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## SRF FY 2021 Q4 IUP updates Ready for Public Review

The Fiscal Year 2021 Intended Use Plan (IUP) Fourth Quarter Update for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF IUP](#)

[Drinking Water SRF IUP](#)

The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Public comments are welcome. Draft project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via conference call. Participants should use the following call-in information to participate:

PHONE: 1 502-530-1029 PIN: 160 293 639#

Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, February 18, 2020. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their March 16, 2021 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, at 515-725-0498 or [theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov).

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## Water Quality Financing Program Application Now Available

Applications are now being accepted for the Water Quality Financing Program.

The Water Quality Financing Program was created in 2018 as a revolving loan fund to finance projects that improve water quality. Priority is given to projects that are collaborative efforts. Projects can address either point source or nonpoint source water quality issues.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, landowners, public utilities, rural water districts and industries that are required by the Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS) to collect data and evaluate alternatives to reduce discharges of nitrogen and phosphorous.

Applications are due **March 12, 2021**. The application and program rules can be found on the Iowa Finance Authority [Water Quality Resources web page](#).

Please contact Lori Beary with questions at [waterquality@iowafinance.com](mailto:waterquality@iowafinance.com) or 515.452.0470.

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## The State Revolving Fund asks...Did you know?

*Did you know...* that due to project workload and for planning purposes, the SRF staff evaluates projects that have been on the Intended Use Plan (IUP) Project Priority List (PPL) for more than three years? A notification will be sent to the applicants that their project may be dropped from the IUP if there is no progress in the six months following the notice. There are no penalties or negative implications associated with being dropped from the IUP. Applicants can reapply when the project is ready to move ahead.

Questions about this process can be directed to Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, at #515-725-0498 or at [theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov)

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## Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.

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## A note on Iowa DNR and COVID-19

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is working with state and local officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has transitioned employees to work remotely. DNR offices are closed to the public during this time and only available by appointment.

In another effort to further reduce the spread of COVID-19, the DNR is encouraging the use of the online services for submitting applications, payments and other daily tasks and interaction with DNR staff.

- [Full list of DNR's online services](#)
- [Up-to-date information on DNR services, facilities and events impacted by COVID-19](#)
- [Technical information for regulated businesses in regards to COVID-19](#)

We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you need to contact DNR staff, you can reach them by email or phone or by calling 515-725-8200.