



# Fact Sheet

## Wastewater Grants - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program

### HELPFUL DEFINITIONS:

- **Disadvantaged Community (DAC):** median household income (MHI) < 80% statewide MHI
- **Small Community:** < or equal to 20,000 people.
- **Large Community:** > 20,000 people.

### PLANNING GRANTS / PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS (PF):

- Available for projects that serve small DACs.
- No cap on planning grant. Rather, planning grants count towards the total cost a community is eligible for over a 5-year period including planning, technical assistance, and construction.
- For 100% nonrepayable planning projects, DFA will generally not require the applicant to submit a complete financial security package or undergo financial security review prior to receiving funding, but the planning project will address financial capacity.

### CONSTRUCTION GRANTS / PF:

**Priority for grant/PF funding:** Projects that address violations of waste discharge requirements or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, and projects that connect previously unsewered areas or join communities to regionalize wastewater treatment works..

Community	Wastewater Rates as a % of MHI	% of Total Eligible Project Cost	Max Grant/PF Per Project	Max Grant/PF Per Residential Connection*
Small Non-DAC (MHI between 80-150% Statewide MHI)	≥4%	50%	\$15 million or \$30 million (Septic-to-Sewer only)	\$45,000 <sup>2</sup> or \$125,000 <sup>3</sup>
Small DAC	N/A	100%		

<sup>1</sup> The Deputy Director of DFA may approve financing for construction projects with a total eligible project cost up to \$8 M regardless of the amount per connection.

<sup>2</sup> A maximum of \$45,000 per residential connection is available for treatment system and/or collection system improvements. The Deputy Director may approve up to \$60,000 per residential connection for good cause.

<sup>3</sup> A maximum of \$125,000 per residential connection is available for septic-to-sewer or regional projects. The Deputy Director may approve up to \$175,000 per residential connection for good cause.

### CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVES:

To encourage the regionalization of wastewater service, receiving systems may be eligible for a maximum of \$10 million in 0% interest rate financing per consolidated community/wastewater system for planning or construction of an Incentive Project. An Incentive Project is an eligible capital project that solely benefits the receiving system and it is separate than funding for a consolidation project.

Additional details available: [2024-25 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan](#)  
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