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Water Quality Improvement Projects and Engineering Planning Grant

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Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program

Overview

- Competitive, statewide implementation grant
- Addresses documented water quality impairments
- Protects a drinking water source



Funding Overview

- Dollar amounts available each year is based on NYS Budget
- Clean Water Infrastructure Act
- Environmental Protection Fund



Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities
- Municipal corporations
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Not-for-profit corporations (**Only** source water protection and aquatic habitat restoration projects)



Eligible Activities

- Wastewater Treatment Improvement
- Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control
- Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection
- Salt Storage
- Aquatic Habitat Restoration
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)



Wastewater Treatment Improvement

High Priority (85% grant/15% match)

- Wastewater Effluent Disinfection for Facilities Without Disinfection
- Combined Sewer Overflow/Sanitary Sewer Overflow (CSO/SSO)
- TMDL Implementation
- Communities with Inadequate On-Site Septic Systems

Secondary Priority (40% grant/60% match)

- General wastewater infrastructure improvements

Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source

Eligible projects (75% grant/25% match)

- Nonpoint Source Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Priority BMPs

- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems
- Green Infrastructure Practice/Stormwater Retrofits
- Great Lakes Nature-Based Shoreline Projects
- Streambank Stabilization/Restoration and Riparian Buffers
- In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients
- Beach Restoration

Source Water Protection thru Land Acquisition

Eligible projects (75% grant/25% match)

- Protect surface public drinking water supplies
- Protect groundwater public drinking water supplies

Note that:

- Project must include land acquisition, either land purchase or easements
- Municipalities, soil and water conservation districts and not-for-profits, such as land trusts, are eligible

Salt Storage

Eligible projects (75% grant/25% match)

- Projects to construct a structure to cover a salt or salt/sand mixture storage pile.
- All projects must comply with the OGS salt storage specs.



Aquatic Habitat Restoration

Statewide Projects

- Upgrade and replacement of road stream crossings
- Removal or breach of stream barriers (dams or weirs)
- Stream daylighting

Nassau & Suffolk Co Projects

- Restoration or management of tidal or freshwater wetlands
- Creation or restoration of submerged aquatic vegetation
- Restoration or enhancement of shellfish and shellfish beds
- Removal of tidal restrictions to reconnect formerly functioning wetlands

Both projects 75% grant/25% match



Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Eligible Projects (75% grant/25% match)

- Comprehensive system mapping/program mapping
- Develop retrofit plans for existing unmanaged and/or inadequately managed stormwater runoff.



Pre-Application Requirements

- All municipalities and soil and water conservation districts must register in the NYS Grants Gateway System to be eligible for this grant
- All not-for-profits must register and prequalify in the NYS Grants Gateway System to eligible for this grant.





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New York State DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program

Overview

- DEC and EFC offering grants to help municipalities pay for engineering report for their wastewater infrastructure
- Up to \$100,000 per award
- 20% local match required
- Must meet MWBE requirements



Eligible Applicants

- Municipality
AND
- Municipal median household income (MHI) equal to or less than \$85,000 for Long Island, New York City and Mid-Hudson regions
- Municipal median household income equal to or less than \$65,000 for the rest of the state



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Funding Priorities

Priorities:

- Required by an executed Order on Consent
- Required by a SPDES permit
- Upgrading or replacing an existing wastewater system
- Constructing a wastewater treatment and/or collection system for an unsewered area
- Identified in a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)



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Potential Grant Awards

- \$100,000 for eligible municipalities for Inflow/Infiltration projects (no population limit)
- \$50,000 for eligible municipalities with a population of 50,000 or greater
- \$30,000 for eligible municipalities with a population less than 50,000
- Funding may be limited to one project per municipality. Applicants must prioritize projects if submitting more than one application.



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Project Funding

Grant awards will be made in two payments:

1. 50% will be provided as advanced payment once the grant agreement is executed
2. Remaining grant amount will be provided when engineering report is approved by DEC and EFC



Thank You

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