












Common Grant and Loan Sources for Wastewater Infrastructure in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
<p>CWSRF Design/Construction Loans</p> 	Municipalities and other public entities having jurisdiction over treatment and/or disposal of sewage, industrial, or other waste.	Installation, expansion or improvement of wastewater or stormwater infrastructure, nonpoint source control activity, or estuary management project, including the demolition of an obsolete facility.	Below market interest rates, no closing costs, no origination fees, no prepayment penalties. Interest on disbursements is 1% until project completion.	Pre-applications due late Spring. Full loan applications may be submitted any time after the Public Hearing comment period ends in late August with a deadline of June 30 th the year after the pre-app was submitted.	Beth Malcolm CWSRF Program Manager (603) 271-2978 Beth.L.Malcolm@des.nh.gov
<p>CWSRF Planning Principal Forgiveness</p> 	Municipalities and other public entities having jurisdiction over treatment and/or disposal of sewage, industrial, or other waste.	Planning a wastewater or stormwater infrastructure project, a nonpoint source control or estuary management project intended to remediate an existing or anticipated water pollution problem.	While funding remains available. ≤ \$100,000 principal forgiveness per planning project.	Pre-applications due late Spring. Full loan applications due within one year after pre-app submittal no later than June 30 th .	Dennis Greene Wastewater Engineering Bureau (603) 271-2508 Dennis.J.Greene@des.nh.gov
<p>CWSRF Asset Management Grant Program</p> 	Municipalities and other public entities having jurisdiction over treatment and/or disposal of sewage, industrial, or other waste.	Approved public asset management program development and implementation for wastewater systems is eligible for principal forgiveness.	While funding remains available, NHDES will offer principal forgiveness ranging from \$30,000 up to \$180,000 per municipality depending on the size and complexity of their wastewater systems, as determined by NHDES staff.	Pre-applications due late spring. Full loan applications due within one year after pre-app submittal no later than June 30 th .	Sarah Ridyard Wastewater Engineering Bureau 603-271-1989 Sarah.B.Ridyard@des.nh.gov
<p>CWSRF Energy Audit</p> 	All publicly owned wastewater treatment and pumping systems.	Comprehensive, process-level energy audits for wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations. When cost effective, renewable energy measures may also be included in the energy audit reports.	No cost to the community for this service. Energy audits typically range in cost from \$5,000 to \$40,000 depending on the size and complexity of the system.	NHDES has an energy auditor under contract specializing in comprehensive, process-level energy audits for wastewater and drinking water systems.	Sharon Nall Wastewater Engineering Bureau sharon.l.nall@des.nh.gov





Common Grant and Loan Sources for Wastewater Infrastructure in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
CWSRF Energy Audit Implementation Principal Forgiveness (EAMI) 	All publicly-owned wastewater treatment and pumping systems.	Assist communities implement energy audit recommended measures.	50% principal forgiveness ≤ \$250,000. EAMI loans can be stand-alone loans or combined with other upgrade design or construction projects.	Pre-applications due late spring. Full loan applications due within one year after pre-app submittal no later than June 30 th .	Ethan Widrick Wastewater Engineering Bureau 603-271-6801 ethan.r.widrick@des.nh.gov
State Aid Grant (SAG) 	Government entities	Engineering and construction of wastewater infrastructure projects as defined in RSA 486 .	Reimburses 20-30% of annual amortization charges (principal and interest) on eligible project costs.	Anytime	Christina "Nina" Buckman SAG Program Manager 603-271-3448 Christina.M.Buckman@des.nh.gov
SAG Plus Increased Septage Disposal Capacity 	Government entities	Engineering and construction of wastewater infrastructure projects as defined in RSA 486 , acquisition and construction of septage and sludge handling and treatment facilities.	10-30% of annual amortization charges (principal and interest) on eligible project costs related to septage and sludge handling projects pursuant to RSA 486.	Pre-applications and applications may be submitted throughout the year. Full grant applications are due after projects reach substantial completion and final costs are established.	Christina "Nina" Buckman SAG Program Manager 603-271-3448 Christina.M.Buckman@des.nh.gov
NH Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB)	Capital improvement (design & construction) projects.	All local governmental entities, including cities, towns, counties, and districts.	Competitive interest rates. Terms based on lifespan of asset.		Tammy St. Gelais, NHMBB (603) 271-2595 tstgelais@nhmbb.com



Common Grant and Loan Sources for Wastewater Infrastructure in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program 	Most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits (rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less).	Clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.	Long-term, low-interest loans. ≤ 40-year payback period, based on the useful life of the facilities financed.	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year.	Misty Sinsigalli, Area Director Sarah Waring, State Director Rural Development US Department of Agriculture (802) 318-3687
Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants 	Most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits (rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less).	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.	75% of predevelopment planning costs with max \$30,000 grant.	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using RD Apply.	Misty Sinsigalli, Area Director Sarah Waring, State Director Rural Development US Department of Agriculture (802) 318-3687
Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) 	Municipalities, nonprofits. Areas to be served must be rural and financially distressed: rural areas with a population of ≤ 2,500; have a median household income below the poverty line or ≤ 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income based on latest census data.	Predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.	≤ \$30,000 grant	Applications are accepted year-round and evaluated typically in December & April of each year. Applications may be filed electronically using RD Apply.	Misty Sinsigalli, Area Director Sarah Waring, State Director Rural Development US Department of Agriculture (802) 318-3687
Economic & Infrastructure Grants 		Infrastructure projects that enhance economic development opportunities within Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton & Sullivan Counties	≤ \$1,000,000 maximum award to eligible infrastructure projects; up to 50% match required.		Steve Fortier, NBRC 603-271-6305 steven.j.fortier@livefree.nh.gov

Common Grant and Loan Sources for Wastewater Infrastructure in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) 	More information can be found using their guidance document.	Program supports building and maintaining a comprehensive, all-hazards emergency preparedness system.			HSEM Field Representative 603-271-2231 Nhempg.Program@dos.nh.gov
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) 	More information can be found using their guidance document.	Protects against the risks to life, property, and the environment inherent in the transportation of hazardous material in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.			HSEM Field Representative 603-271-2231 Nhempg.Program@dos.nh.gov
Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) 	More information can be found using their guidance document.	Eligible activities that are consistent with the National Mitigation Framework's Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction capability.			Lauren Morgan, HSEM State Hazard Mitigation Coordinator 603-223-3759 lauren.e.morgan@dos.nh.gov
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) 	State agencies, local governments and communities.	Supports states and local communities as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.	75% Federal:25% Non-Federal Cost Share (select applicants are eligible for increased federal cost share). 3-year timeline to complete project after receiving award.		Ethan Widrick NHDES Liaison Resilience and Adaptation Manager 603-271-6801 Ethan.R.Widrick@des.nh.gov

Common Grant and Loan Sources for Wastewater Infrastructure in New Hampshire

Funding Program	Who's Eligible	What Can Be Funded	Terms	Application Timeframes	Contacts
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) 	501(c); state, local government; tribal governments & organizations; educational institutions. See map for geographic eligibility.	Planning and implementation funding for nitrogen prevention and reduction in the Connecticut River Watershed (MA, NH, VT & non-coastal CT). Purpose is to restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound (LIS) in accordance with LIS Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan Theme: Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds.	\$10M total in 2013 Planning: \$50,000 to \$500,000 Implementation: \$50,000 to \$1.5M Match: 25% of total amount requested from grant program.	RFP release typically beginning of March 2023. Full-Proposals typically due in May. Award notification November 2023.	Throwe Environmental Field Liaison (508)932-5528 lisff@throwe-environmental.com Most Recent RFP
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) 	State, tribal, territorial agencies; local and municipal governments; non-profits; educational institution; for-profit organizations ¹ ; semi-federal orgs/federal partnerships.	Program provides funding for nature based solutions (e.g. living shorelines, wetland buffers, etc.) for reducing impacts from coastal hazards and enhancing habitat for fish and wildlife. Project categories include: community capacity building and planning, site assessment and preliminary design, final design and permitting, and restoration implementation.	~\$140M total as of 2023 Planning: ~\$100K-\$1M on average* Implementation: ~\$1M-\$10M on average* * There is no maximum award amount. Match not required by strongly encouraged.	RFP release typically Mid-late February. Pre-Proposals typically due in April. Full-proposals due upon request.	Throwe Environmental Field Liaison (508)932-5528 lisff@throwe-environmental.com Most Recent RFP

¹ Programs that have dual standing as partially federal (like Sea Grant) can apply but need to be particularly careful around the rules of matching funds, federal augmentation, etc. Eligible applicants that would like to partner with a federal entity for the implementation of their project are encouraged to do so and should provide a letter of support if their role is significant. Funding can NOT however be directed to a federal entity as 'co-lead' or 'sub-award'.