

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

DWSRLF Overview

Public water systems (PWS) can apply for funding to help them with new public water system construction or improvements to an existing public water system. The New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau co-administers the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRLF) with the [New Mexico Finance Authority](#). This fund provides low-cost financial assistance to public water systems to finance the cost of repair and replacement of drinking water infrastructure; to ensure compliance with drinking water regulations; and to protect drinking water quality and public health.

DWSRLF- Advantages

The DWSRLF offers low-interest, fixed-rate loans. Current interest rates are:

- Public disadvantaged water system – 0%
- Public non-disadvantaged water system – 1%
- Private, non-profit water system – 3%
- Private, for-profit water system – 4%

DWSRLF loans are for up to 30 years following a two-year construction period. Principal forgiveness subsidy may also be available to reduce the cost of your project. Subsidy amounts range from 25% for publicly-owned water systems and up to 75% of the project cost for qualifying severely disadvantaged systems, depending on project ranking and available funds.

A DWSRLF award can be used to meet matching requirements for Water Trust Board and other state funding sources.

We have dedicated assistance with applying and qualifying for funding through the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group Community Services Team. View the [Community Services Map](#) to find the coordinator that serves your area.

Eligibility

Projects that protect drinking water quality and public health are eligible for DWSRLF, including:

- New and replacement water sources
- Treatment
- Transmission and distribution lines
- Storage
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems

- Infrastructure to interconnect or regionalize water systems
- Energy efficiency and water conservation projects

In addition to funding costs needed for project construction, the DWSRLF can also finance planning, design and associated pre-project costs, and land acquisition needed for locating project components. For more information on eligible projects please see the [EPA DWSRF Eligibility Handbook](#).

How to Apply for DWSRLF Funds

STEP ONE:

Submit a Project Interest Form online at swim.water.web.env.nm.gov. Project Interest Forms are accepted year-round however, project priority Lists are generated on a tri-annual basis. The deadlines for submission for each project list is described in the table below.

Submission Deadlines	SFY 21 Annual Priority List	SFY 21 Fall List Update	SFY 21 Spring List Update	SFY 21 Annual Priority List
Project Interest Forms submitted by:	February 3, 2020	July 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	February 8, 2021
Required supplemental documents submitted by:	March 4, 2020	August 3, 2020	December 1, 2020	March 8, 2021
Draft Priority List Posted for Public Comment on:	May 29, 2020			May 28, 2021
Final Priority Lists Published on:	July 1, 2020	September 1, 2020	February 1, 2021	July 1, 2021