

Next Steps for Applicants of the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Refer to the [SDWLP SFY 2026 Project Priority List \(PPL\)](#) to find your project's self-PERF score and priority ranking. Direct any questions about the application process to the [SDWLP coordinator](#).

Deadline

- ☐ To apply for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 funding, you must submit your SDWLP Financial Assistance Application with all [required documentation](#) through the [online system](#) by **June 30, 2025**.
 - Whether requesting [principal forgiveness \(PF\)](#) or not, complete SDWLP applications are due by the June 30 deadline.

Plan reviews by DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater

Determine and follow **engineering report** and **plans and specifications** submittal requirements from the DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, see [Public Water System Plan Review](#).

- ☐ Submit required copies of approvable, biddable construction plans and specifications to the DNR Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater *for each portion of the project* for which you are seeking funding. For well projects, submit at least the *final well construction* plans and specifications by the application submittal deadline; the rest of the well project plans and specifications may be submitted later, but provide enough lead time before the loan closing for the department to complete the review.

Accomplish *as soon as possible*:

- ☐ Conduct an [Environmental Review](#).
- ☐ Pass a [Reimbursement Resolution](#).
- ☐ Required rate increases must be in effect before the loan closing. [Application to increase water rates](#) may take up to six months.
- ☐ [PSC Construction Authorization](#), if required for your project, must be granted prior to loan closing.

Federal requirements

Applicants and their prime contractors and subcontractors must comply with:

- ☐ [Davis-Bacon and Related Acts \(DBRA\)](#)
- ☐ [Disadvantaged Business Enterprises \(DBEs\)](#)
- ☐ [Environmental Review](#)
- ☐ [American Iron and Steel](#)
- ☐ [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\)](#) – required only for projects designated as [federal equivalency](#).

Split or multiple projects

To address the state's greatest public health needs, DNR will split a multi-purpose project scope described in a single notice of Intent to Apply (ITA) submittal into [two or more distinct](#) projects for scoring purposes. On future submittals to DNR, be sure to use the unique project number and new scope description.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact Noah Balgooyen, Safe Drinking Water Loan Program coordinator, at Noah.Balgooyen@Wisconsin.gov or 608-720-0802.

