

State Revolving Loan Funds

Achieving Compliance with the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act: It's Our Job

Although 98% of investment in water is made at the local level, federal policy and funding programs play an important role in setting incentives for water investment.

Under the current budget climate, every federal program may be facing more constrained resources. The good news is that policy changes to these water funding programs can help expand available and existing resources by encouraging better leveraging of state, local, and private resources.

Leveraging of Private Resources

Eligibility in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) under section 603c of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act should be extended to all wastewater treatment providers, regardless of ownership.

- Private water service providers are ready and able to leverage Federal investment in wastewater with private capital and expertise as they have done with the DW-SRF since 1994.
 - Private water service providers must be eligible for the Clean Water SRF. The CW-SRF does not provide loans to private community wastewater systems – preventing much-needed wastewater solutions and service to under-served communities and non-compliant systems.
 - Private partners are frequently tapped by state regulators to help communities implement complex and innovative wastewater projects or, to help communities bring their systems into compliance.

Incentives for Efficient Management and Spending Practices

- SRFs should provide incentives for:
 - The consolidation of operations and systems where necessary;
 - systems that have demonstrated an ability to maintain compliance and become sustainable;
 - the adoption of asset management practices;
 - sustainable pricing.

Benefits of Water Infrastructure Investment

- Cleaner and safer water for the health and environmental enjoyment of all!
- \$1 billion of investment in water sustains 28,500 jobs;
 - \$82.4 million in state and local tax revenue;
 - \$3.46 billion of total national output;
- On average, 650 water main breaks per day costs \$2.6 billion in lost water per year.

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