



Louisiana Water and Wastewater Funding and Financing Resources, July 2026

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Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) <i>Wastewater, Stormwater, Nonpoint</i>	✓			Eligible applicants include: - Counties, cities, and towns - Tribal governments	Louisiana's Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program offers below-market-interest loans to communities for construction, repair, or upgrade of wastewater treatment works and/or collection systems as well as non-point source projects including stormwater management and many other water quality improvement projects.	To apply: - It is suggested that applicants meet with staff prior to any submissions so all questions can be answered first. - To apply, please submit an RF-100 pre-application and the La Water/Wastewater Joint Funding Committee (LWWFJC) Intent to File Application, with the resolution and other required information. - Mail or email completed forms.	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Email: cwsrf@la.gov Phone: 1-866-896-LDEQ
Louisiana Department of Health	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) <i>Water</i>	✓	✓	✓	Eligible applicants include: - Local governments - Federally recognized tribal governments - Nonprofit organizations - For-profit community water systems	The Louisiana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funds infrastructure projects that protect public health and maintain federal compliance. Eligible projects include upgrading treatment facilities to remove contaminants and replacing or repairing distribution pipes to prevent leaks and maintain water pressure. Funding is also available for constructing finished water storage tanks, drilling new wells or source intakes, and physically consolidating or interconnecting separate water systems. The program covers targeted projects designed to identify and replace lead service lines or treat emerging contaminants like PFAS.	See the DWSRF Loan Application Package . - To be considered for a DWRLF loan, a water system must first submit a completed Loan Application Package to LDH-OPH. - Upon receipt of all loan applications, LDH-OPH lists all eligible projects in Louisiana's annual funding plan for the DWRLF Program.	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	Email: LDH-OPH-DWRLF@la.gov Phone: 225-342-7499
Communities Unlimited	Water & Wastewater Loans <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Local governments - Nonprofit organizations *Must serve a significant amount of low-income customers, have a population of less than 20,000, be able to repay the loan or have evidence of permanent take out financing and will accept no-cost technical assistance if it improves your ability to repay.	Communities Unlimited provides financing to small, rural communities and tribal nations for water and wastewater projects. Flexible funding options include pre-development loans, interim financing, construction loans for system improvements and equipment loans.	To begin the application process, submit your contact information on the "let's talk" section.	Water & Wastewater Loans	Phone: (479) 443-2700



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Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Community Development	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓			Eligible applicants include: Parishes, cities, and towns	The Public Facilities Program funds infrastructure projects such as sewer systems, potable water systems and street improvements that benefit communities. The Economic Development Program provides grants to eligible recipients for infrastructure improvements that assist for-profit businesses.	See the Program Cycle Information Memo for an overview of important dates and scoring criteria. Application packages are available on the website.	Community Development Block Grant	Email: ocd@la.gov Phone: 225-219-9600
	Water Sector Program <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Cities, towns, parishes - Independently governed water/wastewater districts - Non-profit community water system	The Water Sector Program was created to provide grant funding for repairs, improvements, and consolidation of community water and sewer systems around the state.	See the Program Cycle Information Memo for an overview of important dates and scoring criteria. - See the Program Portal Instructions. - Fill out the User Access Form. - Apply using the Program Portal.	Water Sector Program	
	Community Water Enrichment Fund <i>Water</i>	✓			Eligible applicants include: All municipalities and parishes within LA that are identified by the DS Department of Housing and Development as non-entitlement communities	Funding to aid units of local government for the purpose of rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems. Reasonable engineering costs are also eligible, limited to 10 percent of the grant award for basic engineering services associated with construction and three percent for inspection services.	All applications, except for emergencies, are accepted via the online portal .	Community Water Enrichment Fund	
	Local Government Assistance Program <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓			Eligible applicants include: All municipalities and parishes within LA that are identified by the DS Department of Housing and Development as non-entitlement communities	Eligible activities include fire protection, sewer and water improvements, renovations to essential government buildings, police protection, land acquisition, demolition, equipment, roads, drainage and reasonable engineering costs. Engineering costs are limited to 10 percent of the grant award for basic engineering services associated with construction and three percent for inspection services.	All applications, except for emergencies, are accepted via the online portal .	Local Government Assistance Program	



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USDA Rural Development	Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program <i>Water, Wastewater, Stormwater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program provides funding for 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 with populations less than 10,000, as well as Tribal lands in rural areas.	Speak to your local RD office before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.	Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program	Louisiana Local RD Office: Contact Page Louisiana State Office Phone: (318) 473-7920
	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program assists low-income communities and federally recognized tribes with initial planning and development of an application for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee program.		Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning	
	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants <i>Water</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Rurally located public bodies - Nonprofit organizations - Federally recognized tribes - Grants are also awarded when a significant decline in quality and quantity of water is imminent.	Prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Water transmission line grants to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water.		Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	
	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grants (SEARCH) <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Most state and local governmental entities - Private nonprofits - Federally recognized tribes	This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Rural areas with a population of 2,500 or less.		SEARCH Grants	
	Water and Wastewater Disposal Revolving Fund <i>Water, Wastewater</i>		✓		Eligible applicants include: Non-profits that have: - Legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund. - Financial, technical and managerial capacity to comply with state/federal laws and regulations.	This program helps qualified nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.		Water and Wastewater Disposal Revolving Fund	



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National Rural Water Association	Rural Water Loan Fund <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Public municipalities and counties - Special-purpose districts, - Native American Tribes, Corporations not operated for profit, including cooperatives with up to 10,000 population, and rural areas with no population limits.	Short-term costs incurred for the replacement of equipment, service extensions, or other small capital projects that are not part of regular operations and maintenance for drinking water and wastewater projects. - Pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects - Replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital projects - Energy efficiency to lower costs and improve system sustainability	- Fill out application and gather all required supporting documents: - Income, expense and capital budgets for two (2) years. - Most recent audit report - Legal opinion that the borrower has the legal authority to incur the debt. - Names of officers, address, telephone numbers and terms of office - Submit your application by mail	National Rural Water Association	Email: nrwarwf@nrwa.org
Delta Regional Authority	States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) <i>Water, Wastewater</i>	✓	✓		Eligible applicants include: - Local governments - Federally recognized tribal governments - Nonprofit organizations	States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) provides direct investments for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, and workforce development.	See the program summary before starting the application process. Applicants are encouraged to contact their Local Development District for additional information as well as for assistance in developing their applications. Technical questions about the NOFA should be directed to sedap.cif@dra.gov . Applications are Accepted via the online portal .	States' Economic Development Assistance Program	Email: info@dra.gov Phone: 225-219-9600
	Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) <i>Water, Wastewater, Stormwater</i>	✓	✓			The Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) complements the States' Economic Development Assistance Program as a primary investment tool for DRA. Investments support projects that address flood control, basic public infrastructure, and transportation infrastructure improvements.	See the program summary before starting the application process. Applicants are encouraged to contact their Local Development District for additional information as well as for assistance in developing their applications. Technical questions about the NOFA should be directed to sedap.cif@dra.gov . Applications are Accepted via the online portal .	Community Infrastructure Fund	

