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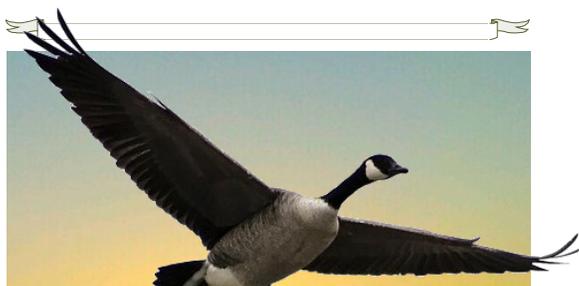
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Final 2015 Disbursement Date & Deadline

Requests for Disbursements and final closeout documents are due **Tuesday, December 15, 2015.**

Disbursements will be made on **Wednesday, December 23, 2015.** Also, last loan closing date of 2015.



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CWFP SFY 16 Funding List Online

The Department received 35 Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) applications, totaling \$267,757,793, for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 funding. These projects are identified in priority score order in our SFY 2016 CWFP Funding List, now available on our website. The priority scores are used for the allocation of Principal Forgiveness (PF) funds. PF funds, as applicable, are also detailed on the Funding List.

Find the Funding List and Intended Use Plan (IUP) on the "Project Lists" tab of our webpage, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html#tabx2>.

The IUP identifies the allocation methodology for principal forgiveness funds. The IUP was modified to reflect a comment received on the use of unemployment data in the affordability criteria. Based on the comment, we modified the methodology to use the most recent 12 months of unemployment data available rather than the most recent month. Learn more about affordability criteria and PF allocation methodology at <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/Guide/PF.html>.

CWFP applications can be submitted throughout the funding year as long as a valid Intent to Apply (ITA) is on file. Applications received after September 30 for SFY 2016 funding, will be added to the Funding List as loan-only funding (loan funding without principal forgiveness). The CWFP Funding List will be updated as new, complete applications are received.

Reminder: CWFP loan closings require the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) to be signed within 8 months following the date of the application acceptance letter. Please work with your assigned Project Manager to coordinate your loan closing date.

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Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities

Submitted by David Pawlisch

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funding to states through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In turn, states provide CDBG funds to local governments to support their housing, community and economic development activities.

In Wisconsin, the program is administered by the Department of Administration (DOA). DOA handles all CDBG application and contract management activities including the disbursement of grant funds.

CDBG - Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)

The State of Wisconsin offers several CDBG tools that can benefit rural communities of 50,000 or less in population. One of those tools is the CDBG - Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) program, <http://doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development/CDBG-PF-Program-Overview>.

Grant awards to communities are based on an annual application and competition. These funds help support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Some examples of eligible projects include:

- streets,
- drainage systems,
- **water and sewer systems,**
- sidewalks, and
- community centers.

Materials & submission instructions are located at <http://doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development>.

**This past August,
thirty-three (33) communities
received grant awards.**

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Welcome New Project Manager, Nicole Mathews

Please welcome Nicole Mathews to Environmental Loans! We're pleased to announce that Nicole will be filling the vacancy left by Maureen Hubeler, who retired earlier this year.

Nicole will be starting in mid-November and will serve as the disbursement and close-out specialist as well as a loan project manager. Nicole is new to the program, so please have patience as she learns its intricacies.

As a former DNR Grant Manager, Nicole has project management experience from simultaneously working on three (3) different grant programs. Previously, she was the Finance Manager for The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Colorado Chapter.

Nicole has the following degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- BBA in Finance
- BA in Spanish Literature and Language
- MS in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development



We're excited to have Nicole's financial expertise and conservation knowledge join our program!

Eligibility of Water Storage Tank Painting

Painting a water storage tank is frequently a high-cost, sometimes complex, undertaking. The following clarifies the eligibility of costs incurred for painting the interior and/or exterior of either ground storage or an elevated tank for a water system.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) can provide financial assistance for water tank painting, whether it is applying the coating as part of construction of a new water storage tank or putting a new coat of paint on an older tank. Like all other construction work financed through the SDWLP, any tank painting work must be properly procured in compliance with Wisconsin statutes, and comply with applicable federal requirements (i.e. Davis Bacon wage rates, Use of American Iron and Steel, etc.).

Details of Eligibility:

- Painting of the interior and/or the exterior of a water storage tank is eligible.
- Eligible coating systems may be for a new tank, an overcoating of an existing tank, or a complete rehabilitation of the coating, including lead paint removal and new coat application.
- Tank painting may be combined in one project with other tank rehabilitation activities, such as improving safety and security at the tank, improving structural integrity, or upgrading SCADA to keep the tank communicating properly with the rest of the water system.
- Tank painting is considered construction and must be procured properly, in compliance with applicable state statutes.
- For projects receiving loan-only funding from the SDWLP, a municipality may use loan funds for having a mural or decorative lettering painted on the tank, when part of a tank painting or tank building project.
- For projects receiving principal forgiveness from the SDWLP, DNR will require an estimate of the cost of any decorative painting in comparison to the estimated cost of block lettering of the municipality's name. When determining the total eligible principal forgiveness amount, if the cost of decorative painting is higher than the cost of block lettering, the DNR project manager will deduct the cost difference from the total project cost before applying the percentage of principal forgiveness for which the municipality is eligible. In other words, the municipality may receive loan funding for the decorative painting, but the SDWLP will not provide principal forgiveness for that portion of the project.

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