NORTH CAROLINA Department of Environmental Quality Water Infrastructure	**Division of Water Infrastructure Funding Program Highlights** *Last updated: June 2026*	**Fall 2026**

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Applications may be submitted at: https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/NCDWIFundingApplication

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

What types of projects can this program fund?

This program can fund construction projects related to wastewater treatment, wastewater collection, reclaimed water, stormwater control measures (SCMs), stream restoration, and energy efficiency projects. These projects may be funded by low-interest loans or Principal Forgiveness (PF).

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.

How much funding is available this round?

Division staff anticipate having approximately $90 million available, including $10 million in PF.

What types of targeted funding are available?

The Division offers PF based upon the grant/PF percentage calculated by the Affordability Criteria (see Affordability Calculator under the Application Forms tab of the website), or if a project documents that it provides a direct benefit to a disadvantaged area. The PF portion of a SRF loan does not have to be repaid.

What are the interest rates related to the CWSRF?

Interest rates are ½ market rate of the 20-year Bond Index. This year, the base interest rate has ranged from 2% to 2.5%. The interest rate will be set when the Local Government Commission approves the loan and will be the lower of the interest rates determined at either the application due date, or at the time of LGC approval.

For projects that are eligible for 75% or 100% PF, any repayable portion of the loan will have a 0% interest rate. For loans that are eligible for 50% or 25% PF, any repayable portion of the loan will have an interest rate of 1% less than the half-market rate (e.g., approximately 1%).

All projects funded under the CWSRF Green Project Reserve will have an interest rate of 1% less than the half-market rate (e.g., approximately 1%).

What are the funding limits for my LGU?

Per application round, LGUs are limited to $35 million.

Overall, any LGU may carry a total of approximately $200 million in CWSRF debt.