

	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants Funds for Small and Disadvantaged Communities (BIL EC-SDC) <i>Last updated: August, 2023</i>	Fall 2023
Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023. Applications may be submitted at: https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/Fall2023DWIFunding		

What types of projects can this program fund?

Construction projects or planning projects addressing any Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Water systems serving small and disadvantaged communities as defined by the state under SDWA 1452(d) that lack the capacity to incur debt.

Who can apply for this funding?

“Small” public water systems, serving a population of less than 10,000 individuals and that the Administrator determines does not have the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance the project or activity.

“Disadvantaged communities” as defined by the state under SDWA 1452(d) and described in the Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

How much funding is available this round?

- Approximately \$30 million funds to supplement BIL-DWSRF-EC Construction/Study funds to be used by small/disadvantaged systems over next two years
- A portion of these funds will be used for Department identified activities to help small/disadvantaged systems address PFAS contamination

What are the interest rates and funding limits and for my LGU for PFAS projects?

- All BIL EC SDC funds will be 100% PF and will not have a repayable loan portion of the funds
- \$5 million for DW- EC construction projects per applicant per round
- \$500,000 for DW-EC planning projects per applicant per round

What other information should I know about the EC funds?

- Projects seeking EC-SDC funds must use the same common application and applicable priority rating systems.
- Claim applicable EC eligible priority rating line items and all other eligible line items.
- EC –SDC eligible projects will also be considered for BIL DWSRF-EC funds and base SRF funds.
- EC applications will have two prioritization scores. One score for EC funds only and another score for base funds.
- If a project qualifies for EC- SDC funds and scores high, it will be considered for EC-SDC funds, BIL-SRF-EC funds or DWSRF Base funds in this order.