

WHAT IS THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND (DWRP)?

The DWRP is a program to assist public water systems with low interest financing to achieve or maintain compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and to protect public health. Since 1997, the state has loaned almost \$400 million to eligible public water systems.

The Water Quality Control Division, along with our partnering agencies, the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and the Department of Local Affairs, coordinate the responsibilities for the DWRP in the State of Colorado.



WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO MY COMMUNITY BY OBTAINING FUNDING THROUGH THE DWRP?

The following table illustrates the cost savings a recipient may realize by obtaining funding through the DWRP as opposed to a commercial loan. The table shows the cost of a \$1M loan over a term of 20 years. The 6% interest rate is the assumed rate for a conventional loan. The DWRP provides direct loans (typically loans of \$2M or less) at 2%, 1%, or 0% depending on qualifications.

Interest Rate	Total Interest Paid	Total Cost of the Loan	Total Annual Payment
6%	\$730,495	\$1,730,495	\$86,525
2%	\$218,224	\$1,218,224	\$60,911
1%	\$105,821	\$1,105,821	\$55,291
0%	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$50,000

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<http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wqcd/grantsandloans>

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Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP)

Do you have a drinking water project you want to complete?

Do you need subsidized financial assistance to undertake the project?

Are you a Public Water System?

If you answer **"YES"** you may be eligible for low or no interest loans through the Colorado Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Call us today to learn more about our programs.



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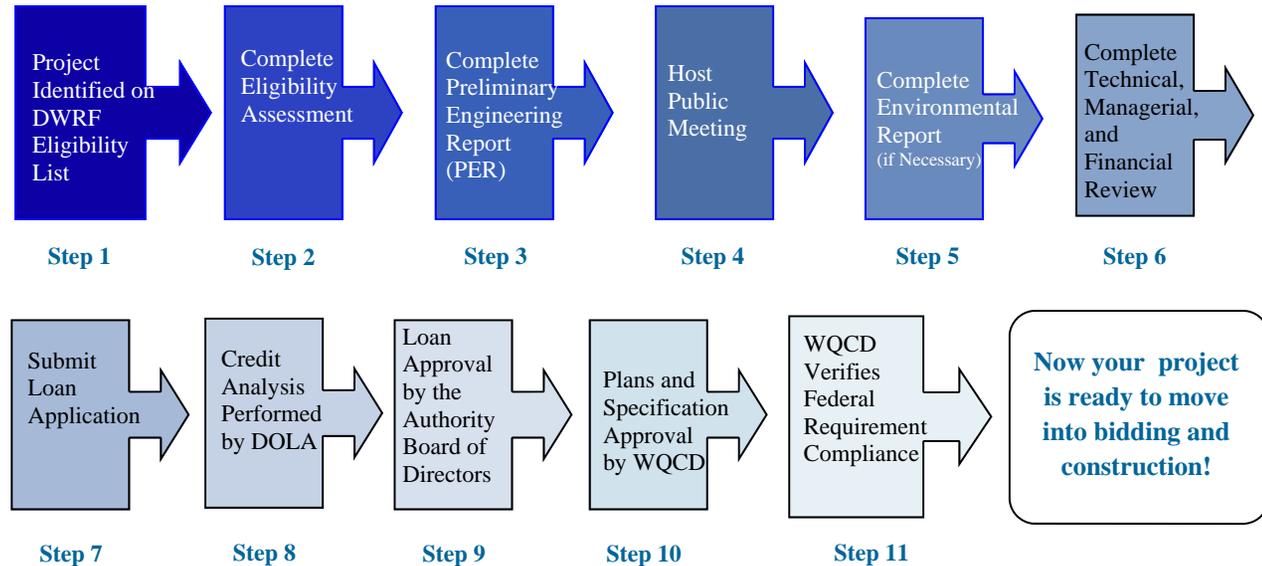
EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Projects that address present Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) exceedances
- Projects that prevent future SDWA exceedances (applies only to regulations in effect)
- Projects to replace aging infrastructure
- Projects to restructure and consolidate water supplies to rectify a contamination problem, or to assist systems unable to maintain SDWA compliance for financial or managerial reasons (assistance must ensure compliance)
- Projects that purchase a portion of another system's capacity, if such purchase will cost-effectively rectify a SDWA compliance problem
- Land acquisition (the land must be integral to the project and the acquisition must be from a willing seller)

EXAMPLES OF INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Dams
- Water rights
- Reservoirs
- Drinking water monitoring costs
- O&M costs
- Projects mainly for fire protection
- Projects for systems in significant noncompliance under the SDWA, unless funding will ensure compliance
- Projects primarily intended to serve future growth

FUNDING PROCESS



FUNDING TIMEFRAME

The typical project takes approximately 18 months to move from identification on the DWRP Eligibility List to Loan Execution. WQCD Reviews are typically completed within 30-60 days.

AVAILABLE LOANS AND GRANT TYPES

Direct Loans are generally made to smaller projects (up to \$2 million).

Leveraged Loans are generally provided to investment grade borrowers with larger projects (greater than \$2 million).

Disadvantage Communities Loan Program are loans with interest rates as low as 0%. The maximum loan amount under this program is \$2 million and the maximum loan term is 30 years. These communities have a population served of 5,000 or less and a median household income (MHI) level less than 81% of the State Average. Currently the area's MHI must be less than \$45,540.

Grants include:

- Planning and Design Grants (\$10,000 Grants)
- Small System Technical and Training Assistance Grants (Amount Varies)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The WQCD has prepared numerous guidance documents to help public water systems prepare documents required for funding. These can be found on our website at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wqcd/grantsandloans or by contacting the Grants and Loans Unit.

The project managers are available for pre-application and pre-construction meetings to walk the applicant through all applicable state and federal requirements associated with the DWRP Program. Call or visit our website to find the Project Manager for your area.