

**Division of Water Infrastructure Announces
Fall 2022 Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Funding Application Training at Six
Sites Statewide: (Asheville, Valdese, Kernersville, Pembroke, Williamston,
Raleigh)**

The Division of Water Infrastructure in the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality announces training on completing applications for water/wastewater/stormwater funding for the Fall 2022 funding round. All applications must be received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2022. Application training for the following funding programs will be offered from August 2 to August 10 at the locations indicated in the chart below.

- **The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) will provide up to 100 percent grant funding for drinking water and wastewater projects in the following programs, as described in the [ARPA Administration Plan](#):**
 - **Viable Utility Reserve:** Funding is available to all local government units (LGUs) designated as distressed by the State Water Infrastructure Authority and the Local Government Commission. Grants can be used for infrastructure and study grants listed in NC GS 159G-32(d)(1)-(5).
 - **State Reserve Program construction projects:** Funding is available to LGUs categorized as at-risk and for at-risk projects as described in the ARPA Administration Plan. Construction projects may address non-compliance, regionalization, resiliency, asset rehabilitation/replacement, replacing failing infrastructure, connecting residences in disadvantaged areas to water and wastewater systems, and many other infrastructure needs.
 - **State Reserve Program study grants:** Funding is available to all LGUs and non-profit water corporations for the following study grants.
 - **Asset Inventory and Assessment grants:** to inventory the existing water and/or wastewater systems and document the condition of the inventoried infrastructure.
 - **Merger / Regionalization Feasibility grants:** to determine the feasibility of consolidating the management of multiple utilities into a single utility operation or to provide regional water/wastewater treatment, and the best way of carrying out the consolidation or regionalization.
 - **Pre-Construction Planning grants:** to conduct engineering, design, or other pre-construction activities. Pre-construction planning grants can be issued separately, or as part of a construction project.
 - **Grants for rate studies and training may be included in applications for construction projects or other study grants.**
- **The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) will provide 100 percent grant funding for stormwater projects through the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investment (LASII):** Funding is available to cities or counties, and regional Councils of Government and non-profit entities partnering with cities and counties, to improve or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity and quality. This is the first funding application round ARPA Stormwater grants have been available. The finalized ARPA administration plan for stormwater funding will be available during Fall 2022 application training and online. Stormwater funding is available for:
 - **Planning grants:** to conduct research or investigative studies, alternatives analyses, the preparation of engineering concept plans or engineering designs, and similar activities intended to help an eligible entity determine the best solutions for the entity's stormwater

- quality or quantity issue and to engineer and permit the solutions. Nature-based solutions are also allowed.
- **Construction grants:** to develop and implement a new stormwater utility or stormwater control measure (SCM), the rehabilitation of existing SCMs, the retrofitting of existing stormwater conveyances to provide SCMs for quantity and quality control purposes, the installation of innovative technologies and/or nature-based solutions.
 - **The State Revolving Funds will provide low-interest loans (including principal forgiveness loans) for wastewater and drinking water projects. In addition to the SRF funds typically available, this is the first round of funding that will use Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) general supplemental funds. SRF funds are available in the following programs:**
 - **Clean Water State Revolving Fund:** This program funds wastewater, stormwater, and green projects. It is available to all local government units and non-profit water corporations.
 - **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:** This program funds drinking water projects. It is available to all local government units, non-profit water corporations, and investor-owned water corporations. A portion of the funds are reserved for small water systems.
 - **Community Development Block Grant- Infrastructure:** This program funds wastewater and drinking water projects. It is available to counties and municipalities and offers grants up to \$2 million per applicant every three years.

Schedule of Fall 2022 Application Training Sessions

If you are considering applying for funding related to any of the available programs listed above, the Division encourages you to attend a training session listed below. All training sessions contain the same content. One location (Raleigh) will include a virtual option and its recording will be made available online. There is no registration cost. If you cannot attend training, Division staff can meet on an individual basis. Application materials will be available on the [Division website](#) before training begins. Please **RSVP** to jennifer.haynie@ncdenr.gov (919.707.9173) at least a week prior to the session you plan to attend. Please provide your name, organization, email, phone number, and the location you plan to attend.

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, Asheville, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (35 seats available)
Land-of-Sky Council of Governments 339 New Leicester Highway, # 140, Asheville, NC 28803
Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Valdese, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (50 seats available)
Old Rock School (Waldesian Room) 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690
Thursday, August 4, 2022, Kernersville, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (40 seats available)
Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments 1398 Carrollton Crossing Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284
Monday, August 8, 2022, Pembroke, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (40 seats available)
Lumber River Council of Governments 30 C.J. Walker Road /COMtech Park, Pembroke, NC 28372
Tuesday, August 9, Williamston, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (40 seats available)
NC Telecenter, 415 East Boulevard # 130, Williamston, NC 27892
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, Raleigh, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (50 seats available)
Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604 Virtual option (via WebEx) also available for this training only, and a recording of this session will be available on the Division website after the session.

WebEx Instructions for online listening:

<https://ncdenrits.webex.com/ncdenrits/j.php?MTID=m9c8f72506e6394611ad726ae147a5957>

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