served basis. All federal fund grant recipients must comply with the Uniform Grant Guidance, including the procurement provisions, as outlined here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/additional-subsidy-as-a-grant-guidance/download>
- **LSL replacement projects** - To expedite replacements of Lead Service Lines, MassDEP is accepting loan applications from Public Water Suppliers with MassDEP approved LSL replacement programs for public and private LSL (full replacements). Projects must be implemented in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and all SRF program requirements. Priority for financing will be given to systems with documented lead levels, particularly those exceeding the 90th percentile, and PWS serving disadvantaged communities or small systems. MassDEP will review applications monthly while funding is available.
- **Planning Projects** for both CWSRF and DWSRF - Examples of planning projects include but are not limited to: Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan, Project Evaluation Report, Long-term Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Strategy, Stormwater Management Plan, Engineering Reports. A PEF is not required to apply for financing of an eligible planning activity.
- **Community Management Septic Program** – SRF loans are available to fund the Community Septic Management Programs. Communities that implement a Septic Management Program that offers an interest rate reduction to homeowners based on Area Median income threshold may be eligible for 0% loans, subject to review and an affirmative vote by the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's Board of Trustees.

Communities with a current Housing Choice designation will receive a discount on their SRF interest rate of up to 0.50% from the standard rate of 2%, refer to the following link for additional information: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/housing-choice-loan-program>.

I look forward to your participation in the State Revolving Fund Program

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