

# Drinking water planning and design funds for PFAS treatment

## Questions and answers

**Q1. I am wondering about the eligibility requirement “must have a minimum of four quarters of samples taken from entry points using applicable EPA methods and a rolling average that exceeds the EPA draft maximum contaminant level values for PFOS, PFOA, or the Hazard Index MCL.” Does the “entry point” mean entry to the distribution system, and does the rolling average have to be at those entry points? So, for example, if a well going to a treatment plant is over the MCL, but not when it enters the distribution system, do they not qualify?**

A1. The entry point is defined as the point in a water supply where water enters the distribution system; it could be a treatment plant, a single well, or a combined discharge (where water from more than one source is combined before it enters a distribution system). It is expected that the data would be collected at the entry point(s) for the system.

**Q2. To identify our funding category, what is meant by “reasonable demand estimates” up to the year 2040? Are these 2040 peak demands, average day demands, or other?**

A2. Use maximum day demand needed for (up to) the 2040 population.

**Q3. When using consulting help for design of treatment plants, does a municipality need to go through an RFP process to select a firm?**

A3. The contracting and bidding requirements can be found in the sample grant agreement and are as follows:

### 4.3 *Contracting and bidding requirements*

Grantees that are municipalities must follow:

- (a) The contracting and bidding requirements in the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law as defined in [Minn. Stat. § 471.345](#).
- (b) The requirements of prevailing wage for grant-funded projects that include construction work and have a total project cost of \$25,000 or more, per [Minn. Stat. §§177.41](#) through [177.44](#). These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole.
- (c) The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/>

**Q4. The City of Fridley has been identified as an eligible participant of the 3M MDL settlement case. My question is if we dispute or opt out of the settlement are we eligible for the Drinking water planning and design grant for PFAS treatment? Or if we decide to participate in the settlement, are we eligible for the grant funding?**

A4. This grant is independent of the [Aqueous Film-Forming Foam \(AFFF\) Product Liability Litigation \(MDL\) /Public Water Systems Settlements](#). Eligibility for MPCA’s grant round is not impacted by participating in the national settlement.