



**Mike DeWine**, Governor  
**Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor  
**Laurie A. Stevenson**, Director

July 31, 2020

Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials, Consulting Engineers, and Interested Citizens

**Re: Water Pollution Control Loan Fund /Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program  
Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2021 (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Since 1989, Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) has been an important source of project financing throughout Ohio for a wide variety of municipal wastewater, storm water, and nonpoint source pollution control projects. The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) administers the WPCLF on a calendar year basis and now is the time to nominate projects for financial assistance in 2021. As in the past, we expect to make loan funds available to all eligible projects, with a continued focus on nutrient reduction, unsewered areas, and regionalization. In addition, we anticipate administering approximately \$35 million in principal forgiveness funds this program year. These funds will be awarded to eligible projects based on a competitive ranking system to be further described in the Program Management Plan (PMP). The nomination form and instructions are available on our website at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>.

Ohio EPA also invites entities with potential Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) projects to nominate them for possible inclusion in our upcoming 2021–2022 WRRSP two-year funding cycle. In order to be eligible for nomination, submittal of a pre-nomination project information form to Ohio EPA–DEFA is required. More details and supporting documents, including the nomination form, for the 2021 Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program are at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/wrrsp>.

All applicable nominations and schedules must be received **no later than August 31, 2020**. Please note that only electronic submissions will be accepted. If you have questions, please contact our office at [defamail@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:defamail@epa.ohio.gov).

Thank you for your continuing interest in improving Ohio's water resources.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rouch, Chief

Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance