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Application Deadline Approaching - WTFAP Grant

Application Now Available for Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program

The Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP) provides grants of up to \$500,000 for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. There is approximately \$6 million available for eligible projects in the 2022 funding round.

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

Applications are due October 28, 2022. The application can be found on the [Water Quality Resources web page](#).

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).

Please contact the [IFA Water Quality Team](#) with questions.

Upcoming Environmental Finance Center Webinar

No-Cost Webinar: Long-term Investment for Financial Resiliency

Date: Friday, November 4, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT

Description: The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) is hosting a webinar that will introduce basic concepts for long-term financial resiliency and asset management. After a brief overview of financial analysis tools, this webinar will focus on long-term investment strategies and concepts including asset management, life-cycle costing, long-term asset planning, and rates analysis. Information will be shared in lecture format, through interactive exercises, sharing of case examples, and by soliciting and answering participant system-specific questions.

[Register Now!](#)

Learning Objectives:

- Understand Financial Metrics for Long-Term Planning
- Understand Concepts of Asset Criticality
- Understand the Relationship Between Life-Cycle Costing and Long-Term Asset Planning

Presenter: Andrew Waters, Project Director, [EFC, University of North Carolina](#)

Who Should Attend:

- Managers, owners, and operators of wastewater systems with an average daily flow of less than 1 million gallons
- Decision-makers for wastewater utilities, including mayors, finance officers, utility managers, public works directors, city councilors, board members, tribal council members, and clerks
- Consultants and technical assistance providers serving wastewater systems

Please Note: This webinar has NOT been submitted for approval of continuing education credit. We can provide a certificate of attendance to eligible attendees, but cannot guarantee it will meet your PDH or CEU requirements.

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.