



Environmental Facilities Corporation | Department of Health

# FUNDING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Community Assistance Teams

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# AGENDA

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# **Nation-Leading Investment**

**\$39.2  
Billion**

Provided to  
Wastewater Projects  
Since 1990

**\$10.6  
Billion**

Provided to Drinking  
Water Projects  
Since 1996

**\$3.4  
Billion**

EFC Water Grants  
Awarded to over 1,200  
Projects Since 2015

# ABOUT EFC

## **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

Low-cost capital for sewer and wastewater treatment projects. Short- and long-term financing with varied interest rates.

## **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Low-cost capital for drinking water projects. Short- and long-term financing with varied interest rates.

## **Water Grants**

Ease the cost burden of capital infrastructure projects.

# TYPES OF FINANCING

**Short Term or Long Term**



**Market Rate, Subsidized, or Interest-Free**



**Financial Assistance**



# Short-term or Long-term

Short-term  
financing up to  
**5-year**  
terms

Long-term  
financing up to  
**30-year** terms

# TYPES OF FINANCING

## Market Rate, Subsidized, or Interest Free Financing

### Market Rate

Based on EFC's bond rating for projects with a score below the subsidy line

### Subsidized

- 33⅓% reduction for Drinking Water projects
- 50% reduction for Clean Water projects

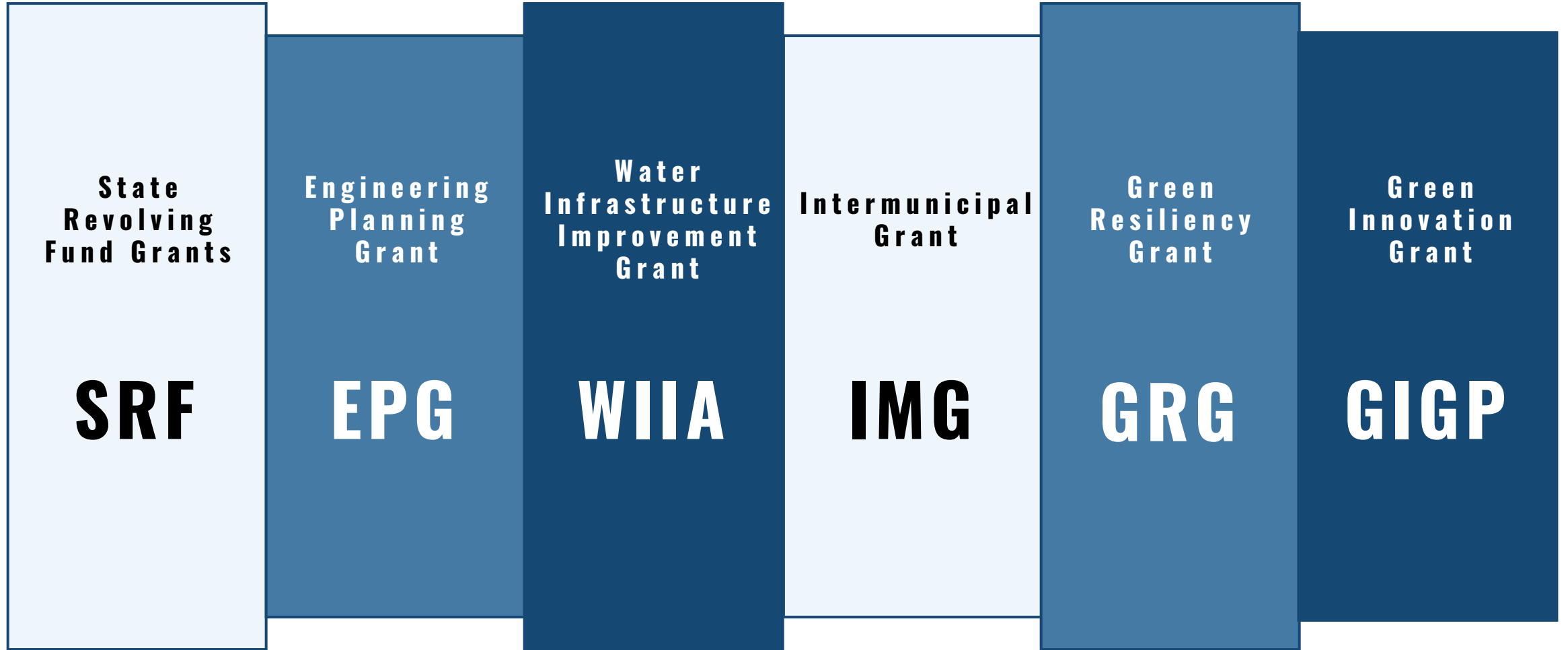
*For projects above the subsidy line*

### Interest-Free

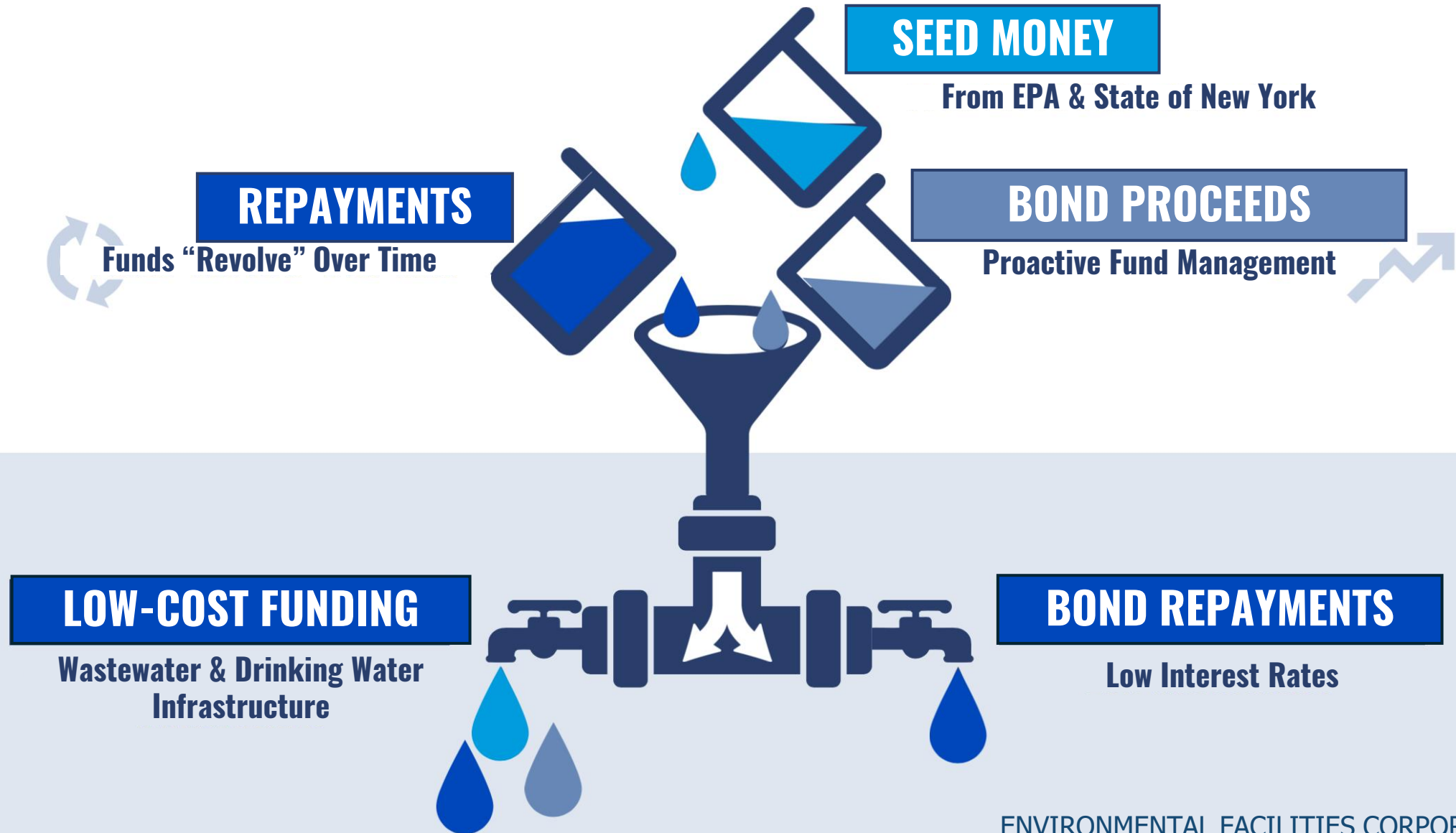
Interest-Free Financing for projects that meet hardship criteria

**For 2026, the drinking water subsidy line is at 60 points and the clean water IUP has no subsidy line**

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



# NEW YORK STATE REVOLVING FUND



# INTENDED USE PLANS - THE FIRST STEP TO ACCESSING FUNDS

## INTENDED USE PLAN

## MULTI-YEAR LIST

APPLICANTS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RECEIVING SRF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## ANNUAL LIST

PROJECTS THAT MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CURRENT FFY IUP

### Prepared Annually by Law:

The Intended Use Plans describe each SRF program, list the funds that are available and identify how the funds will be used

### Project Rank and Score:

Each project is ranked and scored based on water quality and public health impacts as described in the documents submitted by applicants

Eligible costs are based on documented estimates from engineering reports, plans and specifications, and contract awards

# STEPS TO ACCESS FINANCING

## 2. List Your Project on the Annual List

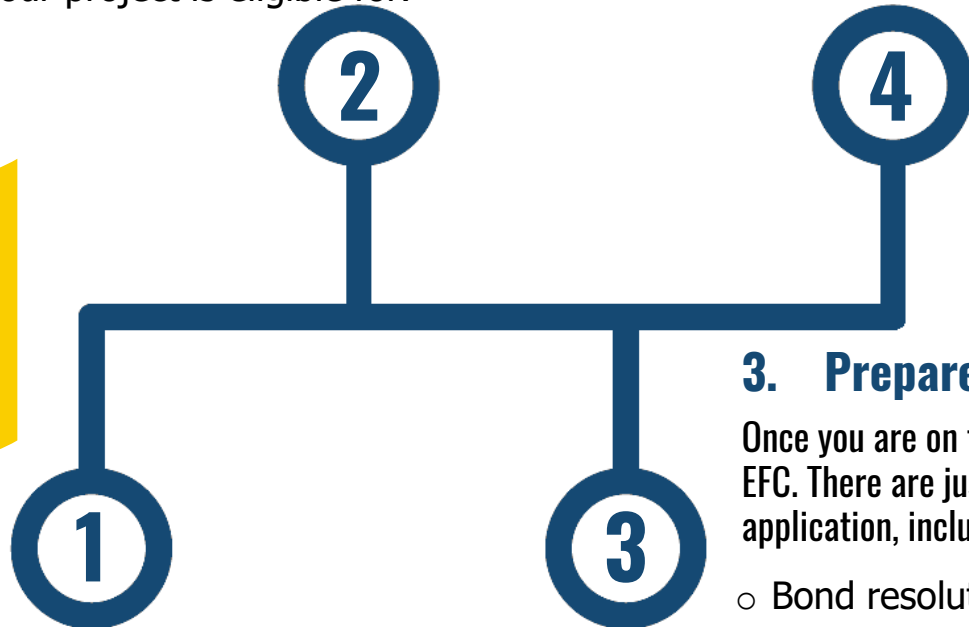
Once you have an acceptable engineering report, timeline, and plan of finance, you can list on the annual list, which is required before you can access funding. Your project score on the annual list determines what type(s) of funding your project is eligible for.

## 4. Apply for Financing

Submit your application materials through EFC's online portal to receive financing.



**For the 2027 IUP, new project listings and project updates are due by May 29, 2026**



## 1. OPTIONAL: List Your Project on the Multi-Year list

By filling out a simple form, you can list a project on our multi-year list to be assigned a project team that can offer guidance on moving forward with funding for your project. Note that the listing process for clean water and drinking water projects differ.

## 3. Prepare Required Documents

Once you are on the annual list, you are eligible for financing from EFC. There are just a few more documents required for your funding application, including:

- Bond resolutions
- Budget information
- Environmental review documents
- State Historic Preservation Office approval
- District formation documents
- Engineering agreement
- Other documentation depending on project specifics

# ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

## Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

*Administered by EFC in coordination with  
the State Department of Environmental  
Conservation*

Affordable **low-cost financing** for communities and public authorities for sewer projects such as:

- Repairing and upgrading wastewater treatment plants
- Correcting combined and sanitary sewer overflows
- Protecting water bodies from runoff pollution

## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

*Co-administered by EFC and  
the State Department of Health*

Affordable **low-cost financing** for communities for drinking water projects, such as:

- Installing or upgrading water treatment facilities
- Installing or replacing water distribution lines
- Rehab or developing new sources to replace contaminated water supplies
- Replacing or constructing finished water storage tanks

# ELIGIBLE ENTITIES CWSRF VS DWSRF

## CWSRF Eligible Entities

### *Municipalities*

- Any county, city, town, village
- District corporation,
- County or town improvement district,
- School district,
- Indian nation or tribe recognized by the state or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within the boundaries of New York state,
- NY public benefit corporation or public authority
- NY State agencies

## DWSRF Eligible Entities

### *Financing*

- Community Water System
  - Municipality and privately owned
- Non-community Water Systems
  - Non-Transient Non-Community Water System
  - Transient Non-Community Water System

### *Additional Subsidy and Interest-Free Financing*

- Municipalities (see CWSRF)
- Privately-owned systems regulated by NYS Department of Public Service

# REQUIREMENTS & GUIDANCE

## Projects funded through EFC must meet certain requirements and won't be funded without them!

### Terms and Conditions

- Contracts paid for with EFC funds must include T&Cs
- Program requirements include: MWBE/EEO, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business, American Iron & Steel, Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage

### Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Procurement

- Must follow Federal guidelines (qualifications bidding)
- Requirements for public posting, firm selection, ranking, and contracts

### Federal Requirements

- Equivalency projects (BABA, DBE requirements)

**Check the EFC website for T&C and Procurement Guidelines  
Submit Plans and Specifications 60 days prior to bidding**



# ENGINEERING REPORT OUTLINE - CWSRF

Each SRF program has its own Engineering Report Outline, which includes:

- ✔ Project background and history, incl. description of the problem
- ✔ Alternatives analysis
- ✔ Project objectives including Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Green infrastructure
- ✔ Consideration of future climate impacts
- ✔ Discussion of security and cybersecurity



Acceptability reviews will be performed to ensure all required items are included before a project can be placed on the Annual List.

# FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING - DWSRF

## Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)

Funds eligible projects for the identification or replacement of lead service lines, including planning and design.

**\$264 Million for 2026 DWSRF IUP**

## Emerging Contaminants (EC)

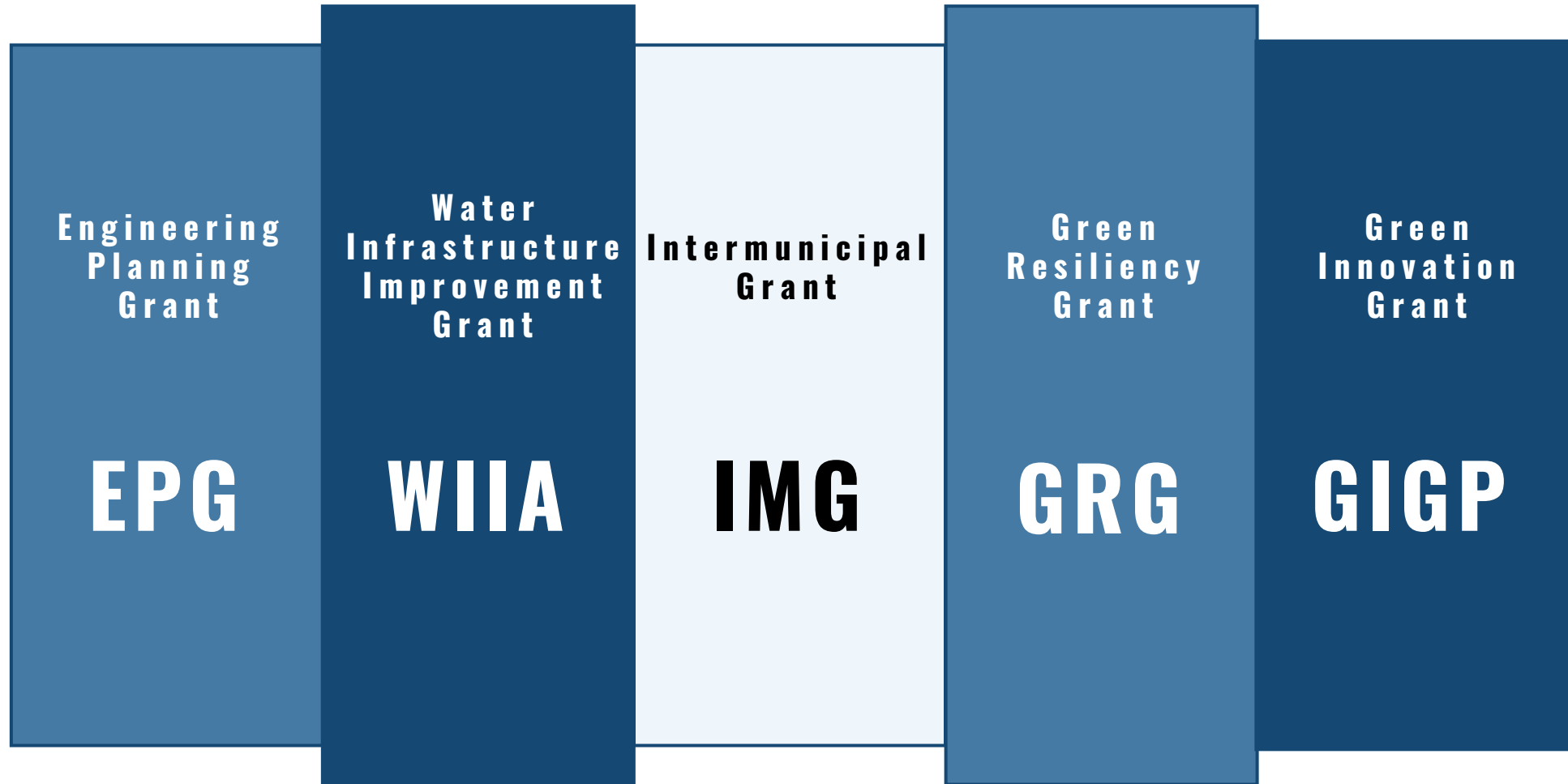
DWSRF projects that address emerging contaminants, like PFAS, that pose risk to human health.

## General Supplemental (GS)

DWSRF projects serving disadvantaged communities



# GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



# ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANTS

## Funding for hardship communities to pay for the initial planning of eligible CWSRF projects

- Helps develop **Engineering Reports**, which are required to list your project on the Annual List
- Grant awards of up to **\$100,000** for inflow/infiltration studies required by enforcement action
- Grant awards of up to **\$50,000** for all other projects

Communities must meet Median Household requirements to be eligible	
Median Household Income*	Regions
Equal to or less than <b>\$110,000</b>	Long Island Mid-Hudson New York City
Equal to or less than <b>\$90,000</b>	Capital District Central NY Finger Lakes Mohawk Valley North Country Southern Tier Western NY

*\*According to the United States Census American Community Survey 2023*

# WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

**WIIA provides competitive grants to help communities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water projects**

## **Eligible Entities:**

- City, Town, or Village
- County or Town Improvement District
- Indian Nation or Tribe (with Reservation wholly or partly within NYS)
- Public Authority
- Public Benefit Corporation
- School District



### **Grants for Clean Water Projects**

For sewer projects. Stormwater projects are eligible if related to sanitary sewer.

**Grants of 25% of costs up to \$25M**



### **Grants for Drinking Water Projects**

For drinking water infrastructure projects including treatment plants and distribution mains.

**Grants of 70% of costs up to \$5M**



### **Grants for Emerging Contaminants Projects**

For projects that address emerging contaminants above the State Maximum Contaminant Level

**Grants of 70% NO CAP**

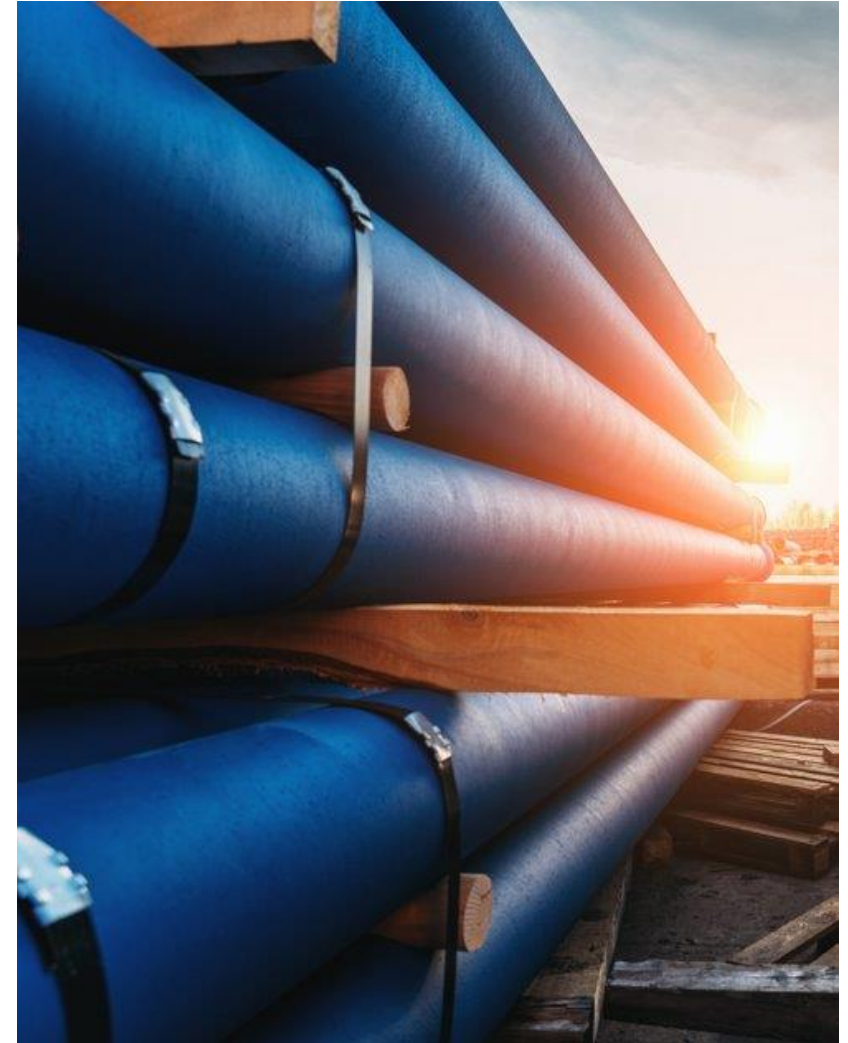
# INTERMUNICIPAL GRANTS

## Available for both clean water and drinking water projects undertaken jointly by multiple municipalities

- Grants of **40%** of costs, up to **\$30 million**
- One lead municipality must apply on behalf of all cooperating municipalities



Must have a current, valid, and binding project Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between at least two cooperating municipalities related to the financing and implementation of the project.



# GREEN RESILIENCY GRANTS (GRG) – Previous Rounds Data



Grants for  
Flood  
Prone  
Communities

**\$60 MILLION**

Total Funding Available

**\$1 MILLION**

Minimum Project Award

**\$10 MILLION**

Maximum Project Award

**May fund up to 90% of Eligible Project Costs**

All projects must be capable of capturing, treating, or increasing time of concentration for a minimum of **2,500 cubic feet of stormwater per 90<sup>th</sup>-percentile rainfall event within a clearly defined drainage area** that contributes to a specific water quality or quantity concern.

**Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)** will receive no less than **35 percent** of the benefit from this funding.

# GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP)



Grants to support green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and environmental innovation projects

**\$3 MILLION**  
Maximum Project Award

**May fund up to 90% of Eligible Project Costs**

## ELIGIBLE PRACTICES:

### Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltration, evapotranspiration, and harvesting stormwater

### Energy Efficiency

Reduce energy consumption or produce renewable energy for a wastewater treatment plant

### Water Efficiency

Reuse, conserve, or improve water efficiency

### Environmental Innovation

New or innovative approaches to manage water resources sustainably

# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TEAMS (CATs)



# HELPING MUNICIPALITIES ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

- Created by Governor Hochul to build on EFC's technical assistance program that helps communities access funding for their water infrastructure projects.
- Focus on small, rural, and disadvantaged communities, but available to meet with any municipality
- Teams are available for consultations with your community or virtually.
- NYS Agency Partners:
  - DEC
  - DOH
  - DOS
  - HCR

**REQUEST A MEETING,  
SIGN UP FOR EMAILS, &  
REGISTER FOR WEBINARS**



## Contact the Teams

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AND RECORDED WEBINARS

Visit <https://efc.ny.gov/CAT> to view recorded webinars on:

- Stormwater Funding
- Hardship and Income Surveys
- Intended Use Plans
- Funding through EFC and DOH
- Funding through the DEC **and more!**

## **Upcoming Q&A Sessions:**

- February 18
- March 20



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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Review our program guide for funding program overviews, including:

- Program types
- Eligible activities
- Eligible applicants
- Maximum awards



[https://efc.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/02/2026-efc-program-guide-acc\\_0.pdf](https://efc.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/02/2026-efc-program-guide-acc_0.pdf)

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