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Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP) Application Now Available

Applications are now being accepted for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP).

The WTFAP was created to provide grants for water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects and funded with a portion of the taxes paid on metered water. Grants will be awarded to water and wastewater projects based on the following priorities:

- Disadvantaged communities
- Projects that will significantly improve water quality in their watershed
- Projects that use alternative wastewater treatment technologies (all projects proposing alternative technologies must be approved by DNR)
- Communities with the highest sewer or water rates
- Projects that use technology to address nutrient reduction
- Projects that will improve source waters for drinking water utilities

The grant awardees are determined by a committee consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture (or designee), the Executive Director of Iowa Finance Authority (or designee) and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (or designee).

Water Quality Financing Program (WQFP) Application Now Available

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

The WQFP 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 phosphorus.

Application Due Dates and Links

Both applications are due October 1, 2021. The applications and program rules can be found on the [Iowa Finance Authority Water Quality Programs Resources webpage](#).

For questions on either program, please contact the Iowa Finance Authority [Water Quality Team](#).

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.