



## 2026 Water Quality Improvement Fund Needs Survey

### Instructions:

Welcome to the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) Needs Survey. The purpose of this survey is to identify needs for potential future appropriations to and awards from the WQIF. DEQ is committed to ensuring adequate WQIF funding is available to localities when needed. Accurate, timely, and well-coordinated planning is critical to meeting that commitment.

Localities should provide the cost and project information to the best of your knowledge. If you have multiple projects at multiple facilities, you may submit a survey response for each project. **Do not submit a response to this survey if an existing grant agreement has been executed for your project and no modification is proposed at this time to increase the grant amount due to changed conditions.** Submit a response to this survey if:

- an existing grant agreement has been executed for your project AND a modification will be proposed to increase the grant amount due to changed conditions, OR
- you have submitted an application for your project but do not have an executed grant agreement, OR
- you have not yet submitted an application for your project.

DEQ will assume that non-responses to this survey indicate that the owner receiving this survey presently has no eligible projects for which it intends to submit a grant application within the next five years. DEQ expects that owners who do not respond to this survey but who develop a need for a project will submit a complete needs survey response at the next annual opportunity.

We recommend you use the PDF version of the survey so that you may gather the appropriate project information prior to entering data into the survey platform. The survey is anticipated to take between 30 to 60 minutes to complete (assuming project information is readily available). If you have more than three projects per facility to enter or have questions related to the survey, please contact David Taylor at (757) 705-8293 or Lauren Linville at (804) 653-2486 or by emailing [cwfap@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cwfap@deq.virginia.gov).

**Please respond to the survey by May 15, 2026**

**WQIF Project Eligibility and Information:** Currently, WQIF point source funding is limited to nutrient reduction technology and conveyance infrastructure (where a conveyance project diverts wastewater from one eligible treatment works to another eligible treatment works for nutrient removal purposes) for dischargers in the Chesapeake Bay. Localities must apply for WQIF grant funds and may only be reimbursed for eligible project costs once all program requirements have been satisfied. For additional information and to obtain a copy of the Water Quality Improvement Fund Program Guidelines, please visit the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality - Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program website at: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/clean-water-financing-and-assistance>.

### Section 1: General and Programmatic-Level Information

*The purpose of the following sections is to identify programmatic-level information on future WQIF funding needs over a five-year time period, which generally aligns with the time period of typical local Capital Improvement Plans. DEQ assumes that non-responses to this survey indicate the facility has no eligible projects for which it intends to submit a grant application within the next five years.*

1. Owner Name \*

Enter your answer

2. Contact Name \*

Enter your answer

3. Contact Email Address \*

Please enter an email

4. Contact Phone Number \*

5. Facility Name \*

6. Facility Address \*

Enter your answer

7. Please select one of the following options:

- WQIF-eligible upgrades, nutrient removal upgrades, or WQIF-eligible cost-effective nutrient-related wastewater conveyance projects are anticipated to be constructed for this treatment plant within the next five years, but estimated timing and cost information are not available at this time.
- WQIF-eligible nutrient removal upgrades or WQIF-eligible cost-effective nutrient-related wastewater conveyance projects are anticipated at this treatment plant within the next five years.

## Section 2: Capital Project Programmatic WQIF Funding Needs by Fiscal Year (5-Year Forecast)

The purpose of this section is to provide programmatic-level data on future WQIF funding needs over a five-year time period, which generally aligns with the time period of typical local Capital Improvement Plans.

**IMPORTANT:** In subsequent sections of this survey you will be asked to provide information on specific projects. If you input funding needs for FY2027, you are required to provide some level of planning and design documentation to support those needs. Planning and design documentation is not required for submission of project cost needs in FY2028-FY2031.

8. FY2027 (\$) \*

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

9. FY2028 (\$) \*

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

10. FY2029 (\$) \*

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

11. FY2030 (\$) \*

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

12. FY2031 (\$) \*

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

### Section 3: Project-Level Information for Expected FY2027 WQIF Application(s)

The purpose of this section is to identify project-specific information supporting the **FY2027 funding needs** as documented on the previous survey page. Localities are required provide some level of planning and design information to support project costs planned in FY2027. Planning and design information is not required for submission of project cost needs in FY2028-FY2031.

#### 13. Brief Project Description \*

Enter your answer

#### 14. Is this a conveyance infrastructure project? \*

Yes

No

#### 15. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility latitude

#### 16. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility longitude

#### 17. Is this an Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program project under Va. Code § 62.1-44.19:14?

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Yes

No

#### 18. Project Status (check all that apply) \*

The project is included in a Capital Improvement Plan.

The PER is complete or currently in progress.

A contract for full engineering design has been secured.

A contract for construction has been secured. (Traditional, Design-Build, Other)

19. You are required to submit documentation of planning and design for projects related to an anticipated FY2027 WQIF Application. Documentation must be emailed to [cwfap@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cwfap@deq.virginia.gov) before May 15, 2026 to substantiate project cost. If DEQ does not receive acceptable supporting documentation by the deadline, we will remove the estimated project need cost from the final WQIF report. \*

- A draft or approved Capital Improvement Plan or Budget Document that includes the project
- An Engineer's Study, Facility Plan, or draft or final Preliminary Engineering Report
- An Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (may be a rough order of magnitude, conceptual, preliminary, or final estimate)
- A Contract or Task Order for engineering/design services for the project
- A Construction Contract (may include low bid/design-bid-build or preconstruction/construction contracts related to design-build or other alternative delivery contracts)
- A VCWRLF Loan Application or Authorization for the project

I acknowledge this requirement and will submit acceptable documentation to [cwfap@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cwfap@deq.virginia.gov) by May 15, 2026.

20. Do you have additional project needs for FY2027 application(s) to add? (if Yes, move to Section 4)

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Yes

No

## Section 4: Project-Level Information for Expected FY2027 WQIF Application(s)

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### 21. Brief Project Description \*

Enter your answer

### 22. Is this a conveyance infrastructure project? \*

Yes

No

### 23. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility latitude

### 24. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility longitude

### 25. Is this an Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program project under Va. Code § 62.1-44.19:14?

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Yes

No

### 26. Project Status (check all that apply) \*

The project is included in a Capital Improvement Plan.

The PER is complete or currently in progress.

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Acceptable documentation includes at least one of the following:

- A draft or approved Capital Improvement Plan that includes the project
- A draft or final PER or Facility Plan
- An Engineer's Study, Final Estimate, Opinion of Probable Cost, or Lowest Bid Estimate
- An Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost
- A contract or task order for engineering/design services for the project (may include design-build or other alternative delivery contracts)
- An VCWRLF Loan Application or Authorization for the project
- An estimate of previous comparable construction

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Yes

No

### Section 5: Project-Level Information for Expected FY2027 WQIF Application(s)

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29. Brief Project Description \*

Enter your answer

30. Is this a conveyance infrastructure project? \*

- Yes
- No

31. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility latitude

32. **For conveyance projects only** - Receiving facility longitude

33. Is this an Enhanced Nutrient Removal Certainty Program project under Va. Code § 62.1-44.19:14? \*

- Yes
- No

34. Project Status (check all that apply) \*

- The project is included in a Capital Improvement Plan.
- The PER is complete or currently in progress.
- A contract for full engineering design has been secured.
- A contract for construction has been secured. (Traditional, Design-Build, Other)

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