



FUNDING THE DWSRF AND CWSRF PROGRAMS

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SRF PROGRAMS

- CWSRF program created with 1987 CWA Amendments
- Replaced Construction Grants Program
- \$150 Billion available for funding projects 1987-2020
- DWSRF Program created as part of 1996 SDWA Amendments
- DWSRF patterned after CWSRF. Sets aside a major difference
 - Allowed more funding support to PWSS program and its goals
- Funded \$44.7 Billion in eligible projects 1998-2020

HISTORICAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BOTH SRF PROGRAMS

DWSRF

- 1997-2019 – \$17.6 Billion
- 2020 – \$1,126,000,000
- 2021 – \$1,126,000,000
- 2022) -- \$1,358,000,000
 - (WH proposed)

CWSRF

- 1987-2019 – \$46.3 Billion
- 2020 – \$1,638,826,000
- 2021 – \$1,638,826,000
- 2022 -- \$1,871,000,000
 - (WH proposed)

HISTORICAL FUNDING – CT CWSRF

- Federal Capitalization Grants (1988-2020) -- \$244.5 Million
- Fed Cap Grant 2020 -- \$11,011,000
- Fed Cap Grant 2021 -- \$11,001,000
- Fed Cap Grant 2022 – Slightly higher (Approps)

CT DWSRF – PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

(CUMULATIVE FUNDING --1998-2020)

- Number of Projects Funded -- 223
- Project Amount Funded – \$363.4 Million
- Amount of Subsidy -- \$28.5 Million
 - Total Cost of Projects that Received subsidy -- \$184.2 Million
- Set-aside Funds -- \$66.4 Million

INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SRF PROGRAMS

- 2020 House Appropriations Bill
- Senate bill 914 (S.914)
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
- American Jobs Bill (AJB)

FY 2020 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL – SUMMER 2020

- House passed an infrastructure bill as part of its 2020 Appropriations bill
- Funding for DWSRF
 - \$3.85 Billion
 - No state match/min 40% subsidy
 - 18 months to commit funds
 - 25% GPR
- Funding for CWSRF
 - \$6.35 Billion
 - Other issues the same

SENATE BILL S. 914 PASSED SENATE 4/29/2021

DWSRF AUTHORIZATION:

- 2022 -- \$2,400,000,000
- 2023 -- \$2,750,000,000
- 2024 -- \$3,000,000,000
- 2025 -- \$3,250,000,000
- 2026 -- \$3,250,000,000

CWSRF AUTHORIZATION

- 2022 -- \$2,400,000,000
- 2023 -- \$2,750,000,000
- 2024 -- \$3,000,000,000
- 2025 -- \$3,250,000,000
- 2026 -- \$3,250,000,000

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT -- 2021

- Majority of Funds directed toward COVID
- Provision that allows certain state/local funding to be directed to 3 items other than COVID
 - Water infrastructure
 - Wastewater infrastructure
 - Broadband

ARPA FUNDING -- CONTINUED

- Examples of states directing funding toward water/wastewater
 - **Maine**
 - \$25 million to DWSRF
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 - **New Hampshire**
 - \$100 million to DWSRF (draft)
 - \$130 million to CWSRF (draft)
 - **Vermont**
 - \$ 5 million -- DWSRF
 - \$10 million -- stormwater
 - \$10 million --- decentralized WW

STATE USE OF ARPA FUNDING (CONT)

- CT – TBD
- Other States
 - 2 Southern states are provided \$400 and \$800 million respectively (split between both the CWSRF and DWSRF program).

SUMMARY

- CT DWSRF Program is a long-term funding program for Drinking Water Infrastructure in CT.
- Congress likes the SRF programs. Funding has increased over time to meet Significant shortfalls in infrastructure funding.
- Possibility of significant funding increase for DWSRF this year.
- Keep in contact with CT DWSRF program. State will make funding decisions if/when these additional funds are made available.
- DW System operators should be developing a list of capital projects that need to be funded.
- Subsidy could be significant like the ARRA funding we saw in 2009/2010

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For funding questions, best to contact the CT DWSRF program first, since each state will have flexibility in how they establish funding criteria.