

	Division of Water Infrastructure Funding Program Highlights <i>Last updated: July 2026</i>	Fall 2026
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Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Applications may be submitted at: <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/NCDWIFundingApplication>

State Reserve Program for Planning (SRP-AIA, SRP-MRF)

What types of projects can this program fund?

- This program can fund asset inventory and assessment (SRP-AIA) grants and merger/regionalization feasibility (SRP-MRF) grants for existing water and/or wastewater systems.
- Asset inventory and assessment grants may fund projects such as asset inventories, condition assessments, mapping, capital improvement plans, and other system management activities such as O&M Plans and rate studies.
- Merger/Regionalization feasibility grants can be used to study the potential of gaining economies of scale through merger, consolidation, or regionalization.

Who can apply for this funding?

- Any local government unit (LGU) may apply for this funding. LGUs include counties, cities, towns, sanitary districts, water and sewer authorities, etc. Non-profit Water Corporations may also apply.
- For eligibility for these grants, the system size must be no larger than 10,000 residential connections.
- Funding is available only to the extent that other funding sources are not reasonably available to the applicant.

How much funding is available this round?

- Division staff anticipate having approximately \$10 million available. These funds are split between construction and planning projects.

What are the funding limits for my LGU?

- For SRP-AIAs, LGUs are limited to \$225,000 per system type (e.g., drinking water or wastewater) every three years.
- For SRP-MRFs, LGUs are limited to \$75,000 per system type (e.g., drinking water or wastewater) every three years.

What other information do I need to know about these funding programs?

- LGUs designated as distressed may need to complete an AIA, rate study, and/or MRF.
- All AIA and MRF grants are subject to a 1.5% fee.
- AIA grants awarded to non-distressed LGUs are subject to a local match requirement based on the number of indicators (population change, poverty rate, MHI, unemployment, and total appraised property value per capita) that exceed the state benchmarks.