

Bureau for Public Health
Office of Environmental Health Services
2017-18 Intended Use Plan Review
For the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund
Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment Period

The Bureau for Public Health, Office of Environmental Health Services, will hold a public meeting on March 29, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to accept written or oral comments on the proposed July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the West Virginia Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, including the construction loan fund. The meeting will be held at the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Environmental Engineering Division, 350 Capitol Street, Room 345, Charleston, WV and is open to the public.

A copy of the proposed IUP will be available for public review on or before March 10, 2017 at the following locations:

Charleston Central Office	(304) 356-4301
Wheeling District Office	(304) 238-1145
Fairmont District Office	(304) 368-2530
Kearneysville District Office	(304) 725-9453
Beckley District Office	(304) 256-6666
St. Albans District Office	(304) 722-0611

A copy of the proposed IUP will also be available for public review on the Bureau for Public Health website at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/oehs/eed/i&cd/>

The public may submit written comments by mail, e-mail, facsimile (304-558-0691) or other delivery to:

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All comments must be received by 12:00 noon, April 12, 2017.

Please include your name, return address, e-mail address, daytime telephone number and indicate any organization that you may represent. Prior to any final action on this IUP, the Bureau for Public Health will address only comments relevant to IUP issues.

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Intended Use Plan

to be considered for funding were kept on the list and any other project recently submitting an application to OEHS or applying for DWTRF funding through the Infrastructure Council was added to the list.

The PPL will be finalized after the public comment period. The Funding List Detailed Description (Attachment 3) describes the projects most likely to be funded from this Capitalization Grant.

G. Additional Subsidization

The Capitalization Grant requires that 20% of assistance provided is in the form of additional subsidies (principal forgiveness). OEHS has the authority to offer principal forgiveness loans in an amount up to 100% of a loan made by the State's DWSRF program. The intent of this program is to provide principal forgiveness to those water systems that have significantly higher user rates versus those that may barely meet the disadvantaged criteria. The Funding List Detailed Description includes four projects that are eligible to receive \$1,750,000 in subsidization for disadvantaged water systems. The 20% amount of the capitalization grant funds is \$1,750,000 so OEHS has a plan to meet the requirement for additional subsidization.

H. Green Infrastructure (Green Project Reserve – GPR)

The Capitalization Grant does not require any of the funds provided for projects to be used for water efficiency, energy efficiency, green infrastructure, or other environmentally innovative activities. OEHS does not have any requirements for green project reserve.

I. Davis Bacon Wage Rates (DB)

The Capitalization Grant requires all loan recipients to pay applicable DB or state prevailing wages (whichever is higher or applicable) for all construction contracts. All loan recipients must also follow all federal DB Wage Rate requirements.

J. Asset Management Implementation Effect on Loan Rates

The DWTRF program has required loan recipients to implement a BPH approved asset management plan (AMP) since 2009 to help ensure sustainability of their water systems by properly managing their assets. As many of these plans have been developed and approved by BPH, we are now assessing the required maintenance and use of the approved plan in subsequent loan applications. For those systems that have maintained and updated their AMP they will be eligible for a reduction of their eligible loan rate by 0.25%. Conversely, those systems who had an approved AMP, but have not maintained the AMP, will be assessed an additional 0.25% above their eligible loan rate. Loan recipients who have not maintained their AMP will be required to update their AMP as part of the funding process for a new loan.