Public Notice

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Public Notice 20-01-SRF
State Revolving Fund (SRF)

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Comment Period End: 5 PM, June 17, 2020

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (ASADRA) Clean Water (CW) SRF Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) and ASADRA Drinking Water (DW) SRF Draft IUP

DHEC and the Rural Infrastructure Authority jointly administer two revolving loan fund programs that provide low-interest loans to publicly owned drinking water and wastewater utilities and other eligible entities to finance infrastructure needed to maintain compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

On June 6, 2019, the President signed P.L. 116-20, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (ASADRA) into law. This legislation appropriates capitalization grant funding “provided to States or Territories in EPA Regions 4, 9, and 10 in amounts determined by the Administrator for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facilities impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earthquakes”. SRF-eligible water and/or wastewater systems located in the South Carolina counties identified by FEMA as eligible for "Public Assistance Grants for Category F: Utilities" for Hurricane Florence (See FEMA-4394-DR, South Carolina Disaster Declaration) were invited to submit one or more projects for ASADRA assistance provided the project was eligible based on EPA guidance.

As required by the CWA and the SDWA, DHEC has prepared Draft Supplemental Intended Use Plans (IUPs) to describe how funds provided through the ASADRA will be used. Each IUP includes a Provisional Projects list of infrastructure projects that are candidates for low-interest and principle forgiveness loan funds. The IUPs also describe the ASADRA and SRF program requirements. The IUPs are made available for public comment before being finalized. Any project not selected for ASADRA funds will be consider for funding during the upcoming annual SRF project selection process.

In developing the IUPs, the CWA and SDWA each require that states develop a comprehensive list of potential projects to be funded by their respective funding source and rank them in priority order. The Comprehensive Priority Lists (CPLs) of DWSRF and CWSRF projects are posted on the DHEC website, http://www.scdhec.gov/srfforms, and updated periodically as
new projects are submitted, funded, or canceled by their sponsors. Projects are ranked in accordance with a Priority Ranking System developed for each program. Projects must be on a published CPL to be selected as candidates to receive an SRF-funded loan.

DHEC has posted a Draft Supplemental CWIUP for ASADRA and a Draft Supplemental DWIUP for ASADRA and the current Clean Water and Drinking Water Comprehensive Priority Lists on DHEC’s website at http://www.scdhec.gov/srf. DHEC invites interested members of the public and utilities to review and submit written comments on the draft ASADRA IUPs, and the CPLs. Comments should be directed to Charles Gorman, DHEC BOW, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201-1708, or by e-mail, gormancm@dhec.sc.gov. This document and all documents mentioned in this notice are posted on DHEC’s website at http://www.scdhec.gov/srf. For questions or a copy of the documents contact Lynne LaSalle at (803) 898-4395, or Lynne.Lasalle@dhec.sc.gov. Comments received before 5 PM on June 17, 2020 will be considered when finalizing the IUPs.