

COVID-19 ARPA PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS



OVERVIEW

The PA Small Water and Sewer Program was established April 25, 2016 and authorizes the Commonwealth Financing Authority to award grants to municipalities and municipal authorities for water, sewer, and storm water projects with a cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000.

WHO CAN APPLY

Any of the following entities who will own the proposed project are eligible to apply for a grant.

- A Municipality includes any city, township, borough, town, county, or home rule.
- A Municipal Authority includes any authority created by a municipality pursuant to the act known as the "Municipal Authorities Act."

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Eligible projects are those that have a total project cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000 and involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of a water supply system, sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, or infrastructure that reduces the amount of runoff that needs to be managed by traditional infrastructure that are owned and maintained by an eligible applicant.
- An eligible project also includes consolidation or regionalization of two or more water supply systems or sanitary sewer systems which are managed or operated as an integrated system regardless of whether the system is physically connected.

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of a water supply system, sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, or green stormwater infrastructure, including bioretention basins and rain gardens.
- Installation of security measures.
- Acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements necessary to construct an eligible project.
- Purchase and installation of fixed equipment.
- Engineering and design costs not to exceed 10% of the grant amount.
- Inspection costs related to the construction of an eligible project.
- Permit Fees.
- Costs to secure appropriate bonds and insurance.
- Administrative costs of the applicant that are necessary to administer the grant. Administrative costs include advertising and, legal costs as well as documented staff expenses.
- Project contingencies associated with construction costs are limited to 5% of the eligible construction costs.

MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT

An eligible applicant shall provide matching funds of not less than 15% of the total eligible project cost. The cash match may come from any other source including PENNVEST.

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2022 through December 21, 2022.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://dced.pa.gov/download/covid-19-arpa-pa-small-water-and-sewer-guidelines-2022/?wpdmdl=116074>

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