



Drinking Water Revolving Fund

Accepting Submissions for 2014 Project Priority List

The Minnesota Department of Health is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below-market rate DWRf loans to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants and water towers. Funding is not for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.

- Submissions are easy to prepare. Go to www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf for instructions on what to submit, a general program overview, and for an example of a simplified submission.
- Submissions are due at the Department of Health by **Friday, May 3, 2013**.
- Water system owners planning to start construction and receive DWRf financing before June 30, 2014, must also submit a request to the Public Facilities Authority to place the project on the 2014 Intended Use Plan (IUP). (See the enclosed green sheet from the Public Facilities Authority.)
- **No Green Project Reserve Funding:** During the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) a portion of DWRf financing was reserved for water or energy efficiency improvements, environmentally innovative projects, and green infrastructure. Federal appropriations have not been approved to continue green project reserve funding for drinking water infrastructure projects at this time.
- **Note for Projects on the Current IUP:** The environmental review process has been modified to assure that the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act are met. Most projects will not have a significant impact from these revisions but sufficient time should be allowed in the event that a historical structure or archeological site is impacted. To find out more information about the environmental review process or for a step-by-step checklist please go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf/er/index.html>
This only applies to projects on the current IUP.
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