



Public Facilities Authority ● Pollution Control Agency ● Department of Health

Date: January 13, 2025

To: Public Wastewater, Stormwater, and Drinking Water Officials

Subject: Accepting Water Infrastructure Projects for 2026 Project Priority List and State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) Intended Use Plans (Includes Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds)

Submissions to place public wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects on the 2026 Project Priority Lists (PPL) for the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) and Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) are now being accepted. This includes PPL requests for publicly and privately owned drinking water lead service line replacement projects and projects to address emerging contaminants for drinking water systems.

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) administers several state funding programs for water infrastructure in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). These funding programs include the State Revolving Funds (the CWRF and DWRf), Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) grants, Minnesota's Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Point Source Implementation Grants (PSIG) and the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program.

The State Revolving Funds (SRFs) are the state's largest funding programs, and most projects will receive at least a portion of funding through the SRFs. The CWRF and the DWRf provide low interest loans and other funding to local governments for eligible projects based on priorities determined by the MPCA (for wastewater and stormwater projects) and the MDH (for drinking water projects).

The first step in the funding process is for a project to be listed on the appropriate PPL. The PPLs rank projects that will be ready for construction within the next five years. Projects are ranked in priority order based on the age and condition of existing infrastructure and environmental and public health criteria. All projects must be listed on the appropriate PPL to be eligible for any of the PFA funding programs.

The second step in the funding process for most projects seeking CWRF or DWRf loans (including IIJA funds, emerging contaminant funds, and lead service line replacement funds) is to be listed on the appropriate IUP. Cities and other public system owners must request their

projects to be placed on the appropriate 2026 IUP if they expect to be ready for construction and are seeking SRF financing in state fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026). The due date for IUP applications is June 6, 2025.

The SRFs are supported by a combination of federal and state funding and revolving loan repayments. The recently adopted Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will provide additional federal funding over the next three years through the State Revolving Funds. IIJA provides additional funds for SRF low interest loans and for principal forgiveness grants based on WIF affordability criteria and for green infrastructure projects. IIJA also makes funding available for new SRF project categories to replace drinking water lead service lines and address emerging contaminants.

All funding will continue to follow the existing process, starting with projects requesting placement on the Project Priority Lists and Intended Use Plans. The funding process repeats each year. Projects that aren't ready for the 2026 PPLs and IUPs can apply in a future year.

PPL and IUP Deadlines and Contacts are listed below. Additional information and instructions are included.

Project Priority List Submissions – Clean Water Revolving Fund

Agency: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (www.pca.state.mn.us/ppl)
Projects: Wastewater and Stormwater
Deadlines: March 7, 2025 (or before) submit to MPCA

- PPL application and scoring worksheet, including supporting documentation as required.
- Wastewater facilities plans.
- Stormwater project plans.

Contact: Pam Foster, CWRP program administrator, 218-302-6619
pamela.foster@state.mn.us

Project Priority List Submissions – Drinking Water Revolving Fund

Agency: Minnesota Department of Health (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/dwrf)
Projects: Drinking water projects, including replacement of lead service lines
Deadlines: May 2, 2025 (or before) submit to MDH (health.dwrfapplication@state.mn.us)
Contact: Todd Johnson, Program Coordinator, 218-308-2110, todd.johnson@state.mn.us

Intended Use Plan Requests – Clean Water and Drinking Water Programs

Agency: Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (mn.gov/deed/pfa)
Programs: Clean Water Revolving Fund, Drinking Water Revolving Fund
Deadlines: June 6, 2025
Submit: [Written requests](#) to your MPFA Loan Officer. See [map for regional assignments](#).
Contact: [Karin Berkholtz](mailto:Karin.Berkholtz), karin.berkholtz@state.mn.us, 651-274-1742



Accepting Submissions from Wastewater or Stormwater Projects for the 2026 Clean Water Project Priority List

Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or stormwater collection and treatment system projects on the Clean Water Project Priority List (PPL). **Projects must be on the PPL to be eligible to apply for low interest Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRP) loans and other state grants and loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA).** MPFA financing is for municipal infrastructure investments which contribute to water quality benefits. Funding is not available for privately owned infrastructure.

Please Note: Projects on the 2025 PPL will automatically be re-listed on the 2026 PPL unless the project has received funding, requested removal, or shown no progress in the past five (5) years. If necessary, please submit updated project costs, construction schedule, and PPL re-score requests. It is to your advantage to keep all scoring information as current as possible.

Green Project Reserve (GPR): Projects believed to meet the GPR eligibility requirements as described in the PPL application forms should indicate their potential GPR eligibility in the PPL application and Intended Use Plan (IUP) request for placement.

Procurement of Engineering Services: A portion of projects funded by the CWRP must follow a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process for consulting engineering services. Applicants to the PPL are encouraged to follow a QBS process for engineering services.

Municipalities that submitted new project requests for the 2025 IUP should also submit a request to the MPFA to place the project on the 2026 IUP.

All submittals should be sent electronically to: PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Request for Placement on 2026 PPL due to the MPCA..... March 7, 2025 or before
Wastewater Facilities Plans or Stormwater Project Plans for project seeking placement on the 2026 IUP are due to the MPCA (to ensure priority review).....March 7, 2025 or before
Request for Placement on the 2026 IUP due to the MPFAJune 6, 2025 or before
Wastewater Facilities Plans or Stormwater Project Plans preliminary approval by MPCA for 2026 IUP projects.....June 30, 2025 or before

To obtain necessary PPL instructions, application forms and general program information go to: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-and-stormwater-financial-assistance>

For more information please contact: Pam Foster, CWRP Program Administrator, 218-302-6619 or pamela.foster@state.mn.us

- ✓ Submit all applications to: PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us
- ✓ Submit facilities plans and stormwater project plans to the MPCA assigned review engineer as well as PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us

Proposed – Pending Legislative Action:

Emerging Contaminants: The 2025 legislature will be asked to authorize the use of Federal Clean Water funds for principal forgiveness grants to address emerging contaminants (EC) in wastewater. In anticipation of legislative action, the MPCA is soliciting Clean Water EC grant projects for listing on the 2026 PPL and/or IUP.

EC Definition: Emerging contaminants refer to substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known or anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. These substances, microorganisms, or materials can include many different types of natural or manufactured chemicals and substances – such as those in some compounds of personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and microplastics.

A description of emerging contaminants for the purposes of CWSRF financing can be found in Appendix B of EPA’s March 2022 Memorandum [Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.](#)

For more information on emerging contaminants visit: [CWSRF Emerging Contaminants - Frequent Questions and Answers | US EPA](#)

To apply to the 2026 PPL for EC grant, submit a letter of interest with the following information:

- Project name
- Project sponsor
- Project contacts
- Project description (including specific ECs to be addressed)
- Eligible Project type:
 - Pilot project
 - Planning and design
 - Bench-scale
 - Construction
 - Other – specify
- Proposed treatment
- Project schedule
- Cost summary
- Attachments documents to support proposal (i.e. location maps, design drawings, etc.)

Send letters of interest and supplemental documentation to PPL.Submittals.PCA@state.mn.us



**Drinking Water Revolving Fund
Accepting Submissions for 2026 Project Priority List**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below-market rate DWRf loans and affordability grants to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants, water towers and lead service lines. Funding is **not** for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.

- Submissions are easy to prepare. Go to <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/dwrf/ppl.html> for instructions on what to submit, a general DWRf program overview and a simple example of a submission.
- Submissions are due at MDH by **Friday May 2, 2025** (health.dwrfapplication@state.mn.us)
- Water system owners planning to start construction and receive DWRf financing before June 30, 2026, must also submit a request to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) to place the project on the 2026 Intended Use Plan (IUP).
- For drinking water systems serving populations greater than 1,000, an up-to-date Water Supply Plan (WSP) must be approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to be eligible for DWRf funding.
- **Lead Service Line Projects: Currently, grant funding is available for replacement of the privately-owned portion of lead service lines (LSL). Public water systems need to apply for the funding. The funding cannot be provided directly to the property owner. LSL replacement projects must be listed on the PPL and IUP in order to get funding. LSL projects can be done in coordination with a watermain replacement project or can be funded as a stand-alone project. More information about applying for lead service line funding can be found at:**
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslfund.html>
- **Questions?** Contact Todd Johnson, P.E. at 218-308-2110 or todd.johnson@state.mn.us

Environmental Health Division, Section of Drinking Water Protection, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975



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Clean Water Revolving Fund | Drinking Water Revolving Fund Requests for Placement on the 2026 Intended Use Plans

Includes Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) is responsible for financial management of the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) and Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) programs and making funding awards to eligible projects. Each year the MPFA prepares an Intended Use Plan (IUP) for each program that lists the projects eligible to apply for loans. Wastewater and stormwater projects seeking CWRF loans must be listed on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Project Priority List (PPL) to be eligible for placement on the IUP, and construction projects must have a preliminarily approved facilities plan or project plan. Drinking water projects seeking DWRF loans must be listed on the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) PPL to be eligible for placement on the IUP. IUPs list projects expected to receive all necessary approvals and be ready to proceed in state fiscal year (FY) 2026. State fiscal years begin July 1 and end June 30.

The due date for requests for placement on the 2026 IUPs is June 6, 2025.

Use this [MPFA IUP request template](#) to submit IUP requests with the required information.

Submit one request for each project. Requests must be sent by a municipal official (mayor, clerk, administrator, etc.) of the jurisdiction that will issue a general obligation bond to the MPFA to secure the loan. Submit written requests to the appropriate MPFA loan officer. The map attached to this notice contains the email addresses for each MPFA loan officer.

Direct specific project financing questions to the appropriate MPFA loan officer.

The MPFA prepares the 2026 IUPs based on the requests received, the project priorities set by the MPCA and MDH, and CWRF and DWRF lending capacity. There is no guarantee that all projects requesting placement on the 2026 IUPs will be placed in the fundable range and allowed to apply for loans.

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A combination of federal and state funding and revolving loan repayments support the CWRP and DWRP. The 2026 IUPs will include federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for low interest loans and principal forgiveness grants based on state affordability criteria and Green Project Reserve (GPR) criteria for clean water projects. The IIJA makes funding available for new SRF project categories to replace drinking water lead service lines and address emerging contaminants. All IIJA funding follows the existing process with jurisdictions requesting project placement on the appropriate PPL and IUP.

The MPFA encourages clean water projects with GPR eligibility that improve water efficiency, energy efficiency, or mitigate stormwater runoff, and principal forgiveness grant funds may be available for these projects. If applicable, the IUP request should provide the estimated cost of project components that address these issues as described in information provided by the MPCA.

For general questions about the IUP process contact [Karin Berkholtz](#), 651.274.1742. Direct specific project financing questions to the appropriate MPFA loan officer.

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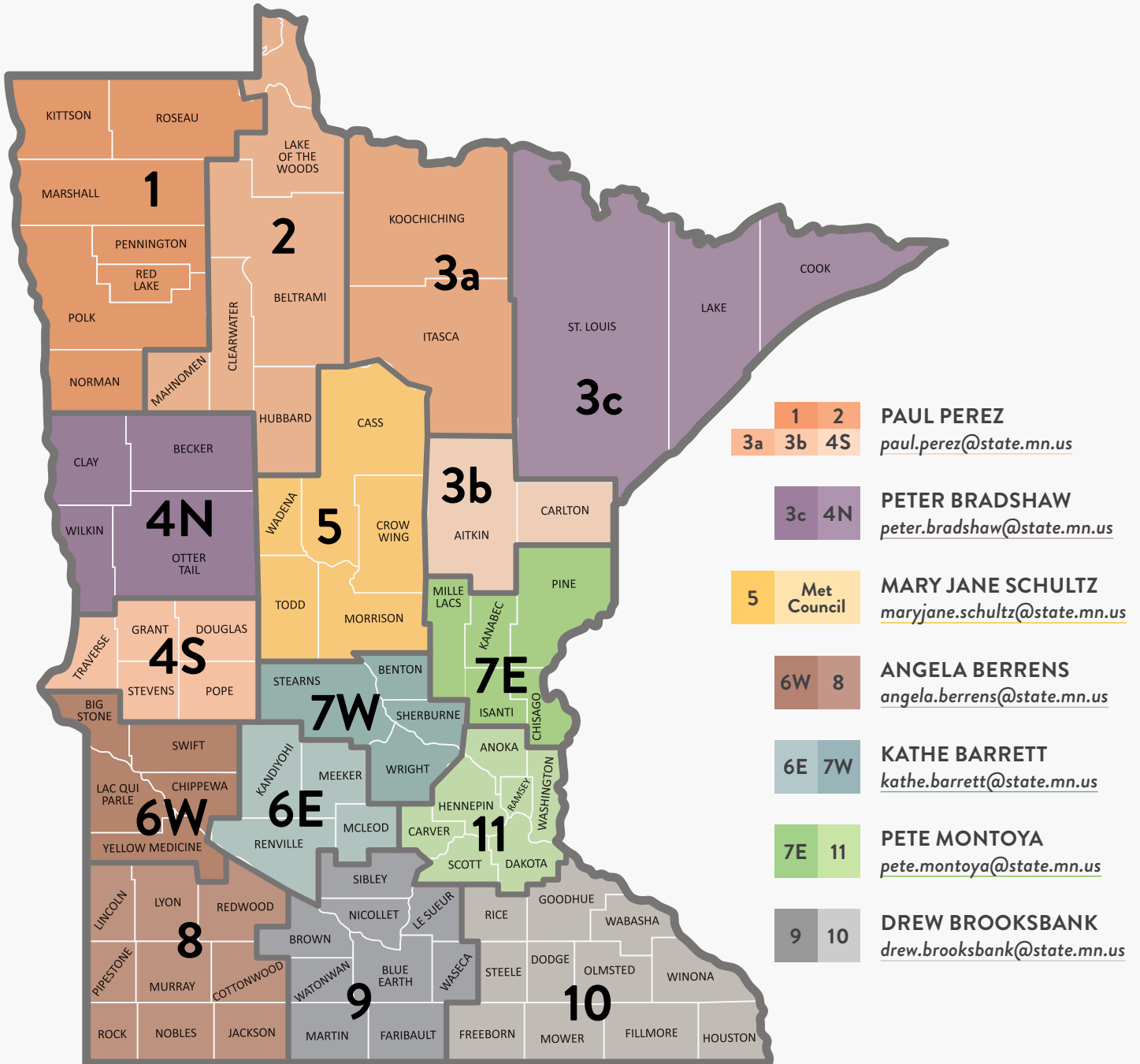
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