

2016-2017 WSRLA Program Update

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Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) 2016-2017 Program Update

- Welcome and Introductions
- Reorganization in 2015
- Brief History of the WSRLA
- Highlights of the WSRLA for Program Year 2017
- Nomination Information
- Questions?

Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) 2016-2017 Program Update

- Ohio EPA Reorganization of DEFA in May 2015
- WSRLA administration shared by DEFA and DDAGW
- Webinars used as a tool to increase awareness and participation
- Continued commitment to program improvement

Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) 2016-2017 Program Update

Brief Overview of the WSRLA

- WSRLA created by SDWA amendments
- 1st loans awarded in February 1999
- In past 17 years, awarded \$1.1 Billion
- Current financial capacity – 200 million/year
- Below-market interest rates/principal forgiveness
- Planning/design/construction

Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) 2016-2017 Program Update

- Each year, Ohio EPA calls for nominations and produces a Program Management Plan (PMP)
- The PMP has several functions:
 - Listing of Intended Projects
 - Description of interest rates/discounts
 - Description of program administration details
 - Description of new program features

Highlights of the WSRLA Program for PY 2017

- Ohio EPA anticipates making \$200 million available in PY17
- Approximately \$6 - \$8 million will be available for principal forgiveness to disadvantaged communities
- Proportionate share will be at least \$40 million and may be even higher, depending on total demand for the fund

Highlights of the WSRLA Program for PY 2017

- Continuation of Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) discount
- Additional \$50 million in 0% interest for 20 years, to address HAB issues at surface water treatment plants

Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Discount Eligible Projects

- Treatment processes to address toxins produced from HABs
- Projects that implement avoidance strategies such as interconnections with other water supplies
- New elevated storage facilities
- Installation of alternative sources of raw water

Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Discount Nomination Period

- Ohio EPA will be accepting nominations for projects until the fund has been fully allocated
- Nomination form can be found at:

<http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx#113402734-drinking-waterbrassistance-fundbrnbsp>

Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Discount

Examples of Projects Received

- Improved raw water sources
- Development of groundwater sources
- Enhancement of surface water treatment (Ozone, PAC, Potassium Permanganate)
- Emergency interconnections
- Additional finished water storage

WSRLA Program Features for PY 2017

Principal Forgiveness for Regionalization

- Projects which consolidate disadvantaged communities into larger systems that exhibit capability will be eligible for up to 50% principle forgiveness, remainder of loan at 0% interest
- High priority for Ohio EPA to regionalize incapable systems

WSRLA Program Features for PY 2017

Emergency Power

- Principal forgiveness for auxiliary power
- Systems are eligible to receive 50% of the auxiliary power cost up to a maximum of \$10,000 principal forgiveness
- Applicable to emergency generators and quick connect switchgear to facilitate connection to an emergency generator

WSRLA Program Features for PY 2017

Asset Management

- Ohio EPA is strongly considering offering principal forgiveness for asset management program development
- Likely will be 25% of the cost with a maximum of \$5000, with the remainder of the loan at 0% interest for 5 years
- Open nomination period

WSRLA Program Features for PY 2017

Planning loans

- Open nomination period
- 0% interest for 5 years
- May be rolled into subsequent design/construction loans through Ohio EPA

WSRLA Program Features for PY 2017 Disadvantaged Community Application

- For any system that would like to apply for subsidy on their construction and/or design loans
- Not applicable for planning loans
- Separate application

WSRLA Nomination Submissions

- With the exception of planning, asset management and HAB loans, all other nominations are due by March 1, 2016
- Nomination forms and supporting documentation must be submitted via email to DWAF.mail@epa.ohio.gov
- Maximum of three attachments
- Instructions for large files

WSRLA Nomination Submissions

- Nomination form available at:
<http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx#113402734-drinking-water-assistance-fund>
- Ohio RCAP offers free nomination assistance to systems with populations of 10,000 or less
- Ohio RCAP's website address is
<http://ohrcap.org>

WSRLA Nomination Submissions

Documentation Requirements

- An Ohio EPA approved general plan is required for design and construction loans for new, upgraded or expanded water treatment plants
- Project planning documentation required for design and construction projects that address distribution systems and their components
- Instructions provide further detail on the above documents

WSRLA Ineligible Projects

- Dams or rehabilitation of dams
- Reservoirs
- Laboratory fees for monitoring
- O&M expenses
- Projects needed mainly for fire protection
- Projects primarily intended to serve future growth

Questions?

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