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More than \$20 million in funding available to publicly and privately owned community waterworks agencies; deadline to apply is March 27

Under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act the VA Department of Health is eligible to apply for \$20.7 million through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Program.

VDH's proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be based upon requests for funds VDH receives from owners of publicly and privately owned community waterworks agencies. All construction activities related to the drinking water infrastructure are generally eligible.

VDH sent information about the availability of DWSRF earlier this month to all potentially eligible owners of private and publicly waterworks facilities.

Here are at least a few of the basic facts about the ARRA program being administered through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund:

- Owners of publicly and privately owned, community waterworks or nonprofit, nontransient, noncommunity waterworks are eligible to receive funds. Federally funded waterworks are ineligible.
- All projects must begin construction or award a construction contract by Feb. 16, 2010.
- VDH will consider eligible projects that submit plans and specifications for VDH's approval by May 1, 2009.
- To apply for ARRA funds owners of waterworks are to submit a DWRSF application for construction to VDH **by March 27, 2009**. One application for each waterworks must be submitted.

For additional information (with frequently asked questions) about ARRA funding through DWSRF, please refer to this [Web site](#).

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