

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SUBJECT: Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF)
FY 2021 Intended Use Plan
Projects Targeted for FY 2021 Funding Assistance
Southwest Virginia Pilot Program Projects – Phase 1

TO: FY 2021 Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund
Southwest Virginia Pilot Program Applicants

FROM: Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

DATE: July 24, 2020

Introduction

Section 606 of the Water Quality Act of 1987 requires the State to develop an Intended Use Plan (IUP) that identifies the uses of its Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and to prepare a list of projects targeted for funding assistance. Following public comment and final Board action, the list of targeted projects for financial assistance becomes the state's yearly clean water revolving loan Project Priority List (PPL) in the IUP.

Funds Available

With substantial revenues coming in from our large loan portfolio and continued federal and state match funding the VCWRLF continues to maintain very healthy account balances. Therefore, the accumulation of funds that have and will occur in the Fund through loan payments, interest earnings, and de-allocations from leverage accounts, plus additional leveraged dollars should result in enough funding being available during the FY 2021 funding cycle to fund the applications received. Final Board approval of the Southwest Virginia Pilot Program project list will be requested during the September Board meeting. Final Board approval of the full project list will not be requested until the December Board meeting.

FY 2021 Program Development

On June 1, 2020, CWFAP staff solicited applications for SSES work from localities and wastewater authorities within DEQ's Southwest Regional Office boundary as part of the Southwest Virginia Pilot Program. July 3, 2020 was established as the deadline for receiving applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received 13 SSES applications requesting \$1,117,875.

All 13 SSES applications were evaluated in accordance with the Southwest Virginia Pilot Program evaluation procedures, including project location, ability to provide a 25% funding match, project

eligibility criteria, and appropriate supporting documentation. All applications are considered to be of good quality and should provide significant water quality and/or environmental improvements. The list of applications can be found in Attachment A.

The staff is recommending that the list be tentatively adopted, subject to the verification of information in the funding applications and public review and comment.

Public Participation

DEQ is presenting the draft list of targeted FY 2021 Southwest Virginia Pilot Program projects for public review and comment. A virtual public meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday August 21, 2020. Registration to attend the public meeting can be found here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5178127329563710989>.

The public review and comment period will end on August 24, 2020. Comments or questions should be directed to Ms. Karen Doran, Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, PO Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218, phone number (804) 698-4133, or e-mailed to cwfap@deq.virginia.gov. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter.

Attachments

Attachment A

FY 2021 Southwest Virginia Pilot Program Applicants	Amount Requested	Project Description	Projected SSES Start
Buchanan County Public Service Authority	\$ 75,000.00	Improve structural integrity and determine required improvements to manhole covers. System consists of approximately 67 miles of sewer interceptors and mains.	Fall 2020
Town of Hillsville	\$ 75,000.00	To address the I/I issues for the approximately 40 miles of sewer infrastructure.	September 2020
Town of Big Stone Gap	\$ 75,000.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I issues throughout the Town's entire sewer system.	October 2020
Town of Independence	\$ 56,250.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I issues throughout the Town's entire sewer system.	October 2020
Town of Saltville	\$ 75,000.00	To address the I/I issues throughout the Plasterco Sewer Shed.	January 2021
Wythe County Board of Supervisors	\$ 116,625.00	To address the I/I issues to the Max Meadows Treatment Plant (Fort Chiswell, Max Meadows, Exit 86 and Exit 77 areas).	August 2020
Town of Chilhowie	\$ 67,500.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I issues throughout the Town's entire sewer system.	November 2020
Town Of Wytheville	\$ 75,000.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I and capacity issues throughout the Town's entire sewer system.	November 2020
Tazewell County Public Service Authority	\$ 45,000.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I issues throughout the entire sewer system.	Fall 2020
Bland County	\$ 82,500.00	To conduct an SSES to address I/I and infrastructure issues throughout the entire Bastian sewer system.	August 2020
Bristol Virginia Utilities Authority (BVUA)	\$ 225,000.00	To conduct an SSES in the BC-1568 sub-basin, in the southern section of the Beaver Creek sewer shed.	September 2020
Town of Abingdon	\$ 75,000.00	To conduct an SSES throughout the Town of Abingdon's sewer system to address overflows.	September 2020
Town of Gate City	\$ 75,000.00	To conduct an updated SSES to address I/I and infrastructure issues in several of the six (6) sewersheds within the service area.	September 2020

Total Requested \$ 1,117,875.00