



Public Facilities Authority ● Pollution Control Agency ● Department of Health

Date: January 21, 2026

To: Public Wastewater, Stormwater, and Drinking Water Officials

Subject: Accepting Water Infrastructure Projects for 2027 Project Priority List and State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) Intended Use Plans (Includes Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds)

Submissions to place public wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects on the 2027 Project Priority Lists (PPL) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are now being accepted. This includes PPL requests for publicly and privately owned drinking water lead service line replacement projects and projects to address emerging contaminants for drinking water systems.

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) administers several state funding programs for water infrastructure in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). These funding programs include the State Revolving Funds (the CWSRF and DWSRF), Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) grants, Minnesota's Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG) and the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program.

The State Revolving Funds (SRFs) are Minnesota's largest infrastructure funding programs, and most projects will receive at least a portion of funding through the SRFs. MPFA's programs are designed to make the cost of water and wastewater improvements more affordable to the residents served by those facilities. The CWSRF and the DWSRF provide below-market interest loans and other funding to local governments for eligible projects based on environmental and public health priorities determined by the MPCA (for wastewater and stormwater projects) and the MDH (for drinking water projects).

The SRFs are supported by a combination of federal and state funding, and revolving loan repayments. The 2021 Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has appropriated additional federal funding from 2022 through 2026 through the SRFs. IIJA provides additional funds for SRF low interest loans and for principal forgiveness grants based on WIF affordability criteria and for green infrastructure projects. IIJA makes funding available for new SRF project categories to replace drinking water lead service lines and address emerging contaminants.

The first step in the funding process is for a project to be listed on the appropriate PPL. The PPLs rank projects that will be ready for construction within the next five years. Projects are ranked in

priority order based environmental and public health criteria to identify communities with greatest infrastructure needs. All projects must be listed on the appropriate PPL to be eligible for any of the MPFA funding programs. Please note that the DWSRF PPL deadline has been moved to the second Friday in March.

The next step in the funding process for most projects seeking CWSRF or DWSRF loans (including IIJA funds, emerging contaminant funds, and lead service line replacement funds), is to be listed on the appropriate IUP. Cities and other public system owners must request placement on the appropriate 2027 IUP (application period opens in May) by the first Friday in June for projects ready for construction in the upcoming year and are seeking SRF financing in state fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027).

Municipalities need to resubmit IUP applications each year unless those projects are on Part A from the previous year (carryover). The due date for IUP applications is June 5, 2026.

The funding cycle repeats each year and starts with projects requesting placement on the PPLs in March and the IUPs in May. Projects that aren't ready for the 2027 PPLs and IUPs can apply in a future year. MPFA acknowledges that the 2026 IUP was approved later than anticipated and is implementing steps to improve the process to ensure that 2027 IUP is finalized in a timelier fashion.

PPL and IUP Deadlines and Contacts are listed below.

Project Priority List Submissions – Clean Water Revolving Fund

Agency: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (www.pca.state.mn.us/ppl)
Projects: Wastewater and Stormwater
Deadlines: **March 6, 2026**, submit to MPCA at ppl.submittals.pca@state.mn.us

- PPL application and scoring worksheet, including supporting documentation as required.
- Wastewater facilities plans or stormwater project plans

Contact: Pam Foster, Program Coordinator, 218-302-6619, pamelafoster@state.mn.us

Project Priority List Submissions – Drinking Water Revolving Fund

Agency: Minnesota Department of Health (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf)
Projects: Drinking water projects, including replacement of lead service lines
Deadlines: **March 13, 2026**, submit to MDH (health.dwrfapplication@state.mn.us)
Contact: Todd Johnson, Program Coordinator, 218-308-2110, todd.johnson@state.mn.us

Intended Use Plan Requests – Clean Water and Drinking Water Programs

Agency: Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (mn.gov/deed/pfa)
Programs: Clean Water Revolving Fund, Drinking Water Revolving Fund
Deadlines: **June 5, 2026 – Online IUP requests will be available in May.** See MPFA website for more details: [Public Facilities Authority \(MPFA\) / Public Facilities Authority](http://Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) / Public Facilities Authority)
Contact: Steve Walter, Executive Director, 651-259-7472, steve.walter@state.mn.us



Accepting Submissions from Wastewater or Stormwater Projects for the 2027 Clean Water Project Priority List

Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or stormwater collection and treatment system projects on the Clean Water Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for low interest Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) loans and other state grants and loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA). MPFA financing is for municipal infrastructure investments which contribute to water quality benefits. Funding is not available for privately owned infrastructure.

Please Note: Projects on the 2026 PPL will automatically be re-listed on the 2027 PPL unless the project has received funding, requested removal, or has shown no progress in the past five (5) years. Keep all scoring information as current as possible. When appropriate, submit updated project costs, construction schedule, and PPL re-score requests.

Green Project Reserve (GPR): Projects believed to meet the GPR eligibility requirements as described in the PPL application forms should indicate their potential GPR eligibility in the PPL application and Intended Use Plan (IUP) request for placement.

Procurement of Engineering Services: A portion of projects funded by the CWSRF must follow a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process for consulting engineering services. Applicants to the PPL are encouraged to follow a QBS process for engineering services.

Municipalities need to resubmit IUP applications each year unless those projects are on Part A from the previous year (carryover) or are under contract with MPFA.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR PROJECTS SEEKING TO BE PLACED ON 2027 CWSRF PPL OR IUP:

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| Request for placement on the MPCA 2027 PPL | March 6, 2026 (or before) |
| Request for placement on the MPFA 2027 IUP | June 5, 2026 (or before) |
| Wastewater facilities plans or stormwater project plans to MPCA (to ensure priority review) for placement on 2027 IUP | March 6, 2026 (or before) |
| Wastewater facilities plans or stormwater project plans preliminary approval by MPCA for placement on 2027 IUP | June 5, 2026 (or before) |

All MPCA submittals should be sent electronically to: PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us

To obtain necessary PPL instructions, application forms and general program information go to: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance>

For more information please contact: Pam Foster, CWRF Coordinator, 218-302-6619 or pamela.foster@state.mn.us

Emerging Contaminants: The 2025 legislature authorized the use of Federal Clean Water funds for principal forgiveness grants to address emerging contaminants (EC) in wastewater. The MPCA is soliciting Clean Water EC grant projects for listing on the 2027 PPL and/or IUP. Eligible projects may receive EC grants of 50% (principal forgiveness) for a maximum of \$3,000,000.

EC Definition: Emerging contaminants refer to substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known or anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. These substances, microorganisms, or materials can include many different types of natural or manufactured chemicals and substances – such as those in some compounds of personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and microplastics.

A description of emerging contaminants for the purposes of CWSRF financing can be found in Appendix B of EPA's March 2022 Memorandum [Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.](#)

For more information on emerging contaminants visit: [CWSRF Emerging Contaminants - Frequent Questions and Answers | US EPA](#)

To apply to the 2027 PPL for EC grant, submit a letter of interest with the following information:

- Project name
- Project sponsor
- Project contacts
- Project description (including specific ECs to be addressed)
- Eligible Project type:
 - Pilot project
 - Planning and design
 - Bench-scale
 - Construction
 - Other – specify
- Proposed treatment
- Project schedule
- Cost summary
- Attachments documents to support proposal (i.e. location maps, design drawings, etc.)

Send letters of interest and supplemental documentation to PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us



Drinking Water Revolving Fund Accepting Submissions for 2027 Project Priority List

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below-market rate DWRF loans and affordability grants to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants, water towers and lead service line replacements. Expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure are **not** eligible uses of SRF funds.

- MDH now has online applications for new projects, LSLR projects, and updates to existing projects. These applications are available at:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/dwrf/ppl.html>
- Applications are due to MDH by **Friday March 13, 2026**
- Water system owners planning to start construction and receive DWSRF financing before June 30, 2027, must also submit a request to the MPFA to place the project on the 2027 Intended Use Plan (IUP).
- For drinking water systems serving populations greater than 1,000, an up-to-date Water Supply Plan (WSP) must be approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to be eligible for DWSRF funding.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Projects: Currently, grant funding is available for replacement of the privately-owned portion of lead service lines (LSL). Public water systems need to apply for the funding. The funding cannot be provided directly to the property owner. To get funding, LSL replacement projects must be listed on the PPL and IUP. LSL projects may be coordinated with a watermain replacement project or be funded as stand-alone projects. More information about applying for LSL funding can be found at:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrfund.html>
- **Questions?** Contact Todd Johnson, P.E. at 218-308-2110 or todd.johnson@state.mn.us

Environmental Health Division, Section of Drinking Water Protection, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975



Clean Water Revolving Fund | Drinking Water Revolving Fund Requests for Placement on the 2026 Intended Use Plans

The MPFA is responsible for financial management of the CWSRF and the DWSRF programs and making funding awards to eligible projects. Each year the MPFA prepares an IUP for each program listing the projects eligible to apply for funding.

Wastewater and stormwater projects seeking CWSRF funding must be listed on the MPCA PPL to be eligible for placement on the IUP, and construction projects must have an approved facility plan. Drinking water projects seeking DWSRF funding must be listed on the MDH PPL to be eligible for placement on the IUP.

Each IUP lists projects expected to receive all necessary approvals and be ready to proceed to contract in state fiscal year (FY) 2027. State fiscal years begin July 1 and end June 30.

The due date for requests for placement on the 2027 IUPs is June 5, 2026.

MPFA is updating the IUP request process. Beginning in May, please visit the MPFA website for updated information: <https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/>.

Projects on Part A of the 2026 IUPs do not need to submit IUP requests. For other projects, submit one request per project. Direct questions to the MPFA loan officer assigned to your community. Contact information for loan officers is located here: <https://mn.gov/deed/pfa/contact/>.

The MPFA prepares the 2027 IUPs based on the requests received, the project priorities set by the MPCA and MDH, and the CWSRF and DWSRF lending capacities. There is no guarantee that all projects requesting placement on the 2027 IUPs will be in the fundable range and allowed to apply for financing.

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