



FFY2025 DRAFT CWSRF& DWSRF INTENDED USE PLANS & PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS

AUGUST 1, 2025



AGENDA

10:00 – 11:00

Presentation On:

- Clean Water Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Priority List (PPL)
- Drinking Water IUP and PPL
- Design and Construction Engineering Program Updates
- Questions at the end. Please sign in!

11:00 -12:00

Public Comments on IUPs and Priority Lists

INTENDED USE PLANS (IUP) TIMELINE

- Public comment deadline: August 8th, 2025
 - By email to padraic.monks@vermont.gov , or at this meeting.
- Final IUPs, including response to public comment: goal of mid-late August
- Funds availability letters: One week following final IUP

SRF PROGRAM UPDATES

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021
 - 5 New EPA SRF Grants
 - Year 4 of 5 (FFY 2022 through FFY 2026)
- CDS (Congressionally Directed Spending)
 - Did not affect 2025 SRF base grants
 - May affect next year's base grants

SRF PROGRAM UPDATES

- IUPs are very similar to last year
- CW Additional Subsidy categories streamlined –no longer multiple planning types

CWSRF DRAFT IUP SUMMARY

FFY2025 CWSRF FUNDING SOURCES

Sources	General	General Supplemental	Emerging Contaminants
CWSRF Capitalization Grant (after 604b), including 2023 Reallotment (\$54,000)	\$7,788,000	\$12,094,000	\$1,097,000
State Match Needed FFY24 Grant	\$1,557,600	\$2,418,800	N/A
Repayments (anticipated 7/1/25-6/30/26)	\$10,438,233	N/A	N/A
Interest (anticipated 7/1/25-6/30/26)	\$4,800,000	N/A	N/A
Carry-Forward (anticipated)	\$90,403,917	N/A	\$521,100
TOTAL	\$114,987,750	\$14,512,800	\$1,618,500

FFY2025/SFY2026 CWSRF DRAFT PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Grants	\$ Available for Loans	Total Funding Request	Funding Shortfall
General, General Supplemental, and Emerging Contaminants combined	\$131,119,050	\$300,829,578	(\$169,710,528)

CWSRF PROJECT RANKING

- **Environmental Protection Rule, Chapter 2**
 - Regulates Priority List Application Ranking
 - Priority Ranking Points
 - Based on 9 categories including Public Health, Water Quality, Affordability, and Project Readiness
 - Also Used for calculating Pollution Control Grant eligibility percentage
 - Results in Project Priority List
 - Identifies construction projects in fundable range

CWSRF ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

Grant	Additional Subsidy Proposed	Eligibility Requirements Per EPA Grant Agreement
General	\$778,800 \$1,557,600	No Restrictions AC/603(j)*
General Supplemental	\$5,926,060	AC/603(j)
Emerging Contaminants	\$1,043,000	No Restrictions
2023 Emerging Contaminants	\$54,000	No Restrictions

CWSRF PROPOSED SUBSIDY BY CATEGORY

Grant	Initiative	Amount	Subsidy Type
General and General Supplemental			
	Planning	\$1,030,585	No restrictions
	Floodplain	\$500,000	AC/603(i)
	Construction	\$10,353,962	AC/603(i)
	Lakes in Crisis	\$100,000	No restrictions
Emerging Contaminants			
	Construction	\$1,097,000	No restrictions

CW PLANNING SUBSIDY

- **Planning (Preliminary Engineering, Final Design)**
 - 50% Subsidy up to \$100,000, per project

FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION SUBSIDY

For Floodplain Buyout and Restoration

- Up to \$250,000 per project
- Dependent on:
 - FEMA Funding Eligibility
 - In Manufactured Housing Community

CW CONSTRUCTION SUBSIDY

General and General Supplemental Grants

- 50% up to \$1,000,000 per project
- Must meet Affordability Criteria

Emerging Contaminants Grant

- 100%
- Any eligible projects

QUALIFYING FOR ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY

- Qualifying for subsidy
 - Municipalities Only
 - Subsidy is reserved for a project upon receipt of:
 - Funding Application
 - Qualifications Based Selection Process completed
 - Draft ESA submittal
 - Meeting readiness to proceed criteria
- Subsidy is not guaranteed until loan approval and issuance of an Authorized Letter of Funding.

FUNDING FOR NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Traditional Loans

- For conservation and restoration

Interim Finance

- \$2,000,000 Put-Aside

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM – WISPR

- Traditional municipal CWSRF projects “sponsor” a Natural Resource project
 - Additional 10% of loan value can be applied to a natural resource project.
 - Admin fee reduced such that repayment amount is no greater
 - Additional 0.1% administrative fee reduction

MS₄ STORMWATER FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM

In Partnership with Lake Champlain Basin Program

- Funding for MS₄ Municipalities
 - Implement Phosphorus Control and Flow Restoration Plans
 - \$3 Million Available under 2025 IUP
 - Construction projects need to be on the Priority List
 - Funding may be in form of subsidy under a SRF loan (up to 80%)
 - Evaluate Program following funds-availability letters

DWSRF DRAFT IUP SUMMARY

FFY2025 DWSRF FUNDING SOURCES

Sources	General	General Supplemental	Lead Service Lines	Emerging Contaminants
DWSRF Capitalization Grant Minus Set-Asides	\$7,525,140	\$17,179,620	NA	\$5,488,600
State Match Needed FFY25 Grant	\$2,181,200	\$4,979,600	NA	\$0
Repayments (anticipated 7/1/25-6/30/26)	\$6,590,745	NA	NA	NA
Interest (anticipated 7/1/25-6/30/26)	\$2,880,000	NA	NA	NA
Carry-Forward (anticipated)	\$58,514,166	Included in General	\$12,053,756	\$0
TOTAL	\$76,674,225	\$22,159,220	\$12,954,526	\$6,990,071

FFY2025 DWSRF DRAFT PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Grants	Available for Loans	Total Funding Request	Funding Surplus or (Shortfall)
General/Supplemental, Emerging Contaminants	\$111,444,045	\$152,909,212	(\$41,465,167)
Lead Service Lines	\$12,954,526	\$2,400,000	\$10,554,526

DWSRF PROJECT RANKING

- **Guidance Document 2**
 - Priority Ranking Criteria
 - Calculates points based on 6 ranking categories, including:
 - Number of Service Connections
 - Affordability and Service Area
 - Deficiencies and Compliance

DWSRF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY SUMMARY

2025 Grant	Subsidy Proposed	Eligibility Requirements Per EPA Grant Agreement
General	\$1,526,840	No Restrictions (Additional Subsidy)
	\$3,817,100	Disadvantaged Communities
General Supplemental	\$12,200,020	Disadvantaged Communities
Emerging Contaminants	\$6,990,071	At least 25% of <u>subsidy</u> to Disadvantaged Communities or systems serving < 25,000 <u>persons</u>
Total Available Subsidy	\$24,534,031	

DWSRF PROPOSED SUBSIDY BY CATEGORY

Grant	Initiative	Amount
General		
	Planning (Additional Subsidy)	\$2,366,668
	Construction (Disadvantaged Subsidy)	\$9,394,650
General Supplemental		
	Construction (Disadvantaged Subsidy):	\$12,200,020
Lead Service Lines		
	Planning and Construction (Disadvantaged Subsidy)	\$9,336,412
Emerging Contaminants		
	Planning (Additional Subsidy):	\$795,000
	Construction (Additional Subsidy):	\$6,195,071
Total Available Subsidy		\$33,870,443

DW PLANNING SUBSIDY

- General and General Supplemental
 - 25% forgiveness up to \$100,000
- Lead Service Line
 - 100% forgiveness up to \$100,000, 50% over \$100,000
 - For Disadvantaged Communities
- Emerging Contaminants
 - 100% forgiveness

DW CONSTRUCTION SUBSIDY

- General and General Supplemental
 - Disadvantaged communities: up to 50% subsidy
- Lead Service Lines
 - Disadvantaged communities: up to 50% subsidy
- Emerging Contaminants
 - 100% subsidy
 - \$5,000,000 cap

READINESS TO PROCEED/ BYPASS CRITERIA DEADLINES

Submit Step II Loan Application (CW)	11/1/25
Submit a complete Environmental Information Document	12/1/25
Submit 90% design drawings to DWGPD (or have construction permit) (DW)	1/1/26
Bond Vote Scheduled - copy of warning submitted (CW & DW)	1/31/26
Voter/board debt authorization (CW & DW)	5/1/26
Submit Step III Funding Application (CW & DW)	6/30/26

SRF Design Engineering Announcements

Reminders

- Submit loan deliverable submittals through ANR document, <https://gs.anr.vermont.gov/messageportal#/dropoff>
- [Clean Water - PPL Priority Points](#) and PC Grant Review Process – PERs must include an evaluation of the priority points the recommended project is anticipated to receive, and the resulting eligible PC grant % should be included in the discussion of funding sources including that funding for PC grants may not be available. PERs that do not address priority points or PC grant % will not be considered administratively complete and cannot be approved. Please plan a specific meeting to discuss points around the 90% PER and 90% Design to confirm points. Reminder to include documentation for any potentially eligible points in the PER. PPL points will be reassessed at end of final design to establish PC grant eligibility, if any.
- [Draft Engineering Service Agreement Submittals](#) – via [ANR Online](#)

Work in Progress

- ESA Fee curve (GD #9) update in progress
- ESA Edits for Federal Requirements - Guidance Document 39 (Pending)
- Clarified SHPO Procedures
 - New Section 106 Consultation Form
- Equivalency concept



SRF Construction Engineering Announcements

- **New staff will continue to impact projects, but in an ever lessening amount.**
- [BABA Requirements](#)
 - BABA might be required, **and** AIS is always required.
 - Early planning for market research for waivers is strongly suggested.
- [BABA Adjustment Period Waiver Certification Form](#)
 - Phasing out.
- [EJCDC ESAs 2018 Accepted](#)
 - Remember to modify draft ESAs per federal requirements (Written WID guidance available for 2013 set available on request, 2018 will be available in the future.)
 - Amendments (using Exhibit K) may require federal requirement clarifications
- [BIL Signage No Longer Required](#)
- Vermont Clean Water Project Sign required
- **Reminder to Use Current Standard Form 1444** DBA Classifications Request, updated with a new expiration date.
Note: General Wage Determination(s) for a project must accompany a classification request.

DCE Run Grant Programs

Overflow Sewer Grant (OSG)

- Small Federal grant for CSO abatement projects with preference for:
 - Rural and Financially Disadvantaged Communities, Green Stormwater Infrastructure, and Green Project Reserve project elements
 - May be awarded based on PPL scoring related to the above criteria
 - Anticipate awarding the OSG to one project
 - Vermont's Allotment TBD

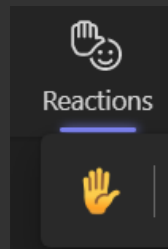
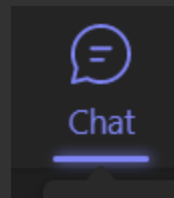
Other Grants

- No proposed changes to the other grants.

QUESTIONS?

Questions, in this order:

- In-person
- Raised “hands” in Teams
- Teams chat



The presentation is being recorded and will be made available following the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRINKING WATER SRF IUP CLEAN WATER SRF IUP

· Public Comments

How

- Today, verbally
 - Please sign in!
- In writing, through August 8, 2025
 - To padraic.monks@vermont.gov

*If providing verbal comments it is helpful if you can let us know if they will also be in writing

Response to Comments

- **The Department will respond to all comments in the final Intended Use Plans**