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Summary of Grant and Loan Assistance Available to New Hampshire Public Water Systems

Typically there are a number of eligibility criteria for these loan and grant programs. As might be expected, there are more applicants for grant money than there is grant money available. Often the criterion for prioritizing applications is that the project has a direct public health benefit or is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, grants are often awarded based on demonstrated financial hardship as measured by very high water rates when compared to the median household income of the service area. Many of these programs have specific goals and a narrow range of eligibility. Contact information for each program is provided in the list below.

Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration)

These federal funds are awarded by the Department of Agriculture for improvements to publicly-owned drinking water facilities.

United States Department of Agriculture
10 Ferry Street, PO Box 317
Concord, NH 03302-0317
Contact: Gregg MacPherson, Scott Johnson
(603) 223-6035

Community Development Block Grant Program

These are federal funds that are awarded by the N.H. Office of Energy and Planning.

N.H. Community Development Finance Authority
14 Dixon Avenue
Concord, NH 03301
Contact: George Huntoon
(603) 226-2170

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program

These are federal loan funds administered by DES. See fact sheet [WD-DWGB-17-3 “Disadvantaged System Program”](#) for an overview of the application process and eligibility criteria.

N.H. Department of Environmental Services
Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Richard Skarinka
(603) 271-2948

Water Supply Land Grant Program

These state funds provide grants to municipalities or non-profits for the purchase of land or conservation easements critical to maintaining or improving water quality for existing, proposed, or future water supply sources.

N.H. Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Land Grant Program
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Holly Green
(603) 271-3114

Local Source Water Protection Grants

These grant funds are available to water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning commissions, conservation districts and non-profit organizations to develop and implement programs to protect active or planned sources of public drinking water. Projects must include a delineation, assessment, planning or implementation component. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 per project.

N.H. Department of Environmental Services
Drinking Water Source Protection Program
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Johnna McKenna
(603) 271-7017

For Additional Information

Please contact the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at (603) 271-2513 or dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov or visit our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/index.htm>. All of the bureau's fact sheets are online at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/index.htm>.

Summary of Grant & Loan Sources for Small Public Water Systems in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's eligible	Type/Requirements	Contacts	Deadlines
Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	Municipalities, counties, water districts, non-profit organizations	100% grant up to \$500,000 Planning and Construction 1 to 1 Match Letter of need from state or eng. >75% Low to Moderate Income	NH Comm Dev Finance Authority George Huntoon; (603) 717-9116 www.nhcdfa.org (grant writers list)	- Jan and July for Construction grant - Oct and April for Planning grant
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans	All community public water supplies, public and private, non-transient water supplies	0.9225 to 2.952% interest, 5 to 20 years. Capital improvements, design and construction	DES DWGB, (603) 271-2948 Richard.Skarinka@des.nh.gov http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/dwsrf.htm	May 1 Pre-application July 1 Full Application
Source Water Protection/Security Grant	All PWS as well as Conservation districts and Regional Planning Commissions if endorsed by PWS	100% grant up to \$20,000 Security and source water protection capital improvements	DES DWGB, (603) 271-7017 Johnna.McKenna@des.nh.gov http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm	Aug – RFP Nov – Proposals due Jan - Award notices April - Contracts
RCAP Small System Loans	All Public Water Supplies	+/-5% interest, up to 10 yrs \$100,000 max, capital improvements design, construction	RCAP Solutions http://rcap.org/ Bob Morency, (603) 539-5803 RMorency@rcapsolutions.org Holly Baker, (479)-443-2700 Ext 114	Anytime
NH School Building Aid Program Grant	Public schools	Reimbursement 30 to 60% of construction costs	NH Dept of Education, Ed Murdough (603) 271-2037, www.education.nh.gov/	Anytime, but before Dec 31 for payment by next fiscal year
USDA Rural Development Water & Waste-water Loan/Grant	Municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, non-profit organizations 10,000 pop. Loans and grants	70% Loan/30% Grant typical 2.75% to 4.25% interest to 30 yrs Pre-engineering report required Capital improve., design & construct.	US Dept of Agric/Rural Development Scott Johnson; (603) 223-6045 www.usda.gov/rus/water	Anytime
Water Supply Land Conservation Grant	Municipalities, non-profit water suppliers.	25% grant for lands within designated source water protection area	DES DWGB SWP, (603) 271-3114 Holly.Green@des.nh.gov http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/land_acqui/	Summer/Fall
Fund for Gasoline Remediation & Elimination of Ethers - GREE	All Public Water Systems impacted by MtBE contamination	100% reimbursement of sampling or pre-approved study and construction costs for mitigation of MtBE and other gasoline ethers	DES ORCB, (603) 271-3431 David.Reid@des.nh.gov	Anytime
PWS Record Drawing Grant	Community water systems < 500 population	Reimbursement of up to 50% for preparation of as-builts, maximum of \$1,500 grant	DES DWGB, (603) 271-5447, Susan.Willoughby@des.nh.gov	Anytime