



Fact Sheet

Wastewater Grants - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program

Helpful Definitions:

- **Disadvantaged Community (DAC):** median household income (MHI) < 80% statewide MHI
- **Small Community:** < or equal to 20,000 people.
- **Large Community:** > 20,000 people.

Planning Grants/Principal Forgiveness (PF):

- Available for projects that serve small DACs.
- No cap on planning grant. Rather, planning grants count towards the total cost a community is eligible for over a 5-year period including planning, technical assistance, and construction.

Construction Grants/PF:

Community	Wastewater Rates as a % of MHI	% of Total Eligible Project Cost	Max Grant/PF Per Project	Max Grant/PF Per Household*
Small Non-DAC (MHI ≤ 150% Statewide MHI)	≥4%	50%	N/A	\$45,000** Or \$125,000 (septic-to-sewer)**
Small DAC/SDAC	N/A	100%		
Septic-to-sewer only: Large DAC or Small Non-DAC	≥1.5%	50%	\$25 million	\$75,000

* The Deputy Director of DFA may approve financing for construction projects with a total eligible project cost up to \$6 M regardless of the amount per connection.

** Deputy Director of DFA can approve up to \$60,000 or \$175,000, respectively, for good cause.

\$350 Million Set-Aside for Septic-to-Sewer Projects (Budget Act of 2021):

- Eligible septic-to-sewer planning or construction projects with local investment that serve small DACs may be awarded funding as applications are complete.
- Construction projects for Large DACs or small non-DAC communities may also be eligible, but eligible small DACs will be prioritized.
 - Must submit a CWSRF general application form prior to November 1, 2022.
 - Complete full CWSRF application by March 1, 2023.
 - Start construction by spring 2024 and complete construction by the end of 2025.
 - Priority based on the following factors: (1) local investment, (2) higher costs per connection, and (3) mitigating impacts to public health or water quality.

Please contact CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 327-9978 for any questions.