

Overview

Green Project Reserve is a portion of SRF Loan Funds that are specifically designated for communities that include green, sustainable, energy-efficient, water-efficient, or environmentally innovative components in their proposed drinking water and/or wastewater loan projects.

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program reserves at least 20 percent of Drinking Water SRF and Clean Water SRF funds for *Green Project Reserve* projects.

FY 2013 Allocations

DEQ's federal grants require a minimum *Green Project Reserve* commitment of

- Clean Water: \$690,800
- Drinking Water: discretionary



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DEQ Web Resources

Green Project Reserve

www.deq.idaho.gov/green-project-reserve

Water Quality Grants, Loans, and Other Resources

www.deq.idaho.gov/water-grants-loans



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Green Project Reserve Eligible Project Areas

Green Infrastructure: Technologies and practices that use natural systems or engineered systems that mimic natural processes to enhance overall environmental quality and provide utility services such as green roofs and rain gardens.

- *Project Examples:* Implementation of wet weather management systems for utility buildings and parking areas that include porous pavement, bioretention, trees, and green roofs.

Energy Efficiency: Use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services using less energy.

- *Project Examples:* Energy-efficient retrofits and upgrades to pumps and treatment processes (requires business case), installation of leak detection equipment, production of clean power for treatment systems on-site (wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, biogas powered combined heat and power).

Water Efficiency: Reuse or conservation projects that deliver equal or better services using less water.

- *Project Examples:* Installation of water meters or automated meter reading systems, retrofit or replacement of water using fixtures, fittings, equipment or appliances (can include rebate programs), installation of distribution system leak detection equipment, replacement or rehabilitation of distribution lines.

Innovative Environmental Projects: Projects that manage water resources to prevent or

remove pollution in an economically sustainable way.

- *Project Examples:* Streambank improvements to help temperature or turbidity issues that a discharging wastewater facility is facing.

Sustainable Infrastructure: Management, technology, and construction-based SI initiatives.

- *Project Example:* Asset management systems (such as EPA's CUPSS).



Drinking Water System Eligibility

Community water systems and non-profit, non-community water systems are eligible to participate in the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program. Community water systems have at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serve at least 25 year-round residents. Non-community water systems regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons during six months of the year.

Wastewater System Eligibility

Counties, cities, special service districts, nonprofit corporations, or other governmental entities with authority to address nonpoint source issues and collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater are eligible to participate in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program.

Interest Rate

The interest rate is established annually. The interest rate for loans issued during the state's fiscal year (FY) 2013 is 2.25%. These loans must be fully repaid within 20 years of project completion. Loan applicants may qualify as "disadvantaged" and be eligible for an interest rate as low as 0% and a 30-year repayment schedule.

Sources of Revenue

Congress appropriates funds to the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA), which then allots those funds to the states based upon set formulas. Each state is required to provide a 20% match.

How to Apply

DEQ queries drinking water and wastewater systems regularly to obtain information on projects for which loan funds could be used. Potential projects must first be listed on the State's annual priority list, which is developed through a rating and ranking process primarily based upon public health and water quality concerns. Fundable projects on the priority list are then placed on the Intended Use Plan.

Once funding is secured from EPA and the state match is provided, communities with projects on the Intended Use Plan are invited to submit applications. After an application has been reviewed and all environmental and legal requirements have been met, a loan may be offered.