



Loan Forgiveness Available for Green Projects

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has loan (principal) forgiveness available for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Green Project Reserve (GPR) projects¹. GPR projects must address water or energy efficiency, mitigate storm water runoff, or encourage sustainable project planning, design, and construction.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities, or intermunicipal, interstate, or State agencies

Eligible Green Projects

All GPR projects must also be **CWSRF eligible projects** and may either be stand-alone projects or part of a larger project.

GPR projects fit into four categories:

- ⇒ Green infrastructure
- ⇒ Water efficiency
- ⇒ Energy efficiency
- ⇒ Environmentally innovative activities

GPR projects may be categorically eligible, or they may require a business case to substantiate their eligibility for GPR funding.

For further eligibility information refer to U.S. EPA's *Guidance for Determining Project Eligibility* at http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve_eligibility_guidance.pdf

Loan Forgiveness Limits

- ◆ 50 percent of actual GPR eligible costs; 75 percent for GPR eligible planning costs
- ◆ Maximum loan forgiveness per project²: \$4.0 million

¹Note that loan forgiveness may reduce eligibility for other grant sources available from the State Water Board.

²Water recycling projects are eligible for \$2.5 million maximum loan forgiveness.

How Do I Apply?

Complete and submit a CWSRF Financial Assistance Application using the *Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)* at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

- ✓ In the application indicate the portion of the total project cost that is GPR eligible.
- ✓ Attach a business case (justification) for projects not categorically eligible.

Application forms, instructions, and video tutorials are also available on the CWSRF website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/srf_forms.shtml

Applications are continuously accepted!



CWSRF Program Information:
www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwsrf

Questions?

Contact the CWSRF at
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CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND GREEN PROJECT RESERVE CATEGORICAL PROJECTS

Green Infrastructure

- Projects to manage wet weather and restore natural hydrology by infiltration, evapotranspiration, or harvesting and using stormwater
- Green stormwater infrastructure for transportation right-of-ways or parking areas
- Establishment or restoration of permanent riparian buffers, floodplains, wetlands, or other vegetated buffers or soft bioengineered stream banks

Water Efficiency

- Water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources
- Projects to install/retrofit water-efficient devices
- Other water-saving elements that reduce the amount of water taken out of rivers, lakes, streams, or groundwater

Energy Efficiency

- Renewable energy projects that provide power to a wastewater treatment facility
- Projects that achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption
- Collection system Infiltration/Inflow detection equipment
- Energy management planning, including energy assessments, energy audits, optimization studies, and sub-metering of individual processes to determine high energy use areas expected to result in a capital project

Environmentally Innovative

- Integrated water resources management planning likely to result in a capital project
- Utility Sustainability Plan consistent with EPA CWSRF's sustainability policy
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory or mitigation plan and submission of a GHG inventory to a registry
- Planning activities by a wastewater treatment facility to prepare for adaptation to the long-term effects of climate change and/or extreme weather
- Construction or renovation of US Building Council LEED certified buildings at wastewater treatment facilities
- Decentralized wastewater treatment solutions that correct existing deficient or failing onsite wastewater systems

All GPR projects must be eligible for CWSRF financing.

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