



# Fact Sheet

## 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:

**Priority for grant/PF funding:** Public health projects, projects that address violations of waste discharge requirements or National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, projects that connect previously unsewered areas or join communities to regionalize wastewater treatment works, and other projects identified as priority by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

Community	Wastewater Rates as a % of MHI	% of Total Eligible Project Cost	Max Grant/PF Per Project	Max Grant/PF Per Household*
Small Non-DAC (MHI ≤ 150% Statewide MHI)	≥4%	50%	N/A <sup>2</sup>	\$45,000 <sup>3</sup> Or \$125,000 (septic-to-sewer) <sup>3</sup>
Small DAC	N/A	100%		
<b>Septic-to-sewer only:</b> Large DAC or Small Non-DAC	≥1.5%	50%	\$25 million	\$75,000

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> If grant/PF funds available for the State Water Board to encumber are not adequate to fund all the projects with complete applications, the Deputy Director is authorized to set a Maximum Grant/PF Amount.

<sup>3</sup> Deputy Director of DFA can approve up to \$60,000 or \$175,000, respectively, for good cause.

### \$250 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.

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