

Assistance for Disadvantaged Communities

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Funding and Resources for DACs

- Funding for Long Term Solutions:
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Technical Assistance
- Interim/Emergency Funding:
 - Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Needs
 - Drinking Water for Schools
 - Cleanup and Abatement Account

CWSRF and DWSRF (and Propositions 1 and 68)

- Provide low interest loans (planning/construction)
 - DWSRF: For eligible public water systems, for distribution lines, tanks, treatment facilities, consolidation projects, etc.
 - CWSRF: For eligible publicly-owned treatment works, for sewer lines, treatment facilities, consolidations projects, etc.
- For eligible small* DACs, via the SRF application process:
 - Principal forgiveness, and Proposition 1 or 68 grants
 - Proposition 1 (2014) - funds fully committed soon
 - Proposition 68 (2018) - \$250 million for drinking water

* Generally limited to systems serving less than 10,000 people for drinking water, and less than 20,000 people for wastewater

Technical Assistance (TA)

- One page TA Request Form, for all TA resources
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html
- Available for both drinking water and wastewater needs
- Typical types of TA offered:
 - Board/operator training
 - Rate studies
 - Income surveys
 - Technical Managerial Financial capacity evaluations
 - Funding applications
 - Outreach

Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Needs

- Household Well Replacement
 - To date, \$10 million awarded to three nonprofits
 - Funds distributed to individual households or small water systems (<15 connections) with dry wells
 - Connection to nearby system if possible, otherwise well replacement
- 18/19 budget includes \$10 million for household needs
 - Well replacement, septic system replacement, connection to public systems, or point-of-use treatment, etc.
 - Division of Financial Assistance evaluating needs and best approach to administering the funds

Drinking Water for Schools (DWFS)

- In 2016, \$9.5 million allocated from General Fund
- Grants for public schools/districts serving DACs
- Not only for water quality needs, also for adequate access
- Eligible project types (maximum \$100,000 per school):
 - Water bottle filling stations or drinking fountains
 - Point-of-entry/point-of-use treatment
 - Replace or repair fixtures to address lead
 - Bottled/hailed water
- This solicitation closes March 1, 2019
- 18/19 budget includes additional \$6.8 million for DWFS

Cleanup & Abatement Account (CAA)

- New CAA Funding Program Guidelines adopted by the State Water Board in December 2018
- CAA grants for urgent drinking water needs (for DACs)
- Typically to address contamination, or inadequate supply for basic demands (e.g., failed well)
- Typical project types
 - Bottled or hauled water
 - Point-of-Use (POU) treatment
 - Well repair, rehabilitation, replacement
 - Emergency interties

UCLA Pilot Project (Salinas Valley)

- Originally funded in 2015 (\$2 million from CAA)
- In 2018, State Water Board increased award to \$2.5 million
- New approach to address nitrate for small/rural systems
- Treatment via remotely-managed reverse osmosis
- UCLA will evaluate cost effectiveness of remotely managing a cluster of systems (pilot includes 3 systems)
- Central Coast Water Board staff issued monitoring and reporting programs to UCLA in August 2017, related to the discharge of residual waste from the treatment systems



HOW TO APPLY



All funding applications accepted online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

- Technical assistance providers may be available to assist with electronic submittal
- FAAST tutorials are available online:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/videos/faast.shtml>

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