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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

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Project Solicitation

for the

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List State Fiscal Year 2023

DUE DATE: MARCH 25, 2022

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources is pleased to open its solicitation for the submission of water pollution abatement and other eligible projects to be included on the State Fiscal Year 2023 Project Priority List (PPL). This is an exciting and historic period of major investment in clean water infrastructure, and your participation is encouraged.

The PPL is utilized in the decision-making process for financial assistance from the Rhode Island Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), as administered by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB). A project must be included on the PPL in order to receive financial assistance through the CWSRF, including the additional funding being directed to RI CWSRF via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Any contemplated eligible project and any on-going project that is currently receiving financial support from the CWSRF should be submitted for inclusion on the FY2023 PPL.

The CWSRF program can fund a wide array of water pollution abatement and water quality / improvement / sustainability projects. Eligible types of projects include:

- Wastewater infrastructure including projects related to sewers, pump stations, and treatment facilities
- Combined sewer overflow abatement
- Community on-site wastewater treatment system repair programs
- Stormwater mitigation projects, particularly Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Capital equipment necessary to maintain Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Riverbank and estuarine restoration projects (including wetland, floodplain, riparian buffer, and salt marsh restoration)
- Landfill closures
- Alternative energy and energy efficiency projects that benefit a water pollution treatment facility

- Projects that make wastewater infrastructure more resilient to the effects of climate change
- Water efficiency improvements (methods that reduce water consumption or loss)
- Planning and design for stormwater or wastewater capital projects (must be a reasonable expectation that the project will result in a fundable capital project)

Please note that with the bi-partisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and subsequent appropriations by Congress, a greater proportion of the CWSRF will be provided in the form of principal forgiveness subsidy than in the past. Even if you don't intend to apply for CWSRF in FY23, you are encouraged to include potential projects on the PPL. In addition to wastewater infrastructure projects, RIDEM is interested in increasing participation by entities planning projects related to stormwater pollution abatement, green infrastructure, non-point source pollution abatement, and climate resiliency, as well as projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. RIDEM currently expects updated federal guidance on the funding requirements to be made available by the US Environmental Protection Agency in February 2022. As guidance is released, RIDEM and RIIB will make more information available on the new requirements and the resources and support that will be available, including for disadvantaged communities to access CWSRF funding.

Requests for inclusion on the PPL are due by Friday, March 25, 2022. To be included in the PPL, project descriptions must be submitted on forms provided by RIDEM. Each project must be described separately on an individual Project Information Sheet. For entities submitting multiple projects, the Projects Summary Sheet must also be completed (see link below for documents). Applicants should feel free to submit any supporting information to further describe their project(s). All projects will be rated and ranked according to criteria contained in the Rules and Regulations for the Priority Determination System for Federal and State Assistance for Construction of Water Pollution Abatement Projects (250-RICR-150-20-2, available at the link below). Please note the submission of a project for rating, ranking, and listing on the PPL does not obligate the applicant to go forward with the project, but does ensure eligibility to seek financial assistance via CWSRF for that project at the appropriate time. DEM will rate and rank all submitted projects and formulate the PPL. A 30-day public notice regarding the PPL will be posted on the Department's website with the opportunity for public comment. Revisions may be made based upon comments received. The final PPL will also be posted on the Department's website at the below link.

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/finance/state-revolving-fund.php>

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