Being Proactive Using DNR Grant & Loan Programs

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DNR Mission
To protect and enhance our natural resources: our air, land and water; our wildlife, fish and forests and the ecosystems that sustain all life.

To provide a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities.

To ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources in their work and leisure.

To work with people to understand each other's views and to carry out the public will.

And in this partnership consider the future and generations to follow.
clean-up
an act of making a place clean or tidy.
"an environmental cleanup"

mitigation
the action of reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something.
"the emphasis is on the identification and mitigation of pollution"

proactive
(of a person, policy, or action) creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than responding to it after it has happened.
"be proactive in identifying and preventing potential problems"
Environmental & Natural Resources Grants Section
Outdoor Recreation Grants Section

GRANT PROGRAMS
Grants to Build Resiliency

- Dam Grants
- Forest Fire Protection Grants
- Municipal Flood Control Grants
- Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grants
- Wisconsin Wetland Conservation Trust
- In-Lieu Fee Mitigation
List of 40+ Grant & Reimbursement Programs

For current grant information, go to dnr.wi.gov and search using the keyword “Grants”

Department grant programs

The DNR administers many grant programs. Grants are monetary awards that do not have to be paid back.

You can search for grant and reimbursement programs two different ways on this page.

1. **Alphabetically by Name** - Click on the A-Z tab if you know the name of the program you’re looking for. Then click on a grant title to go straight to the program details page.

2. **By Category** - Click on a category tab and read a short summary of the program. The summary links to the program details page.

A-Z | Conservation/Wildlife | Forestry | Motorized | Recreation | Recycling | Remediation | Water |
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| Acqisition & Development of Local Parks (Stewardship) |
| Acquisition of Development Rights (Stewardship) |
| Angler Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Grants |
Grant Webpage Overview

Municipal Flood Control Grant Program

2020 Municipal Flood Control Grant Application Period is Open
Applications are due March 16, 2020.

This grant is available to all cities, villages, towns, tribes and metropolitan sewerage districts. Assistance is provided with items such as: the acquisition of property, vacant land, structure removal, flood proofing, administrative support and others.

Who can apply | Eligibility | Deadlines | Apply | Acquisition/appraisal | Reimbursement | Contact

Contact information
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LOAN PROGRAMS
List of Loan Programs

For current loan information, go to [dnr.wi.gov](https://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Loans.html) and search using the keyword “Loans”

### Department loan programs

The DNR administers the following loan programs.

**Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP)**

**Eligibility & Purpose:** Provides subsidized interest rate loans to municipalities seeking to fund wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. Also includes pilot projects to fund adaptive management and other non-traditional projects to comply with a municipality’s permit limit.

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted year round for projects not seeking Principal Forgiveness. Deadline for Intent to Apply (ITA) & Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula (PERF) is October 31 for the following SFY funding cycle.

**CWFP Contact:** [Lisa Bushby](mailto:lisabushby@dnr.wi.gov), 608-267-7475

**County Forest Project Loan**

**Eligibility & Purpose:** Counties with lands enrolled in the County Forest Law are eligible to apply for interest-free loans to be used for meritorious and economically productive forestry operations.
Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF)

Environmental Loans

The Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) is managed and administered jointly by DNR Environmental Loans (EL) and Department of Administration (DOA). EIF encompasses two environmental financing programs for local governments: the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP), for wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects; and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), for drinking water infrastructure projects.

- Go to the online system for submittals.
- View the interactive map of Wisconsin municipalities receiving funding between State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 2014 and 2017.
- View the summary of total financial assistance provided to Wisconsin communities between SFYs 1991 and 2017.

Funding programs

The CWFP and SDWLP are revolving loan programs that combine federal grants and state funding to provide financial assistance to municipalities in the form of subsidized loans. Some municipalities also have the opportunity to apply for grants in the form of subgrants or loans (EO).
Clean Water Fund Program
• CWFP since 1991
• Common wastewater & storm water projects: 
  sewer replacement or rehabilitation, and wastewater 
  treatment facility/plant upgrades.

Safe Drinking Water Loan Program
• SDWLP since 1998
• Common drinking water projects: 
  new wells, wellhouse rehabilitation, storage 
  facilities, and watermain replacements.
What kinds of financial assistance are available?

• Program subsidy buys down the market rate on loans (reduced-interest rate loans)

• Additional subsidy (principal forgiveness)

• Combination of assistance
Environmental Loans Programs

Market Rate = 3.000%  (Effective 10/01/19-12/31/19)

Subsidized rates based on population and MHI, per ss. 281.58(12)(a) & 281.61(11), Wis. Stats.

Municipalities not meeting the below criteria:
• 55% of market rate = 1.650%

Disadvantaged munis < 10,000 pop. & ≤ 80% of WI MHI:
• 33% of market rate = 0.990%

Extremely disadvantaged munis < 1,000 pop. & ≤ 65% of WI MHI:
• 0% of market rate for CWFP only
How may the loan funds be used?

- Planning, design, construction
- Building new, replacements, upgrades
- Drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems and infrastructure
Damage from Severe Weather

Promising Programs for Resiliency

Flooding
- CWFP for stormwater projects, infiltration/inflow projects, collection system projects, etc.

Extreme Cold, Winter Storms
- SDWLP for watermain replacement projects, water meter replacement projects, etc.

Tornadoes, Thunderstorms
- Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grants
Be innovative with the funding sources available to improve community resiliency in the event of severe weather ... or to recover after its damage

**innovative**
(of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original. "innovative designs"

- (of a person) introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking. "an innovative thinker"
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