



FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WITH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND

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WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAMS ARE THERE?

PROGRAMS:

- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program funds infrastructure that protects public health, improves water quality or promotes alternative water supply projects.
- The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program funds infrastructure projects that are intended to facilitate compliance with the requirements in the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Springs Grants fund projects are land acquisition or capital projects that protect the quality and/or quantity of water from springs.
- Water Quality Improvements Grants fund projects that improve water for waters that are not attaining nutrient or nutrient-related standards.
- Non-Point Source Grants fund projects that improve water quality through groundwater protection, stormwater BMPs, agricultural BMPs, nonpoint source education, septic to sewer connections



WHAT IS THE STATE REVOLVING FUND?

- Provide low interest loans for drinking water, wastewater and storm water facilities.
- Revolves using loan repayments, investment earnings and bond proceeds.
- Approximately \$250 million available annually.



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



Drinking Water distribution and treatment



Wastewater collection and treatment



Stormwater



Reuse



SRF ELIGIBLE SPONSORS

CWRF:

- Local governments and authorities are eligible for loans to control wastewater, stormwater and non-point source pollution.
- Non-governmental parties are eligible for loans to control stormwater pollution related to agricultural operations.

DWSRF:

- All cities, counties and authorities.
- Private drinking water systems.



LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT FUNDING

In addition to the regular Capitalization Grant and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Supplemental:

- Lead Service Line Inventory to be completed by Oct. 16, 2024.
- Eligible Projects:
 - Lead service line inventory.
 - Replacement of lead service lines.
- 49% in principal forgiveness for lead service line inventory.
- At least 49% principal forgiveness for replacement.
- 0% finance rate.
- Request for Inclusions (RFI) can be submitted anytime.
- More information on website:
 - <https://floridadep.gov/wra/srf/content/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-and-srf#DWSRF-LSL>

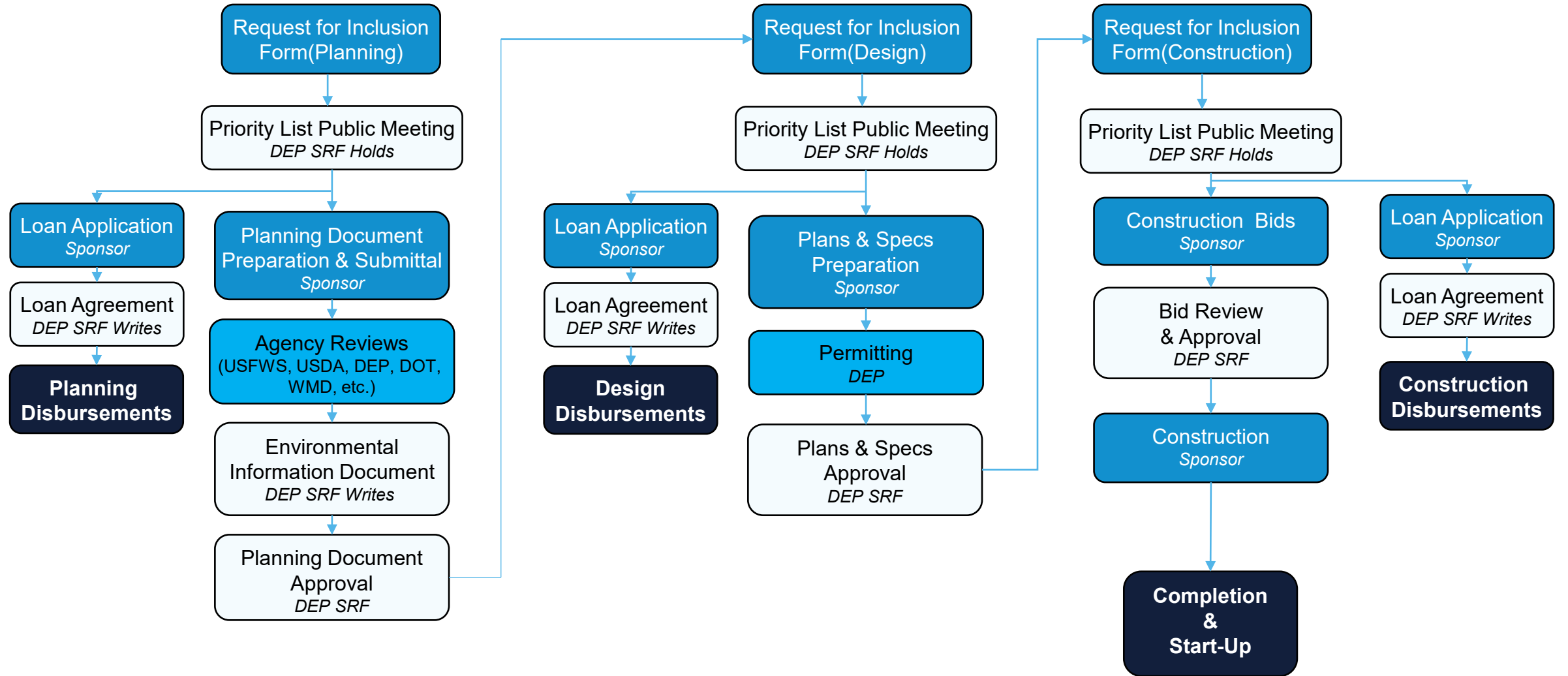


TYPES OF AVAILABLE LOANS

- Planning Loan.
- Design Loan.
- Planning/Design Loan (DWSRF only).
- Construction Loan.

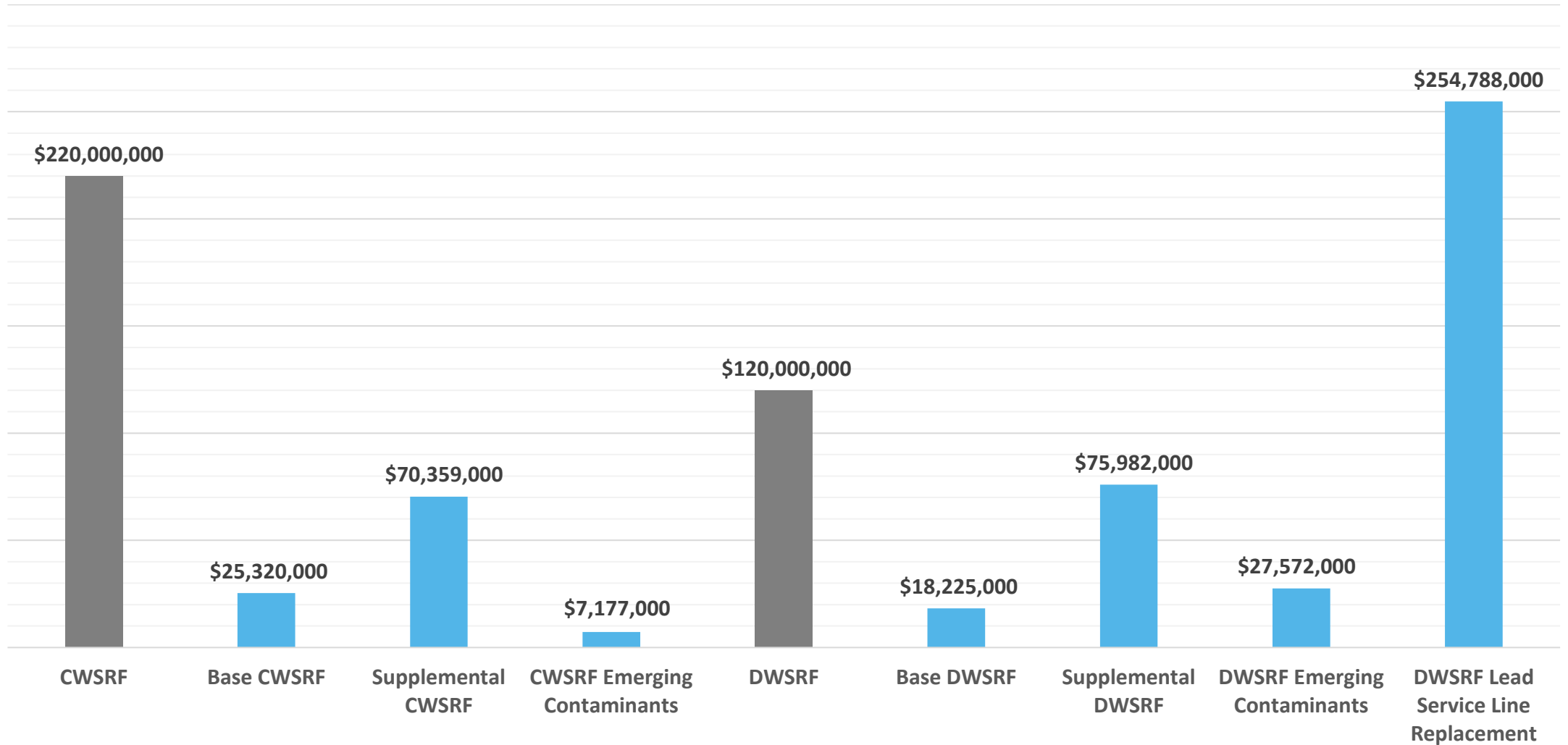


STATE REVOLVING FUND CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROCESS





BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW





BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA) ACT

- Effective May 14, 2022.
- Equivalency Projects – All Federal \$\$\$.
- New awards and increases.

Buy American Preference:

1. All iron and steel (AIS).
2. All manufactured products.
3. All construction material.

Waivers:

1. Public interest waiver.
2. Nonavailability waiver.
3. Unreasonable cost waiver.

BABA Implementation Guidance:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/M-22-11.pdf>



WHAT IS BABA?

Under the Build America, Buy America Act, none of the Federal funds made available to a financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.



BABA COVERED ITEMS

IRON AND STEEL

- Items that are predominantly iron or steel, unless another standard applies under law or regulation.
- All manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, must occur in the United States.

MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

- Manufactured in the United States.
- Cost of components that are mined, produced or manufactured in the United States must be greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product.



BABA COVERED ITEMS

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

INCLUDES:

- Non-ferrous metals.
- Plastic and polymer-based products (including PVC, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables).
- Glass (including optic glass).
- Lumber.
- Drywall.

EXCLUDES:

- Items made primarily of iron and steel.
- Manufactured products.
- Cement and cementitious materials.
- Aggregates such as stone, sand or gravel.
- Aggregate binding agents / additives.



BABA WAIVERS

BABA WAIVER AUTHORITY

- Pursuant to Section 70914(c) of BABA, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may waive Buy America preference where EPA finds that:
 - Applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest (a “*public interest waiver*”).
 - Types of iron, steel, manufactured products or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality (a “*non-availability waiver*”).
 - Inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent (an “*unreasonable cost waiver*”).



BABA WAIVERS

BABA WAIVER TYPES

- Project Specific Waivers:
 - Made in America Office (MAIO) reviews requests after 15-day public comment period.
- General Applicability (aka National) Waivers:
 - MIAO requests review before the public comment period.
 - Must be reviewed every 5 years.



DIVISION OF WATER RESTORATION ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING

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SPRINGS GRANTS

SPRINGS GRANT SUBMITTAL PROCESS:

Project proposals are submitted to the corresponding jurisdictional Water Management District

- WMDs begin solicitation in late fall to early winter
- Projects are evaluated by the WMD and reviewed by the Governing Board at a public meeting
- Project proposals sent to DEP in May





SPRINGS GRANTS (CONT.)



ABOUT THE SPRINGS GRANT:

Annual state appropriation. Typically, \$50 million.

Eligible projects are land acquisition and capital projects that protect the quality and/or quantity of water from springs:

- **Agricultural Best Management Practices.**
- **Wastewater.**
- **Water Conservation.**
- **Hydrologic Restoration.**
- **Stormwater.**
- **Other types of Water Quality and Quantity**



SPRINGS GRANTS (CONT.)



SPRINGS GRANT EVALUATION:

- DEP consolidates list of proposed projects and posts for public comment.
- DEP will review and make recommendations.
- Factors considered in evaluating projects:
 - Nutrient reductions.
 - Water savings.
 - Cost sharing.
 - Readiness to proceed.
 - Whether project is in BMAP area.
 - Whether project impacts spring that has an MFL.
- Springs awards were announced in early December 2022.



WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

- Established under 403.0673, F.S. (Formerly the Wastewater Grant).
- To be eligible for funding, a project must improve the quality of waters that:
 - Are not attaining nutrient or nutrient-related standards.
 - Have an established total maximum daily load.
 - Are located within a BMAP or a reasonable assurance plan area adopted by final order, an accepted alternative restoration plan area or located within a rural area of opportunity.
- Project proposals may be submitted through the Protecting Florida Together portal (opening this summer).





WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Septic to sewer projects.
- Wastewater treatment facility improvements that result in improvements to surface water or groundwater quality.
- Stormwater treatment projects.
- Projects that qualify as a cooperative agricultural regional water quality improvement element as part of a basin management action.
- Where central sewerage is not available, retrofitting OSTDS to upgrade such systems to enhanced nutrient-reducing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems or other equivalent wastewater system that achieves 65% reduction in total nitrogen
- BMAP projects.



NONPOINT SOURCE GRANTS

Nonpoint Source Management: EPA 319(H) Nonpoint Source Grant

Federal Grant through the U.S. EPA:

- Construction, education and monitoring.
- 40% match requirement, may use state grant/loans towards match.
- Planning and design may be eligible for match.
- May take two years to receive grant award.

Eligibility:

- Water quality improvement/restoration
- Groundwater protection
- Stormwater BMPs
- Agricultural BMPs
- Nonpoint source education
- Septic to sewer connections





NONPOINT SOURCE GRANTS (CONT.)

State grant for projects that reduce stormwater pollutant loadings in impaired waterbodies:

- “Shovel ready” construction projects.
- No required match.
- No required water quality monitoring.
- Fast application to grant award date.





NONPOINT SOURCE GRANTS (CONT.)

Grant proposals for 319 and SWAG grants are accepted throughout the year:

- Contact Nonpoint Source Program grant coordinator, Connie Becker at 850-245-2945 or Connie.L.Becker@FloridaDEP.gov for a copy of the latest grant proposal form.
- Department review and evaluation periods are expected to occur in September/October and March/April of each year.
- If funding is available, grant awards may be awarded out of cycle.



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

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