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# **S44: Ecology's Water Quality Grants and Loans Funding Programs Overview**

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# Organization

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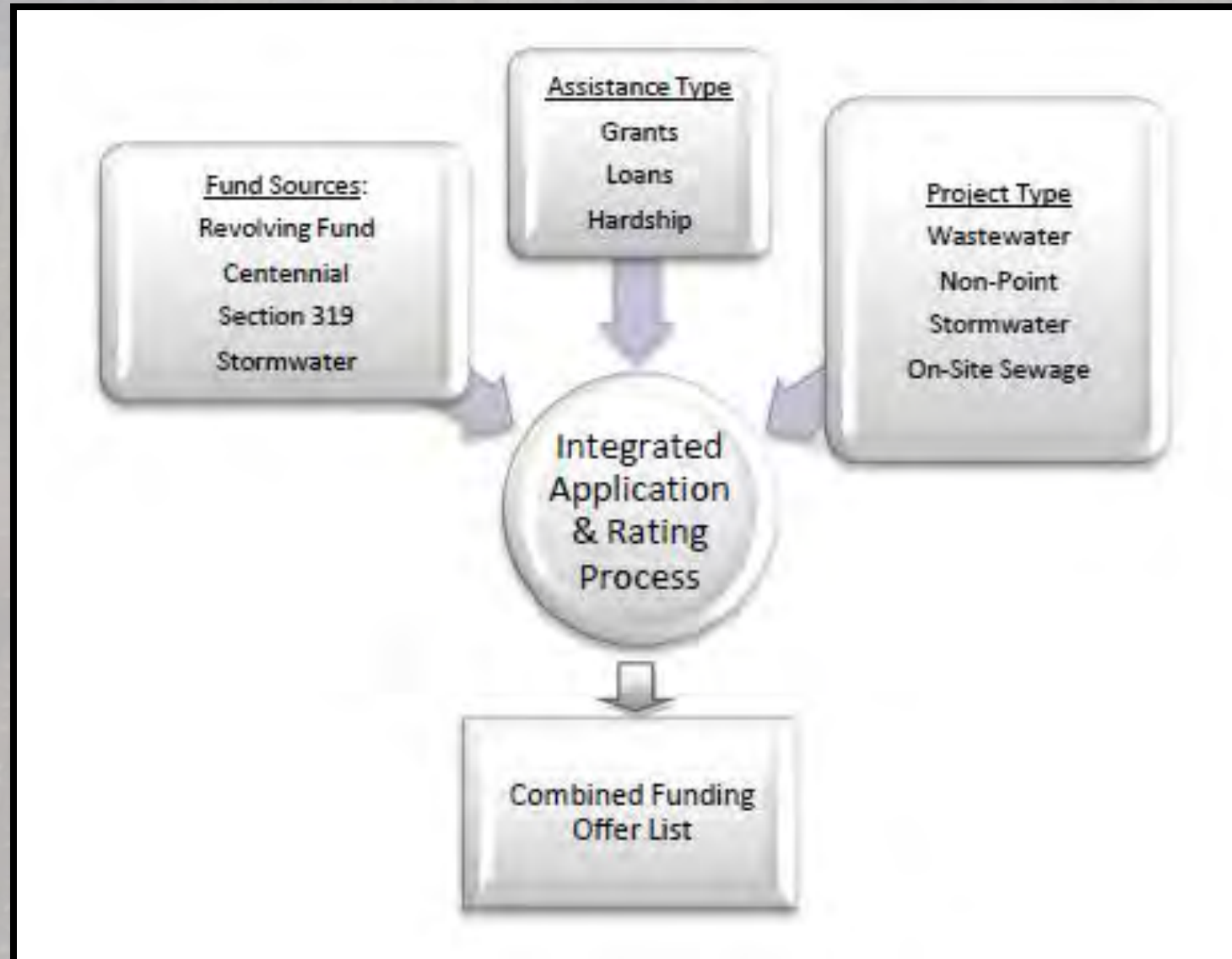
## ■ Rating Process

# Abbreviations Used

- **BMPs = Best Management Practices**
- **Centennial = Centennial Clean Water Program**
- **CSO = Combined Sewer Overflow**
- **CWSRF (or SRF) = Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
- **EAGL = Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans**
- **GPR = Green Project Reserve**
- **I/I = Infiltration and Inflow**
- **LOSS = Large Onsite Sewage System**
- **MHI = Median Household Income**
- **MR = Market Rate for Tax-exempt Municipal Bonds**
- **OSS = Onsite Sewage System**
- **RLP = Regional On-Site Sewage System Loan Program**
- **SAW = Secure Access Washington**
- **SFAP = Stormwater Financial Assistance Program**
- **SFY = State Fiscal Year**
- **WQC = Water Quality Combined Program**



# Water Quality Combined Program (WQC)



# Infrastructure Funding Sources

<b>Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (aka, Clean Water State Revolving Fund) (CWSRF)</b>	<b>Loans</b>
<b>Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP)</b>	<b>Grants</b>
<b>Centennial Clean Water Program (Centennial)</b>	<b>Grants</b>



# CWSRF

- Low interest rate loan program
- Funded through:
  - Federal grant
  - 20% state match
  - Repaid principal & interest
- Funds facility & activity projects
- Eligible applicants:
  - Public bodies



# SFAP

- Grant program
- Funded from state sources
- Funds stormwater projects
- Eligible applicants:
  - Cities, counties, port districts





# Centennial

- Grant program
- Funded from state sources
- Funds hardship wastewater facility construction & nonpoint source pollution control activity projects
- Eligible applicants:
  - Public bodies



# Public Bodies Eligible to Apply

- Local governments
- Federally recognized tribes
- Special purpose districts



# Categories of Eligible Infrastructure Projects

- Wastewater facilities
- Stormwater facilities
- Onsite sewage systems (OSS)
- Special subcategories:
  - Financial hardship
  - Facility preconstruction
  - Green Project Reserve (GPR)

# Wastewater Facilities

■ Eligible for CWSFR & Centennial (hardship-only)

■ Examples:

➤ Planning & design (preconstruction)

➤ Construction

- Upgrades, expansion, new
- Collection sewers & pump stations
- Infiltration & inflow (I&I) correction
- Combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement
- Large onsite systems (LOSS)
- Reclaimed water facilities

➤ Land acquisition to site a facility or for land treatment





# Stormwater Facilities

■ Eligible for CWSRF & SFAP

■ Examples:

➤ Planning, design, & construction of facilities to treat water from existing hard surfaces – Retrofit

➤ Planning, design, & construction of facilities to treat water from new development or redevelopment

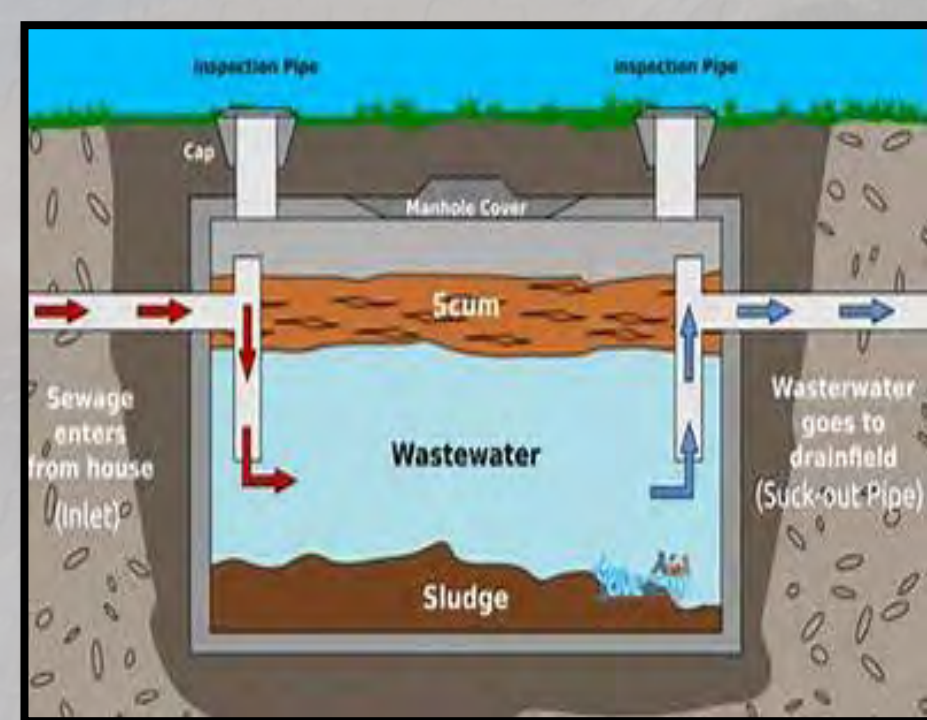
• Eligible for CWSRF-only





# OSS Local Loan Programs

- Eligible for CWSRF & Centennial
- For repair & replacement of residential & small commercial systems
  - “Small commercial” = flow of <3,500 gallons per day
- Regional On-Site Sewage System Loan Program (RLP)





# Ineligible Projects

- Non clean water projects (e.g., roads, bridges, drinking water infrastructure)
- Exclusively industrial projects, unless:
  - Publicly-owned industrial wastewater treatment facility reducing the burden on a municipal wastewater treatment facility
    - Eligible for CWSRF-only
  - Publicly-owned industrial stormwater best management practices (BMPs)
    - Eligible for SFAP-only
- Water quantity
- Projects solely for flood control
- Operation, maintenance, & repair costs



# CWSRF & Centennial: Hardship—Wastewater Construction

- For wastewater construction projects in smaller, financially challenged communities
- Criteria:
  - $\leq 25K$  people
  - Sewer fees for existing residential ratepayer  $\geq 2\%$  of median household income (MHI) without subsidy
- Subsidy options:
  - Centennial grant
  - Forgivable loan
  - Further reduced interest rates
- Subsidy for existing residential need
  - Standard loan for rest of project





# Request for Hardship Projects Information

- Centennial funding over the past few biennia has decreased
- Ecology's requests are based on historic demand, but appropriations have been much less
- Ecology needs documentation on demand to include in our Funding Offer Lists and support our biennial budget requests
- Emma Kluzniok may be contacting some communities requesting additional or new information

# CWSRF & Centennial: Preconstruction Hardship



## ■ For wastewater/stormwater facility projects in small, less affluent communities

- Value planning
- Comprehensive sewer planning
- Feasibility studies
- Site-specific facility planning
- Value engineering
- Environmental review
- Pre-design reports & design plans and specs

## ■ Criteria for funding:

- $\leq 25K$  population
- $MHI \leq \text{State MHI}$

## ■ Criteria for hardship (50% forgivable loan or grant):

- $\leq 25K$  population
- $MHI \leq 80\% \text{ State MHI}$





# SFAP: Hardship

## ■ Criteria:

- Service area population  $\leq 25K$
- MHI  $\leq 80\%$  State MHI

## ■ Subsidy:

- Match reduced from 25% to 15%

# CWSRF & Centennial: Hardship—OSS

- For loan repair & replacement programs
- A combination of grants & subsidized loans
  - Grants up to \$500K
  - Final interest rate ↓ if loans to homeowners with incomes <80% of county MHI





# GPR

- EPA requires 10% of the federal grant for CWSRF be directed to GPR projects

- Must be eligible for CWSRF funding, willing to accept a loan, & meet EPA's criteria for:

- Green Infrastructure
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Efficiency
- Environmentally Innovative

- May receive 25% forgivable loan



# Funding Available per State Fiscal Year (SFY)

Funding Source	Average SFY11-SFY21	SFY21
CWSRF Loans	\$116 million	\$130 million
SFAP Grants	\$36 million	\$30 million
Centennial Grants	\$18 million	\$5 million



# Funding Set-asides

## CWSRF Loans

Facility Construction	75%
Facility Preconstruction	5%
Nonpoint Activity	20%
Forgivable Loans	10% of grant
Green Project Reserve	10% of grant

## SFAP Grants

Stormwater	100%
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## Centennial Grants

Wastewater Hardship	33.3%
Nonpoint Activity	33.3%
Competitive	33.3%

# Funding Caps

<b>CWSRF Loans</b>	
<b>Facility Construction</b>	<b>50% of category</b>
<b>Facility Preconstruction</b>	<b>20% of category</b>
<b>SFAP Grants</b>	
<b>Stormwater Projects</b>	<b>\$5 million per applicant</b>
<b>Centennial Grants</b>	
<b>Wastewater Facility Hardship</b>	<b>\$5 million per project</b>



# Match Requirements

<b>CWSRF Loans – Any project</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>SFAP Grants – Non-hardship</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>SFAP Grants – Hardship</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Centennial Grants – OSS loan programs</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Centennial – Wastewater hardship</b>	<b>None</b>

# CWSRF Standard Interest Rates

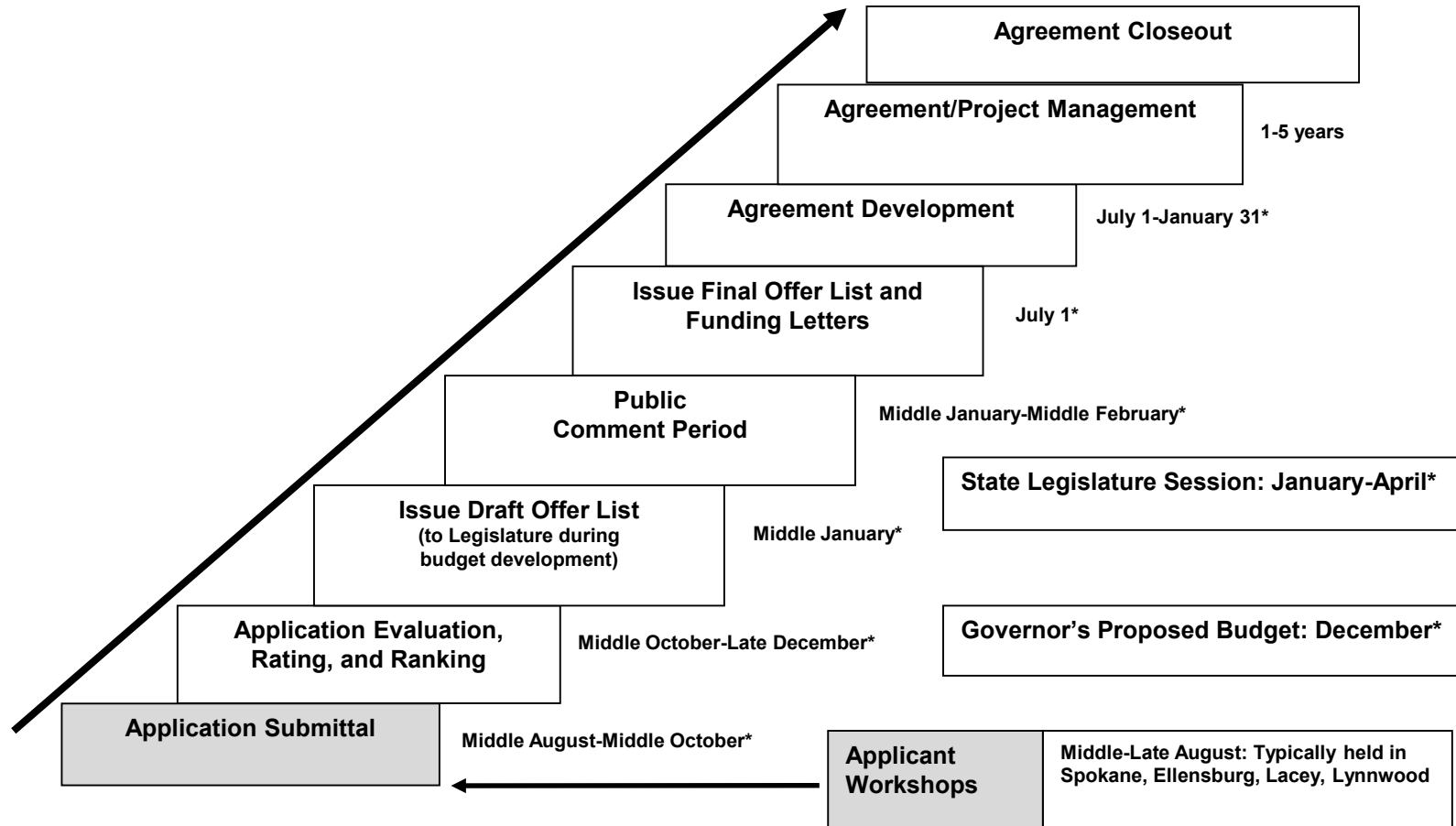
- Based on market rate (MR) for tax exempt municipal bonds

<b>5 year loans = 30% of MR</b>
<b>20 year loans = 60% of MR</b>
<b>30 year loans = 80% of MR</b>



# Annual Funding Cycle

## Annual Water Quality Funding Cycle Process Steps



\* Estimated Dates

# Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) Secure Access Washington (SAW)

How we operate ▾

- Budget & strategic planning
- Legislative requests
- Grants & loans**
  - Find a grant or loan
  - Grant & loan guidance
- Laws, rules, & rulemaking
- Scientific services
- Contracts & bidding opportunities
- Make a payment
- Partnering with the EPA
- Tribal relations

## Grants & loans

We manage grants and loans that benefit the health of our land, air, and water. This page is your gateway to Ecology grant and loan funding opportunities and guidance for managing your grant or loan.

I want to...

- Find a grant or loan

### Applying for or managing a grant or loan

You can apply for and manage most grants and loans in EAGL, Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans system. To use EAGL, you must:

1. Have a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account
2. Register as an EAGL user

See the options below to set up a SAW account and register in EAGL.

If you manage a grant or loan that is not in EAGL, please visit our page for [guidance and links to information not in EAGL](#).

Current EAGL users

New EAGL users with a SAW account

New SAW and EAGL users

If you already have a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account for other government services, do not create a new account to access EAGL.

Go to [Secure Access Washington !\\*](#) to create a SAW account, then follow the instructions below.

You may not "share" a SAW account with another person or organization.

1. Create your SAW account and wait for a confirmation email.
2. Click the confirmation link in the email and log back into SAW. You will automatically be directed to the EAGL system.
3. If you are registering your organization in EAGL for the first time, you will need this information:
  - [Statewide Vendor Number !\\*](#)
  - DUNS (Dun & Bradstreet) Number
  - Federal tax ID
4. Complete the EAGL registration page in the system.
5. You'll know you completed the process when you receive a system-generated email, letting you know that Ecology will activate your EAGL registration within three business days.

[Watch a YouTube video showing how to create a SAW account !\\*](#)

## ■ Must register for SAW and EAGL

➤ Process can take 3 days

➤ Video tutorial is available

## ■ Link to EAGL through SAW



# WELCOME

to your login for Washington state.

SecureAccess Washington

SIGN UP GET HELP TIPS ON

### LOGIN

USERNAME

DanielThompson

PASSWORD

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SUBMIT

[Forgot your username?](#)
[Forgot your password?](#)

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# Rating Criteria & Points

	Points Available	Points Required
Funding Request	0—15	---
Scope of Work	0—75	---
Task Costs/Budget	0—135	---
Project Team	0—65	---
Project Planning and Schedule	0—160	---
Water Quality and Public Health Improvements	0—500	250
Financial Hardship	0 or 50	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>0—1,000</b>	<b>600</b>

# For Additional Information

## ■ WQC Home:

- <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-Combined-Funding-Program>

## ■ Funding Cycles:

- <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-Combined-Funding-Program/WQC-funding-cycle>

## ■ Grants and Loans Resources:

- <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-grants-and-loans/General-resources>

## ■ Water Quality Grants and Loans ListServ:

- <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?SUBED1=ECY-WQ-GRANTS-LOANS&A=1>