



MINNESOTA

PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Recipient: City of Blue Earth

Project: Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Award Date: May 6, 2025

PFA Award Total: \$19,594,021

Description: The Project consists of the addition of a reverse-osmosis treatment system to allow the reduction of salt discharge from in-home water softeners, decreasing the treatment facilities chloride concentration at the source.

Project Funding:

Entity	Funding Source	PFA Funding ID	Amount
PFA	Point Source Implementation-Grant	MPFA-PSIG-G-093-FY25	\$7,000,000
	Drinking Water SRF-Loan <i>(30 years at 3.070%, estimated savings to recipient is \$1,444,377)</i>	MPFA-DWRF-L-093-FY25	\$7,594,021
	Drinking Water SRF-PF Grant	MPFA-DWRF-G-093-FY25	\$1
	WIF Drinking Water-Grant	MPFA-WIFD-G-093-FY25	\$4,999,999
Total MPFA Project Costs:			\$19,594,021

More about the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and its Programs:

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) provides financing and technical assistance to help communities build public infrastructure that protects public health and the environment and promotes economic growth.

Drinking Water Revolving Fund (also known as the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or DWSRF) :

The DWSRF is supported by federal capitalization grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state matching funds. These funds, together with PFA revenue bond proceeds, are used to make low interest loans to cities throughout the state for drinking water infrastructure projects. Loan repayments revolve back to make new loans, providing a permanent source of low-interest capital to help cities finance drinking water infrastructure projects. Since its start in 1999, Minnesota's DWSRF has awarded more than 433 loans for over \$982 million, providing over \$188 million in interest savings to local governments and their taxpayers. A portion of federal DWSRF funds are provided as principal forgiveness grants based on established affordability criteria.

Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF):

The WIF program provides supplemental assistance grants for based on affordability criteria for high cost projects. WIF grants are packaged with PFA loans or USDA Rural Development loan and grant funds.

Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG):

The PSIG program provides grants to help cities upgrade water treatment facilities to reduce their discharge of specific pollutants to meet water quality restoration and protection goals.

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