

# CLEAN WATER FUND PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 281.58 and 281.59, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Approximately \$200 million annually available for loans.

**Objective:** To protect water quality by correcting existing wastewater and storm water treatment problems and preventing future problems.

**Eligibility:** Any city, town, village, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, metropolitan sewerage district or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin.

**Level of Assistance:** Loans with subsidized interest. Additional assistance to low-income municipalities with up to a 70% grant and an interest-free loan.

**Priorities:** Protection of human health and water quality (see s. NR 162.30, Wis. Adm. Code).

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Construction of wastewater and storm water treatment facilities, sewer systems, and interceptors necessary to prevent a violation of discharge limits, to meet new or changed limits, or to protect human health and water quality in unsewered areas.

**Applications:** An *Intent to Apply* form must be submitted by December 31 prior to the state fiscal year in which an application will be submitted. Applications are normally accepted on a continuous basis and projects are funded as they are ready for construction. In years with insufficient funding, projects are ranked on the basis of environmental and human health protection impacts.

**History:** The program was authorized in 1987 to replace the wastewater construction grant programs. Almost \$4 billion of loans have been issued under the program.

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