Wastewater Grants - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program

Helpful Definitions:

- **Disadvantaged Community (DAC)**: median household income (MHI) < 80% statewide MHI
- **Small Community**: < or equal to 20,000 people.
- **Large Community**: > 20,000 people.

Planning Grants/Principal Forgiveness (PF):

- Available for projects that serve small DACs.
- No cap on planning grant. Rather, planning grants count towards the total cost a community is eligible for over a 5-year period including planning, technical assistance, and construction.

Construction Grants/PF:

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<th>Community</th>
<th>Wastewater Rates as a % of MHI</th>
<th>% of Total Eligible Project Cost</th>
<th>Max Grant/PF Per Project</th>
<th>Max Grant/PF Per Household*</th>
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<td>Small Non-DAC (MHI ≤ 150% Statewide MHI)</td>
<td>≥4%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$45,000** Or $125,000 (septic-to-sewer)**</td>
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<td>Small DAC/SDAC</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>Septic-to-sewer only:</strong></td>
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<td>Large DAC or Small Non-DAC</td>
<td>≥1.5%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>$25 million</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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* The Deputy Director of DFA may approve financing for construction projects with a total eligible project cost up to $6 M regardless of the amount per connection.
** Deputy Director of DFA can approve up to $60,000 or $175,000, respectively, for good cause.

$350 Million Set-Aside for Septic-to-Sewer Projects (Budget Act of 2021):

- Eligible septic-to-sewer planning or construction projects with local investment that serve small DACs may be awarded funding as applications are complete.
- Construction projects for Large DACs or small non-DAC communities may also be eligible, but eligible small DACs will be prioritized.
  - Must submit a CWSRF general application form prior to November 1, 2022.
  - Complete full CWSRF application by March 1, 2023.
  - Start construction by spring 2024 and complete construction by the end of 2025.
  - Priority based on the following factors: (1) local investment, (2) higher costs per connection, and (3) mitigating impacts to public health or water quality.

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