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Re: State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025¹ Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List Applications

Dear Public Water System Official:

The approaching construction season signals our annual Project Priority List (PPL) solicitation for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The DWSRF continues to have federal and state funding available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to replace lead service lines, address emerging contaminants, and replace ageing infrastructure. For systems that may need it, there are also significant funds available for technical assistance – which is provided at no cost to the water supplier. We encourage water systems to think broadly about needs and plan for multi-year investments. We will work together to find opportunities to accelerate your projects.

For background, the DWSRF provides financing to public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed for compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to protect public health. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Center for Drinking Water Quality is designated as the primacy agency for the Safe Drinking Water Act and is the regulatory partner of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) for the DWSRF. RIDOH is responsible for establishing the PPL which is used to determine funding priorities. Note: A project must be on the PPL to be considered for DWSRF funding.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the SFY 2025 PPL application (download online: <https://health.ri.gov/publications/lists/ProjectPriorityListApplication.docx>). Please ensure that the anticipated project start dates are as precise as possible and no more than two years out. This accuracy is crucial because RIIB will utilize this information to facilitate the timely disbursement of funds.

Please note the following application submission procedures, some of which have changed from last year's requirements:

¹ The current project priority list as of the date of this letter, available at <https://health.ri.gov/publications/lists/project-priority-final-amended-fy-2023.pdf>, indicates it is for fiscal year 2023. In this solicitation for the next project priority list, RIDOH is clarifying that the list is for the upcoming state fiscal year, which is state fiscal year 2025.



1. Water systems must submit completed PPL applications for all projects they are requesting fund for the next two years, including projects on the 2023 PPL; RIDOH is no longer accepting “updates” to previous applications.
2. Project Priority List applications are due by March 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
3. All applications must be emailed to: RIDOH.EngineeringDWQ@health.ri.gov with “PPL Application” in the subject line.

RIDOH will review each PPL application for eligibility and assign a priority score using a ranking system. Eligible projects and their respective information will be listed in order of priority, highest to lowest, in the SFY 2025 PPL. This list will be made available for a 30-day public comment period. After the public comment period is over and any public comments are addressed, the SFY 2025 PPL will be finalized. Projects on the SFY 2025 PPL will then be eligible for DWSRF funding through RIIB.

Public water systems wishing to discuss project-specific details of the DWSRF Program are encouraged to contact RIDOH DWSRF Project Managers at RIDOH.EngineeringDWQ@health.ri.gov.

Public water systems with specific questions regarding the financial aspects of the DWSRF are encouraged to contact RIIB; email Aaron Qureshi at aqureshi@riib.org or call 401-808-6619.

Sincerely,

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SRF Project Managers
Center for Drinking Water Quality

Enclosed: SFY 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List Application



State of Rhode Island