Introduction

The purpose of the CWSRF loan program is to implement the Clean Water Act (CWA) and various State laws by providing financial assistance for the construction of facilities or implementation of measures necessary to address water quality problems and to prevent pollution of the waters of the State. The CWSRF funds wastewater, water recycling, non-point source expanded use, and estuary projects. Agricultural projects are considered expanded use or estuary projects.

Example Field Projects that may be funded include but are not limited to:

- Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Installation of Aluminum and/or PVC mainlines and/or gated Pipes
- Installation of Aluminum Laterals
- Installation of Booster Pumps
- Installation of Drip and Micro-drip Irrigation

Example Livestock Projects that may be funded include but are not limited to:

- Lagoon and/or Pipeline installation/expansion
- Freestall barns
- Manure separator
- Flush system
- Wastewater return system
- Separation basin
- Soil grading
- Water transfer system
- Pens/sheds with lagoon drains
- Silage slab/drainage
- Water trough drainage installation/expansion
- Cattle shade
- Related machinery/equipment
- Flow meters to measure application rates of nutrient-laden water
- Improvements to protect against peak stream flows
- Improvements to land and facilities to divert surface runoff around manured areas
- Repairs, upgrades and improvements to equipment to reduce fresh water use

Examples of projects excluded from funding include:

- Real estate purchases
- Projects at Private Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) facilities with greater than 700 milking cows or 1,000 Animal units

Note: CAFOs are facilities that exceed 1,000 animal units as defined in federal regulations (40 CFR 122.23). SRF can only fund CAFOs or treatment facilities that are owned by a public agency.

Eligibility

Agricultural projects that are consistent with either:

1. the five-year implementation strategy contained within the California NPS Management Plan (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/docs/plans_policies/fip_2008to2013.pdf) (that meet an area-wide or regional issue)

2. or with one of the three estuary plans (SF, Morro, and Santa Monica) http://water.epa.gov/type/ocdb/nep/index.cfm

Note: Private parties must partner with eligible applicants in order to receive CWSRF Funding. See back for additional information.
Additional Information

How to Apply
Complete and submit an application online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) at https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov.

The application is also available on the CWSRF website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/srf_forms.shtml or by calling (916) 327-9978.

In lieu of FAAST, applications may be submitted via email, CD, or hardcopy to:

CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov or
State Water Resources Control Board  CWSRF Marketing Unit
1001 I Street, 17th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Eligible Applicants
The following applicants are eligible for CWSRF Expanded Use:

- Public agencies
- Cities, towns, boroughs, counties, parishes, districts, associations, other public bodies, Indian tribes or authorized Indian tribal organizations and designated and approved management agencies under Section 208 of CWA
- Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)) and National Estuary Programs

Eligible Participants
Private parties can partner with eligible applicants to receive funding through the following programs:

- Linked Deposit Program
- Mini-Loan Program

- Other intermediary lender Programs. The State Water Board, at its discretion may approve other types of partnership agreements with an intermediary that will evaluate credit risk, secure the SRF funds, and administer individual loans.

Funding Terms
- Financing Limit = NO maximum funding limit!
- Interest Rate = ½ of most recent State General Obligation (GO) Bond Rate at time of funding approval
- Financing Term = Up to 30 years or useful life of the project
- Repayment = Begins one year after completion of construction

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