

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Category: Environmental

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, inter-municipal, interstate, or state agencies, nonprofit entities, for-profit entities, watershed groups, community groups, homeowner's associations, and individuals. Eligibility varies by state, as some states do not fund private entities.

Total IIJA Funding: \$12.7 billion

FY24 Grant Funding: \$2.62 billion

Match Requirements: N/A

Key Dates: Application dates vary by state.

Overview: The CWSRF program is a partnership between the federal government and states that offers low-interest loans to support water quality infrastructure projects. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provided more than \$11 billion from fiscal year (FY) 2022 to FY2026 for the general supplemental fund and allocated an additional \$1 billion to address emerging contaminants.

Eligible Activities: The CWSRF program is managed at the state level, and eligibility requirements may differ by state. There are eleven categories of eligible projects, including the construction, repair, and replacement of publicly-owned treatment works that enhance energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling, and stormwater management. In these categories, each state has the flexibility to allocate funding according to its environmental priorities. The IIJA also empowers states to waive repayment and provide forgivable loans or grants.

Opportunities for Climate and Racial Wealth Equity: The IIJA mandates that 49% of the general supplemental funding must be directed towards disadvantaged communities to address affordability challenges. Each state is responsible for establishing its own definitions of disadvantaged communities and affordability.

Key Funding Criteria: Criteria for receiving funding may vary from state to state.

Additional Information: Program details are available on EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund website. For more information on available funding, timelines, and eligible activities, please contact your state department responsible for the program.