

OVERVIEW

This brochure provides information on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program.

The CWSRF Program assists local government agencies by providing low interest loans to construct, modify or rehabilitate point source and non-point source water pollution control facilities that prevent groundwater contamination, correct surface water impairment, support water reuse, energy efficiency, and sustainability, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Hawaii.



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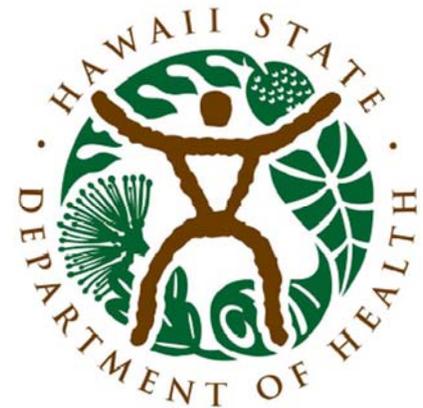
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Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, with over \$584 million in assets, provides low-interest loans to assist local governments in expanding and improving their wastewater infrastructure. Funded projects address both point source and non-point source (NPS) pollution control. Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for facility planning, project design, and/or construction.

Benefits of a CWSRF Loan

- Low interest rate, currently at 0.5% which is 1%-2% below the prevailing 20-year municipal bond rate.
- Fixed interest rates with 20-year payback.
- Loan repayment begins one year after the Notice to Proceed or date of Final Loan Agreement, whichever is later.
- No ongoing expenses associated with a local bond issue.
- Friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable staff with over 50 years of combined experience.

Sources of Loan Funds

- Federal dollars: Congress appropriates funds annually to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which then allocates these funds to the states.
- State match: Each state is required to provide a 20% match.
- Loan repayments: Principal and interest from repayments are returned to the fund which, in turn, increases the funds available for loans.

Who Should Apply for a CWSRF Loan

Any local government entity (County) may apply for CWSRF financing. County applicants must demonstrate their ability to repay the loan to the Department of Health (DOH) and meet other specified requirements.

How to Apply

- Complete a “Proposed Project For SRF Funding Form” for each project.
- Submit all forms to DOH.
- DOH ranks projects based on its Priority System Policy.
- Eligible projects are compiled into a Priority List, and only those listed projects can be awarded CWSRF loans.
- The Intended Use Plan (IUP) is prepared annually. It includes the Priority List as well as projects that DOH has selected to fund during the upcoming fiscal year.

SRF forms are available on our website:
www.hawaii.gov/wastewater/



Eligibility

Eligible projects include those that correct surface water quality impairment, prevent ground water contamination, promote water reuse, energy efficiency, and/or achieve compliance with a federal or state consent decree, or court order. Examples include:

Point Source Projects:

- New, expanded or rehabilitated wastewater treatment plants.
- Water reuse and distribution systems.
- Energy-efficient components or processes, renewable energy, and energy audits.
- Sludge treatment, disposal, and reuse.
- New sewers or sewer rehabilitation.
- Septage handling and marine vessel pump out and treatment facilities.

Non-Point Source Projects:

- Equipment purchase of street sweepers and catch basin vacuum vehicles; sediment traps and basins.
- Replacement of cesspools with septic tanks, aerobic units, or treatment plants.
- Capping and closure of municipal solid waste landfills, landfill reclamation, landfill leachate collection, storage and treatment, and landfill gas collection and control.
- Brownfield projects such as site assessments, UST removal and disposal, contaminated soil or sediment removal and disposal, capping wells or soil, remediation of stormwater runoff, and monitoring groundwater and surface water for contaminants.