

**REVOLVING FUND
PRE-LOAN PLANNING/DESIGN ASSISTANCE GRANT
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The intent of pre-loan planning/design assistance grant is to assist applicants with costs associated with complying with program requirements. Starting January 1, 2013 in order to be eligible for a pre-loan planning/design assistance grant, a governmental agency must meet the following criteria:

- Project is on the current year project eligibility list or is being added to the subsequent year's project eligibility list, and
- Population is 5,000 or less, and
- Median household income (MHI) is less than 80.0% of the statewide MHI (The current 80.0% MHI number is \$46,148 (currently American Community Survey 2007-2011). This number will be used through September 30, 2014 at which time the program will default to the most available data for the next period as stated above.

Grant applications will be accepted between January 1 and January 31 of each year. Starting February 1, all applications will be prioritized according to the criteria set forth in the annual Intended Use Plan for each program and awards will be made in rank order until all grants have been expended. If there are more grants than applications, additional application deadlines will be solicited.

If the entity does not seek funding through the SRF, they will be requested to repay the grant or seek a waiver of the repayment requirement from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Board of Directors.

A waiver may be granted to borrowers who meet the following criteria:

- If the project is determined not to be reasonably feasible (based on the engineering study);
- If the project is not constructed and remains on the SRF Eligibility List;
- Grant recipient seeks funding from the SRF but does not receive approval for a loan.

The Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Board is estimated to authorize no less than \$150,000 in grants for each program available January 1 of each year. One grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 will be awarded per community, per project. An applicant may not receive more than one pre-loan planning/design assistance grant for the same project. A local match will be required for pre-loan planning/design assistance grants. Local match requirements for traditional infrastructure projects are set at a ratio of 80:20, where the community will contribute 20 percent of the planning and/or design cost. There will be no local match requirement for projects that address pollution run-off from nonpoint sources.

Grant funds may be used to support a variety of project development activities including, but not limited to preliminary engineering reports, environmental assessments, engineering design documents, technical managerial and financial capacity assessments and legal fees (including costs associated with the formation of a legal entity capable of receiving State Revolving Fund assistance).

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