

Exhibit 1

# Planning & Design Loans

For

Wastewater, Storm Water & Drinking Water Infrastructure



## Planning & Design Loans

- Financial assistance for communities that are in the planning and design phase of a proposed water pollution control or drinking water project.
- **0% interest for up to 3 years**
- **NO** initiation fee
- **NO** servicing fee
- **NO** minimum loan amount
- **NO** maximum loan amount
- Eligible costs include the following: Engineering fees, archaeological surveys, environmental studies, and fees related to project plan preparation and submission.
- Loans will be rolled into a SRF construction loan **OR** may be repaid upon permanent financing.
- **The project planning and design costs must be directly related to the proposed wastewater, storm water or drinking water project.**

## **Water pollution control projects:**

- Construction of treatment plants or improvements to existing facilities
- Sewer line extensions to existing unsewered properties
- Combined sewer overflow corrections
- Infiltration/inflow projects
- Storm water projects that have an environmental benefit

## **Drinking water projects:**

- Construction of treatment plants or improvements to existing facilities
- Water line extensions to existing unserved properties
- Water storage facilities
- Wells

## **Eligible Entities:**

- Cities, towns, counties, regional sewer/water districts, conservancy districts and water authorities eligible for SRF loans.
- Private and not-for-profit facilities eligible for Drinking Water SRF loans.

Application forms are available at: [www.iowasrf.com](http://www.iowasrf.com)

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# Drinking Water

## Eligible Projects and Project-Related Costs

- Projects that address present Safe Drinking Water Act health standards that have been exceeded or to prevent future violations.
- Projects to replace aging infrastructure;
- Rehabilitate or develop sources (excluding reservoirs, dams dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources;
- Install or upgrade treatment facilities if the project will improve the quality of drinking water
- Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system, and
- Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks or to improve water pressure to safe levels.
- Projects to restructure and consolidate water supplies to rectify a contamination problem or to assist systems unable to maintain SDWA compliance for financial or managerial reasons.
- Land acquisition if it is integral to the project (i.e., needed to meet or maintain compliance and further public health protection such as land needed to locate eligible treatment or distribution facilities), and acquisition must be from a willing seller.

## Examples of Ineligible Projects and Project-Related Costs

- Dams or the rehabilitation of dams
- Water rights
- Reservoirs, except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located
- Monitoring fees
- Operation and maintenance costs
- Projects needed mainly for fire protection
- Projects for systems that lack adequate technical, managerial and financial capacity, unless assistance will ensure compliance
- Projects for systems in significant noncompliance, unless funding will ensure compliance
- Projects primarily intended to serve future growth

(Source: US EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines: Part III)

# Wastewater

**Eligible Projects and Project-Related Costs** – the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, equipping, improvement or extension of any works and facilities used for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and industrial waste in a sanitary manner. (IAC 567 – Ch. 90.2)

These would include:

- Treatment plant improvements and upgrades
- Sewer line extensions to existing unsewered communities
- Combined sewer overflow corrections
- Infiltration / inflow projects

## Examples of Ineligible Projects and Project-Related Costs

- Land purchase, unless part of treatment process (land application)
- Service lines and in-house plumbing
- Operation and maintenance costs
- Vehicles and tools