

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Draft Updated Project Priority List for BIL CWSRF-EC Funds – as of Feb 2025

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The Intended Use Plan Project Priority List may be supplemented or replaced based on applications received as a part of future funding cycles.

In November 2024, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NC DEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) received a conditional award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for the FY2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Emerging Contaminants (CWSRF-EC) capitalization grant. The US EPA conditionally approved the Division's [Intended Use Plan](#) and required the Division to submit a revised Intended Use Plan with an updated Project Priority List prior to NC DEQ receiving the full \$3.83 million capitalization grant from US EPA.

\$5,804,960 was awarded to applicants in the February 2024 meeting of the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) from CWSRF-EC funds from the FY2022, FY2023, and partially from the FY2024 capitalization grants. These funding awards were previously presented in a public comment period in May – June 2024 and included in the final Intended Use Plans.

Since then, the Division received new applications and reconsidered previously partially funded applications for additional CWSRF-EC funding. The State Water Infrastructure Authority awarded \$2,419,000 CWSRF-EC funds in February 2025, pending receipt of those funds from US EPA. Those awards, listed below, comprise the latest update to the Project Priority List which will be submitted to US EPA for approval to receive additional funds from the conditionally-approved FY2024 capitalization grant.

Prior to this submittal, the latest update to the Project Priority List, shown below, is available for public comment. The Intended Use Plan itself underwent a public comment period between March 1 and April 1, 2024, and was finalized in September 2024. The Project Priority List is proposed to be expanded to include the February 2025 projects shown below. Funding awards were made in accordance with the Intended Use Plan. All additional subsidy is provided as principal forgiveness. The Project Priority List items the output/outcomes of the policies and procedures outlined in the Intended Use Plans for the FY2022, FY2023 and FY2024 funds.

NC DEQ invites public comments on the updates Project Priority List, identified in **red font text** below, by March 14, 2025.

Fall 2024 Application Round for Construction Projects – SWIA awards in February 2025

The following applications for Construction projects were reviewed and awarded BIL CWSRF-EC funding. Funded projects are shown in the “CWSRF-EC Funding” column.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	NPDES Permit Number	County	Total Funding Request	Notes	CWSRF-EC Funding	Priority Points	Estimated Binding Commitment
Cumberland County	Landfill Leachate PFAS Treatment	Construction	N/A	Cumberland	\$16,035,799	Was previously partially funded \$5,304,960; reconsidered and awarded additional funds, up to max available EC funding in this round.	\$1,919,000	24	Feb. 2026

Total funding requested: \$16,035,799, including reconsiderations. Total funding awarded: \$1,919,000.

February 2025 Applications for Evaluation/Assessment Projects – SWIA awards in February 2025

Since July 2024, evaluation/assessment project applications are accepted year-round and presented to SWIA at their next meeting for funding awards from the Evaluation/Assessment Project Reserve. The following applications for Evaluation/Assessment projects were reviewed and awarded BIL CWSRF-EC funding in SWIA’s February 2025 meeting. Funded projects are shown in the “CWSRF-EC Funding” column.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	NPDES Permit Number	County	Total Funding Request	Notes	CWSRF-EC Funding	Priority Points	Estimated Binding Commitment
Cumberland County	Landfill Leachate PFAS Treatment PER	Evaluation/Assessment Project	N/A	Cumberland	\$500,000		\$500,000	17	Feb. 2026

Total funding requested: \$500,000. Total funding awarded: \$500,000.

Funding table below this line was presented in a previous public comment period.

Fall 2023 Application Round – SWIA awards in February 2024 (presented in the May-June 2024 public comment period)

The following applications were reviewed and awarded BIL CWSRF-EC funding.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	NPDES Permit Number	County	Notes	Total Funding Request	Notes	CWSRF-EC Funding	Priority Points	Estimated Binding Commitment
Cumberland County	Landfill Leachate PFAS Treatment	Construction	N/A	Cumberland		\$16,035,799	Partially funded; eligible for reconsideration for additional funds	\$5,304,960	37	Jan 2025
Lumberton, City of	PFAS Wastewater Treatment Plant	Evaluation/ Assessment Project		Robeson		\$500,000	Evaluation/ Assessment Project	\$500,000	24	Jan 2025

Total funding requested: \$16,535,799. Total funding awarded: \$5,804,960.

TOTALS

	FY2022 CWSRF-EC	FY2023 CWSRF-EC	FY2024 CWSRF-EC	Total Over Three Cap Grants
Total Awarded	\$1,688,000	\$3,838,000	\$2,697,960 (including \$278,960 that was previously awarded in Feb. 2024)	\$8,223,960
Availability	\$1,688,000	\$3,838,000	\$3,838,000	\$9,364,000

Remainder of the FY2024 cap grant funds, and future FY2025 and FY2026 cap grant funds, are still available for awards for Evaluation/Assessment Projects and Construction projects.