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**New Stormwater Funding Program & Fall 2022 Application Process:
Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII)**

*Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Infrastructure*





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Agenda



- Overview
- New LASII Stormwater Funding Program
- Fall 2022 Application Process

Division of Water Infrastructure

Administers low-interest loans and grant funding programs for:



Drinking water infrastructure



Wastewater infrastructure



Stormwater infrastructure

CWSRF green projects: stormwater, reclaim water, stream restoration, energy efficiency

Pre-construction planning

Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) grants

Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) grants

Stormwater planning

Developing and Implementing a New Stormwater Utility

Applications and SWIA

Twice/year applications for funding.

Applications scored based on Priority Rating Systems that are approved by the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA).

Funding decisions made by SWIA.

State of North Carolina's ARPA Funding for Infrastructure – February 2022

NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure's Plan to Administer American Rescue Plan Act's State Fiscal Recovery Fund Appropriated in the State Budget for Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Projects

Last updated February 3, 2022.

This document describes the plan for administering the appropriated State Fiscal Recovery Fund as grants for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects.

Summary:

The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$1.69 billion from the state's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater investments in Sections 12.13 and 12.14 of the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021 (S.L. 2021-180). The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) will administer approximately \$1.6 billion as grants for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems in North Carolina, which excludes amounts that will be transferred to other agencies and up to 3% in administrative costs. The funds, some of which are appropriated for specific projects, are divided into different Reserves to be administered by the Division, shown in the table below, following statutory and budgetary requirements. In addition, federal requirements for the use of American Rescue Plan Act appropriations will apply. All funds must be expended by December 30, 2026.

NC DEQ Fund or Reserve	Purpose	Allocated directly for specific local governments and public entities (earmarked), approx.	Approximate remaining for grant funding (non-earmarked)
Viable Utility Reserve	Grants for water and wastewater systems that have been designated as distressed by the State Water Infrastructure Authority and the Local Government Commission, for the purposes set forth in subdivisions (1) through (5) of G.S. 159G-32(d).	\$89.7 million	\$353.0 million
Drinking Water Reserve and Wastewater Reserve (State Reserves)	Project construction grants for public water systems and wastewater systems NC DEQ categorizes as at-risk of becoming distressed .	\$116.6 million	\$191.3 million
	Project construction grants for public water systems and wastewater systems not designated as distressed or categorized as at-risk .	\$614.8 million	\$54.1 million
	Grants for asset inventory and assessments, rate studies, merger/regionalization feasibility, training, and planning grants to conduct project engineering, design, or other preconstruction activities.	\$0	\$77.6 million
Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund	Grants for local governments for projects that will improve or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity or quality.	\$18.5 million	\$82.0 million
Total		\$839.6 million	\$758.0 million
		Total funds: approx. \$1.6 billion	

SL 2021-180 appropriated \$1.69 billion in State's ARPA funds to water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, to be administered by NC DEQ.

Division of Water Infrastructure posted an ARPA Administration Plan in February 2022 on its website, under "I Need Funding"

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding>

For new LASII stormwater funding program, Plan specified a timeline to applications by Fall 2022.

Timeline for LASII Stormwater Funding

2022	Activity
January – June 3	Developed Draft Priority Rating Systems for stormwater construction and planning and Draft Administration Plan with public input and SWIA; published for public comment
July 14	SWIA reviewed >130 public comments and approved final Priority Rating Systems
August	Fall 2022 application materials posted; conducted “How to Apply” training (Aug. 2 – 4; Aug. 8 – 10); training recording posted
September 30	Fall 2022 application deadline (1st round)
2023	Activity
February	SWIA awards Fall 2022 LASII stormwater grants
<i>May 1</i>	<i>If LASII funds available, Spring 2023 application deadline for stormwater projects (2nd round)</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>If LASII funds available, Authority awards Spring 2023 stormwater grants</i>
Future application rounds will be used to award remaining funds, if available	

New: Administration Plan for LASII

Supplements ARPA Administration Plan with more details specific to the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Funding.

Posted August 2022 on Division of Water Infrastructure's website, on the "Stormwater Funding" page:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/stormwater-funding-program>



New Stormwater Funding Program

Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Program- ARPA funds Available In Fall 2022 Funding Round- (Aug. 16 Webinar information available here)

NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure's Plan to Administer American Rescue Plan Act's State Fiscal Recovery Fund Appropriated in the State Budget for Stormwater Projects

(Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund)

Last updated August 15, 2022.

This document describes the administration plan for administering the appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Fund as grants for stormwater projects from the newly-created Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) fund. The plan includes eligibility requirements, Priority Rating Systems to evaluate stormwater grant applications, and grant limits.

Summary

The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$1.69 billion from the state's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater investments in Sections 12.13 and 12.14 of the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021 ([S.L. 2021-180](#)).

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NC DEQ's) Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) will administer approximately \$100.5 million for stormwater projects in the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments fund, which excludes three percent of the appropriated amounts that may be used for administrative costs. The fund amounts, following statutory and budgetary requirements, are shown in the table below. In addition, federal requirements for the use of American Rescue Plan Act appropriations will apply. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

NC DEQ Fund	Purpose	Allocated directly for specific local governments (directed projects), approx.	Approximate remaining for grant funding (undirected funds)
Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund (ARPA stormwater grants)	Grants for local governments for projects that will improve or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity and quality	\$18.5 million	\$82.0 million
		Total funds: approx. \$100.5 million	

Administration plan for ARPA grants for directed projects

Approximately \$18.5 million has been directly allocated by the General Assembly to 11 recipients for stormwater projects in Section 12.14 of the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021. The grants are subject to eligibility and federal and statutory requirements and will be processed on a reimbursement basis. Following S.L. 2022-43, directed grant recipients must provide a complete Request for Funding form with a budget describing a project that is eligible for funding under applicable federal and State law no later than June 30, 2023. Directed allocations that are in excess of the budgets for eligible projects included in Request for Funding forms will revert to the Department on July 1, 2023.



New LASII Stormwater Funding Program

- Eligibility
- Types of Grants
- Grant Limits
- Priority Rating Systems

What is LASII?

Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments

Grants for cities and counties for projects that will improve or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity and quality.

New funding program.

Currently funded by the State's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding:

\$103.6 million appropriated to LASII, of which approximately \$82 million is available for competitive funding.

Eligibility: Session Law 2021-180 Section 12.14

Who is eligible to apply

- Cities (i.e.: municipalities, including towns, villages)
- Counties
- Councils of Government or non-profit entity *if* partnering with city or county on LASII stormwater project

Eligibility requirements

- Must document a stormwater quality or quantity issue
 - Statement of issue, map/narrative identifying location and watershed, and (if available) photos/articles of issue
- Must demonstrate significant hardship raising revenue to finance stormwater management activities
 - At least 1 out of 5 economic indicators worse than state benchmark, or
 - Project almost entirely directly benefits disadvantaged area, or
 - Project creates a new stormwater utility with Enterprise Fund
- Details in the LASII Administration Plan

Types of LASII Grants

Construction grants

- Development and implementation of new stormwater control measures (SCM) or rehabilitation of SCMs
- Restoration of streams, wetlands, buffers and estuaries
- Retrofitting existing stormwater conveyances to provide for quantity/quality control
- Installation of innovative technologies or nature-based solutions
- Development and implementation of a new stormwater utility

Planning grants

- Research or investigative studies
- Alternatives analyses
- Preparation of engineering concept plans or engineering designs
- Similar activities to determine best solutions to stormwater quantity or quality issues and to engineer / permit solutions
- Nature-based solutions

What Are “Nature-Based Solutions”?

S.L. 2021-180, Section 12.14.(h)

“Nature-based solutions” are sustainable planning, design, environmental management, and engineering practices that weave natural features or processes into the built environment to store, infiltrate, and treat water by enlisting natural features and processes in efforts to promote resilience, reduce flood risks, improve water quality, protect coastal property, restore and protect wetlands, stabilize shorelines, and add recreational space.

Available LASII Grant Funds

Amount available is approximately \$82 million

- Approx. \$57.4 million for construction
 - Grants for development and implementation of a new stormwater utility are paid from LASII construction funds
- Approx. \$24.6 million for planning
- SWIA may award all in the Fall 2022 funding round, or split funding into two rounds

LASII Grant Limits

Construction grant limits

- \$5 million per applicant per cycle
- \$7.5 million per grant per cycle IF two or more units of local government work together on the same project

Planning grant limits

- \$400,000 per applicant per cycle
- \$500,000 per grant per cycle IF two or more units of local government work together on the same project

Develop and Implement New Stormwater Utility grant limits

Grant amount dependent upon number of LGU economic indicators worse than the state benchmark

- If 0, 1, or 2 LGU indicators worse than state benchmarks, maximum is \$400,000
- If 3, 4, or 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmarks, maximum is \$500,000
- LGU indicators: percent poverty, median household income, unemployment, population growth, per-capita appraised property values



Stormwater Construction Project Priority Rating System (PRS)

- Project Purpose: 35 points
- Project Benefits: 30 points
- System Management: 10 points
- Affordability: 25 points

Maximum points = 100

Construction Project PRS – Project Purpose

Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Purpose Points will be awarded for <u>only one</u> Project Purpose: 1.A or 1.B or 1.C	Points
1.A	More than 50 percent of the construction cost of the project will be used to create new stormwater control measures (SCMs) or to improve, retrofit, repair, rehabilitate or replace existing SCM infrastructure to control stormwater quality	
1.A.1	Proposed SCMs are nature-based stormwater solutions, OR	35
1.A.2	Proposed SCMs are not nature-based stormwater solutions	25
1.B	Restoration of streams, wetlands, buffers, or estuaries to control stormwater quality	25
1.B.1	Project includes restoration of a first order stream and includes stormwater infiltration SCMs	2 (additional points)
1.B.2	Project includes restoration of permanent riparian buffers to at least 30 feet on both sides of the stream	2 (additional points)
1.C	More than 50 percent of the construction cost of the project will be used to create or improve, retrofit, repair, rehabilitate or replace existing stormwater infrastructure to control stormwater quantity	25
Maximum points available for Category 1 – Project Purpose		35

Construction Project PRS – Project Benefits

Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Points
2.A	Water Quality Improvement	
2.A.1	Project <u>directly benefits</u> subwatersheds that are impaired as noted on the most recent final version of the Integrated Report, OR	15
2.A.2	Project <u>directly benefits</u> specific classified waters (Hqw, ORW, Tr, SA, UWL, PNA, AFSA, SAV, WS I, WS II, WS III, WS IV), OR	10
2.A.3	Achieves at least 35% reduction in both Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP) in Nutrient Sensitive Waters, OR	10
2.A.4	Achieves at least 35% reduction in both Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP) in Non-Nutrient Sensitive Waters, OR	5
2.A.5	Directly benefits a NC Natural Heritage Program natural area	3
2.B	Flood Reduction	
2.B.1	Increases public safety by improving the applicant’s ability to access and operate critical infrastructure during flood events such as water and/or wastewater treatment infrastructure, schools, hospitals, and/or emergency response facilities, including NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Evacuation Routes, OR	15
2.B.2	Reduces structural flooding in habitable structures or improves ability to access habitable structures during a flood event, OR	8
2.B.3	Reduces street flooding	5

Construction Project PRS – Project Benefits

Line Item #	Category 2 – Project Benefits	Points
2.C	By working together, <u>two or more units of local government</u> improve stormwater quality and/or quantity control through collaborative efforts that are necessary in order to accomplish the project	10
2.D	Project has been identified through a local or regional resilience planning process that included a vulnerability assessment for future conditions and long-term strategies for addressing flooding, sea level rise, or other environmental changes	3
2.E	Includes an innovative stormwater project to address stormwater quantity, or as described in the “Innovative Stormwater Program FAQs” section of the current NC Land and Water Fund Innovative Stormwater Program Manual to address stormwater quality	5
2.F	Includes a public education component such as signage describing the function of the stormwater quality or quantity infrastructure	1
Maximum points available for Category 2 – Project Benefits		30

Construction Project PRS – System Management

Line Item #	Category 3 – System Management	Points
3.A	Local Planning	
3.A.1	Applicant has developed or is developing a local flood resiliency plan, watershed plan, stormwater management plan, stream restoration plan, or estuary restoration plan, and the proposed project is included in the plan, as of the date of application, OR	5
3.A.2	Applicant has implemented an Operation and Maintenance Plan for stormwater infrastructure which includes inspections, repairs, and maintenance, as of the date of application	3
3.B	Applicant has a current Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that spans at least 5 years and proposed project is included in the CIP	2
3.C	Stormwater Utility	
3.C.1	Applicant has established or is developing or implementing a Stormwater Utility with a Stormwater Enterprise Fund, OR	5
3.C.2	Applicant has established or is developing or implementing a Stormwater Management Program without a Stormwater Enterprise Fund	3
Maximum points available for Category 3 – System Management		10

Construction Project PRS – Affordability

Line Item #	Category 4 – Affordability	Points
4.A	Population	
4.A.1	Population is less than 10,000, OR	3
4.A.2	Population is greater than or equal to 10,000 but less than 20,000	2
4.B	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators	
4.B.1	1 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	4
4.B.2	2 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	6
4.B.3	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	8
4.B.4	4 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	10
4.B.5	5 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark	12
4.C	Project benefits disadvantaged areas: 50 percent or more of the total project cost will benefit disadvantaged areas	10
Maximum points available for Category 4 – Affordability		25
Maximum Points Available for All Categories for Stormwater Construction Project		100



Stormwater Planning Project Priority Rating System (PRS)

- Project Benefits
- System Management
- Affordability

Maximum points = 52

Planning Grant – Example Types of Projects

Purpose may include but is not limited to:

- Develop and implement a stormwater utility
- Stormwater rate or fee development
- Stormwater asset inventory and assessment
- Stormwater modeling (hydrologic and hydraulic)
- Regionalized stormwater planning/management
- Engineering concept plans or designs
- Develop planning documents such as:
 - Watershed plan
 - Stormwater management plan/program
 - Restoration plan for streams, wetlands, buffers or estuaries
 - Stormwater infrastructure O&M plan
 - Stormwater capital improvement plan (CIP)

Planning Project PRS – Project Benefits

Line Item #	Category 1 – Project Benefits	Points
1.A	Link between challenges and how the study will help address the challenges	Range from 0 – 5
1.B	How the study will be used to develop and prioritize future projects that address the challenges	Range from 0 – 3
1.C	Study will investigate new procedures to implement, add to, or make improvements to at least one (1) of the six (6) Stormwater Minimum Control Measures	2
1.D	Study is a collaborative effort with other local government units which is necessary to accomplish the goals of the study	3
1.E	Study will evaluate potential projects that will benefit: a subwatershed that is impaired as noted on the most recent final version of the Integrated Report; specific classified waters (HQW, ORW, Tr, SA, UWL, PNA, AFNA, SAV, WS I, WS II, WS III, WS IV); Nutrient Sensitive Waters such that the project will achieve at least 35% reduction in both Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP); or a NC Natural Heritage Program natural area	2
1.F	Study will evaluate nature-based solutions to address the identified stormwater quality or stormwater quantity issue	2
1.G	Study will investigate the applicability of an innovative stormwater project to address stormwater quantity, or as described in the “Innovative Stormwater Program FAQs” section of the current NC Land and Water Fund Innovative Stormwater Program Manual to address stormwater quality	2
1.H	Study will evaluate potential projects that will address flooding, sea level rise, or other environmental changes with the goal to decrease vulnerability to future conditions	1

Planning Project PRS – System Management

Line Item #	Category 2 – System Management	Points
2.A	At least one person working for or with the applicant is designated as responsible for stormwater management and provides at least 0.5 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) on stormwater management activities	1
2.B	Status of implementing results of previous planning study or studies	1
2.C	Level of applicant’s staff involvement in planning project development and implementation	1
2.D	Applicant has already adopted a stormwater management plan for the study area or by the completion of this project will have adopted a stormwater management plan for the study area	4
2.E	Stormwater Utility and Stormwater Enterprise Fund	
2.E.1	Applicant has a Stormwater Utility and a Stormwater Enterprise Fund, OR	4
2.E.2	Applicant has a Resolution to develop and implement a Stormwater Utility and a Stormwater Enterprise Fund	5

Planning Project PRS – Affordability


Line Item #	Category 3 – Affordability	Points
3.A	Population	
3.A.1	Population is less than 10,000, OR	2
3.A.2	Population is greater than or equal to 10,000 but less than 20,000	1
3.B	Local Government Unit (LGU) Indicators	
3.B.1	1 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	2
3.B.2	2 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	4
3.B.3	3 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	6
3.B.4	4 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark, OR	8
3.B.5	5 out of 5 LGU indicators worse than state benchmark	10
3.C	Project benefits disadvantaged areas	8
Maximum Points Available for All Categories for Stormwater Planning Project		52



Fall 2022 Application Process

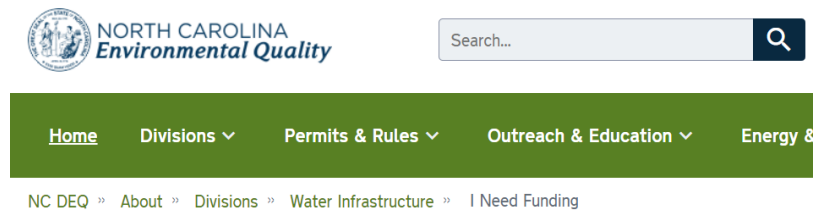
Fall 2022 LASII Stormwater Grant Applications

All application materials can be found on Division's website <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure> under “**I Need Funding**” → “Application Forms and Additional Resources”: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding/application-forms-and-additional-resources>



I Need Funding

Don't miss our Webinar (Tues., Aug. 16 at 2:30 p.m.) introducing our new stormwater funding program for Fall 2022 utilizing ARPA funding. Info and WebEx instructions available here. Fall 2022 Funding Application Training was conducted at six locations statewide, August 2-10. Application training materials are available here. The Fall 2022 funding application deadline is Sept. 30, 2022, including the first availability of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stormwater funding. The division provides low-interest loans & grants for local governments & certain other non-profit entities for water &



The screenshot shows the North Carolina Environmental Quality website. At the top left is the logo for North Carolina Environmental Quality. To the right is a search bar with the text "Search...". Below the logo and search bar is a green navigation bar with the following links: Home, Divisions (with a dropdown arrow), Permits & Rules (with a dropdown arrow), Outreach & Education (with a dropdown arrow), and Energy & Environment (with a dropdown arrow). Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: NC DEQ » About » Divisions » Water Infrastructure » I Need Funding.

I Need Funding

[Apply for Fall 2022 Water, Wastewater or Stormwater Funding](#)

How and By When to Apply

Complete application forms and provide supporting documentation by application deadline.

Slides from and recording of “How to Apply Training” are on “Application Forms and Additional Resources” page. **Highly recommend watching the video for all LASII stormwater funding applicants.**

- How to Complete the Application Forms
- LASII Stormwater Funding (Eligibility and Priority Rating Systems)

Application submittal deadline – Sept. 30, 2022 at 5 PM

Applicable Forms for LASII Applications

[Common Forms](#)

[Priority Rating Systems, Guidance Documents](#)

[CDBG-I Additional Forms](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

[Common Forms](#)

[Priority Rating Systems, Guidance Documents](#)

[CDBG-I Additional Forms](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

Common Forms for Applications

[Fall 2022 Application for Funding](#) (To apply for water, wastewater and stormwater funding, start with this form.)

[Fall 2022 Resolutions by Governing Bodies for Funding](#) (Required in all applications)

[Fall 2022 Water and Wastewater Grant Eligibility and Affordability Calculator](#) (8/9/22)

[Fall 2022 LGU Indicator Calculator for Stormwater Funding Eligibility](#) (8/9/22)

[Fall 2022 Water & Sewer Financial Information Form](#)

[Fall 2022 Fund Transfer Certification Form](#) (for water and wastewater applications only, excluding CDBG-I applications and stormwater applications)

[Fall 2022 Stormwater Funding Eligibility Certification Form](#) (For LASII funding only)

Priority Rating Systems (PRS) Forms and Guidance Documents

[Fall 2022 Drinking Water and Wastewater PRS and Guidance](#) (For construction and pre-construction planning projects)

[Fall 2022 CDBG-I PRS and Guidance](#)

[Fall 2022 Stormwater Construction and Planning PRS and Guidance](#) (For LASII)

[Fall 2022 Asset Inventory & Assessment PRS and Guidance](#)

[Fall 2022 Merger Regionalization Feasibility PRS and Guidance](#)

[Fall 2022 Supplemental Guidance for Additional Consideration](#) (Section 7 of application form)

These are the forms relevant to the LASII applications

LASII Fund Entity Eligibility Certification Form

Complete this Form First to Determine if Eligible

Required for All LASII Applications – Ineligible for Funding if not Included

See Guidance Document and Entity Eligibility Form for Instructions

***** This Entity Eligibility Certification Form MUST be included in the Application Package for Stormwater Funding from LASII *****

Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Fund Entity Eligibility Certification Form (Stormwater Eligibility Form)

1. Document a Stormwater Quality or Stormwater Quantity Issue

(Required by Session Law 2021-180 Section 12.14.(d)(i))

- A. Provide a narrative that describes the stormwater quality issue and/or stormwater quantity issue, based on historic or projected precipitation, and how the proposed project will be used to address the issue.

2. Demonstrate that the Applicant would Experience a Significant Hardship raising the Revenue Necessary to Finance Stormwater Management Activities within its Jurisdiction. (Required by Session Law 2021-180 Section 12.14.(d)(ii))

Select the method to demonstrate significant hardship below:

- Applicant Will Rely on Item 2.A: LGU Indicators or Benefits to Disadvantaged Areas,

OR


- Applicant Will Rely on Item 2.B: Develop and Implement a New Stormwater Utility

LASII Entity Eligibility Certification Form Signature


Please Note: Original signatures are required for each Certification Form

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Application for Funding



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Infrastructure
Application for Funding
(Last updated: July 2022)



1. General Information

Applicant Name	County	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
Project Name	Federal Tax ID #	PWSID or NPDES # (if applicable)

Applicant Type <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer District <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary District	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Water Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Council of Government or Non-Profit Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Partnering with Municipality or County for LASII Stormwater Project <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify: _____)	Funding Amount Requested Total Project Cost
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Funding Type(s) Requested

<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water or Wastewater Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) <input type="checkbox"/> Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) Study <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Construction Planning Grant (without construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Planning Grant (LASII) <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and Implement a New Stormwater Utility (LASII)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Project <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater <input type="checkbox"/> CWSRF Green Project: stream restoration, stormwater SCM, reclaimed water <input type="checkbox"/> CDBG-Infrastructure (CDBG-I) <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Construction (LASII)
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CDBG-I only:
 LMI Determination Method: ACS Survey LMI Percentage: _____

Acceptance of Funding Offer (for Construction Projects only)
 These questions will be used to identify the best funding fit. Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CDBG-I is available as grants, and principal forgiveness is available from the State Revolving Funds.

- I am willing to accept funding that includes federal conditions. Yes No
- I will only accept a funding offer (loan and/or grant) if a minimum of \$_____ is offered as a grant or principal forgiveness. *Enter \$0 if you are willing to accept a loan offer with no grant or principal forgiveness.*
- Because of the potential hardship related to a State Revolving Fund and/or State Reserve Program loan, this application seeks to replace the \$_____ loan awarded to the Insert Project Name (Insert project number) with grant funding. *Note: loans that have already received disbursements are not eligible.*

2. Drinking Water and Wastewater System Parameters (Not applicable for stormwater projects)

Residential Sewer Connections	Residential Water Connections
Non-Residential Sewer Connections	Non-Residential Water Connections
Monthly Sewer Bill per 5,000 gallons	Monthly Water Bill per 5,000 gallons

Year	Percentage of Utility Bills Collected	Rate Increase Percentage

Application for Funding form: Page 1 of 8

- One application for all Division funding programs
- All sections must be completed unless specified otherwise
- Follow the attached Instructions
- Each application is viewed as stand-alone
- If applying for Stormwater Construction *and* Stormwater Planning, submit separate applications

Application for Funding – LASII Funding Types

1. General Information		
Applicant Name []	County []	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) []
Project Name []	Federal Tax ID # []	PWSID or NPDES # (if applicable) []
Applicant Type	Funding Amount Requested []	Total Project Cost []
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer District <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewer Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary District	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Water Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Council of Government or Non-Profit Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Partnering with Municipality or County for LASII Stormwater Project <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify: [])	
Funding Type(s) Requested		
Drinking Water or Wastewater Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) <input type="checkbox"/> Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) Study <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Construction Planning Grant (without construction)	Construction Project <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater <input type="checkbox"/> CWSRF Green Project: stream restoration, stormwater SCM, reclaimed water <input type="checkbox"/> CDBG-Infrastructure (CDBG-I) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Construction (LASII)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Planning Grant (LASII) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop and Implement a New Stormwater Utility (LASII)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> CDBG-I only: LMI Determination Method: LMI Percentage: <input type="checkbox"/> ACS <input type="checkbox"/> Survey [] </div>	

Resolution by Governing Body: Needed with Application

Resolution(s) by Governing Body to be Included in Applications for Funding Offered by the NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure

(Last updated: July 2022)

As part of the funding application process, you are required to submit resolutions that must be approved by your governing board at the time of application. Depending on your situation and number and types of applications you are submitting, you may need to submit multiple resolutions, or you can combine your required resolutions into one that covers all of the relevant clauses. Please see the table below to determine which resolution(s) you need to complete, depending on the type of project/funding application you are submitting.

Type of Project/Funding Application Type	Resolution to Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinking water construction (<i>not CDBG-I</i>)• Wastewater construction (<i>not CDBG-I</i>)• CWSRF Green Project• Stormwater construction• Water or wastewater pre-construction planning• Stormwater planning (<i>not for developing and implementing a new stormwater utility</i>)• Water or wastewater Asset Inventory or Assessment (AIA)• Water or wastewater Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDBG-I projects only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDBG-I Project Resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and implement a new stormwater utility only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution to Develop and Implement a New Stormwater Utility with Stormwater Enterprise Fund

Application Submittal – Electronic (New!)

Upload and submit application documents online:

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/OPA-ARPA>

DWI Application for Funding - NCDEQ DWI

1. General Information | 2. Application File Uploads | Help Info and Submit

Grants and low-interest loans are available for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects, both construction and planning. Complete your application form and required documentation using the Division's forms [application page](#) and then use this online submission page to upload your application and all documents. This portal does not substitute for filling out the Application for Funding form, which you are required to do and upload on the next tab. Applications are due September 30, 2022 by 5:00pm.

Part A. ⬆

General Information

Applicant Name ⌵
(Please choose Other if name is not in list.)*

County* ⌵

Project Name*

Funding Type* ⌵

- Electronic submittals only accepted
- Upload completed application forms and supporting documents
- File size limit: 250 MB/file
- Documents uploaded individually

How to Apply Training

Watch the recorded “How to Apply Training” video on the Application Forms and Additional Resources webpage:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding/application-forms-and-additional-resources>

- How to Complete the Application Forms
- LASII Stormwater Funding (Eligibility and Priority Rating Systems)

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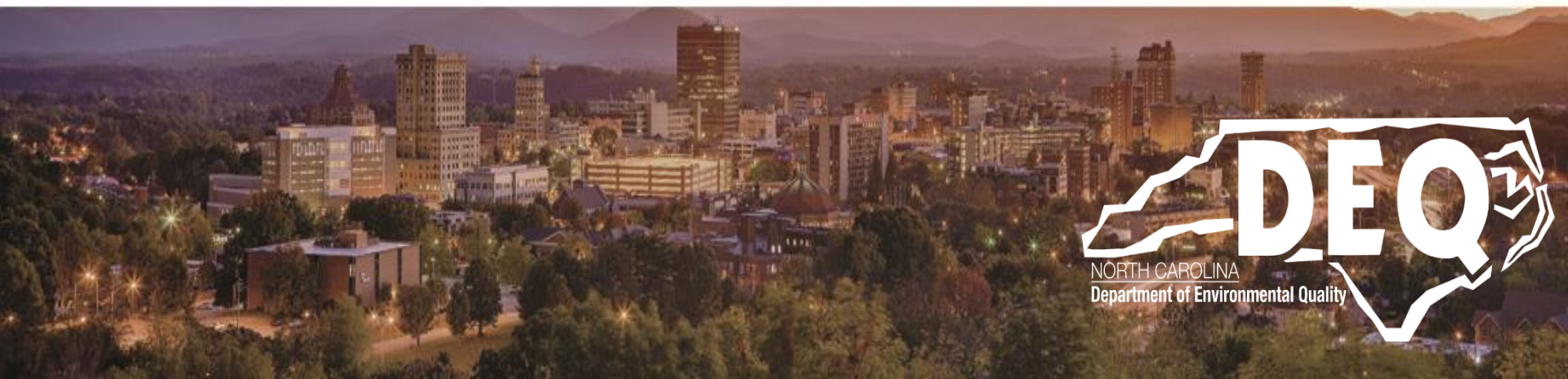
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