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Arizona's water and wastewater funding source

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WIFA Announces Redesigned Technical Assistance Program

WIFA has redesigned its Technical Assistance Program to offer more direct, hands-on assistance to applicants. The new program will go into effect on July 1, 2018, and applications will be considered after that date.

The purpose of WIFA's Technical Assistance Program is to help water and wastewater facilities develop, fund and implement capital improvement projects. The new technical assistance funding will be incorporated into a WIFA construction loan, intended to ensure that infrastructure projects are able to move forward to construction. WIFA will manage all available funding sources so that the best possible financing package is provided.

Two types of technical assistance will be available: Project Design and Satisfying Federal Requirements. The Project Design type of technical assistance is for systems with a service population of 10,000 or less, or which meet WIFA's criteria for a disadvantaged community*. The Satisfying Federal Requirements technical assistance funds are available for any system needing assistance in meeting select federal requirements associated with WIFA construction loans.

In total, \$300,000 will be available for drinking water projects and \$150,000 for wastewater/stormwater projects. An applicant may receive more than one type of technical assistance, but the amount awarded per applicant will be capped at \$50,000. Any cost overages can be included in the construction loan. WIFA will select a technical assistant provider (engineer or consultant) to provide the technical assistance and will contract directly with the technical assistant provider to stipulate the scope of work, cost, and deliverable due dates.

Applicants and projects which are eligible for a WIFA loan are eligible for technical assistance funding. Applications for technical assistance funding are accepted on a continuous basis, as part of the Project Priority List application for a construction loan. To be considered for technical assistance funding, applicants should complete a Project Priority List (PPL) application (<http://www.azwifa.gov/application>) and indicate in Section 3 that you would like the application to be considered for technical assistance funds. WIFA's Board will approve any technical assistance as part of the loan approval process.

If you're unsure of how to proceed, fill out the Request for WIFA Technical Assistance form, available on WIFA's technical assistance webpage. WIFA staff will contact you to determine what type of technical assistance would be most appropriate for your system and situation.

WIFA expects these funds to be in high demand and that not all technical assistance requests will be accommodated, especially as the fiscal year-end approaches. In the event that funds are limited, requests related to addressing compliance, water quality or public health concerns will be given priority, determined by the PPL application's score for those criteria.

* Any funds unawarded in April 2019 may be requested by any eligible WIFA loan applicant, regardless of population or disadvantaged community status, for work associated with a new WIFA construction loan. The technical assistance funds must be committed at the June AFA Board Meeting.

For more information, please visit WIFA's Technical Assistance webpage at www.azwifa.gov/technical-assistance-program.

About WIFA

WIFA is a governmental organization dedicated to protecting public health and promoting environmental quality through financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure. WIFA offers funding for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects designed to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and proper wastewater treatment. Over the last 25 years, WIFA has invested over \$2 billion in Arizona's communities.

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