

Summary Notes for WQ Financial Assistance Program Updates

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Draft SFY 2023 Funding List published in January:

- Ecology is proposing grant and loan funding for 117 projects for a total of \$364,731,762. The total includes \$310,818,652 from CWSRF, \$33,333,601 from SFAP, \$19,000,000 from Centennial, and \$1,579,509 from Section 319 Integrated use of new federal CWSRF funding.
- Draft List link: [2210001.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

Table 7: SFY23 Summary of Allocation of Funds

Category	Projects	CWSRF Standard Loan	CWSRF FP Loan	SFAP Grant	Centennial Grant	Section 319 Grant
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Activity	40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,394,333	\$1,579,509
Onsite Sewage System	3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$702,388	\$0
Stormwater Activity	8	\$0	\$0	\$1,612,026	\$0	\$0
Stormwater Facility	39	\$636,978	\$44,832	\$31,721,575	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Facility-Hardship	5	\$30,254,021	\$2,514,466	\$0	\$8,903,280	\$0
Wastewater Facility	18	\$264,497,965	\$7,884,619	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wastewater Facility-Refinance	4	\$4,985,772	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	117	\$300,374,736	\$10,443,916	\$33,333,601	\$19,000,000	\$1,579,509
Total Funding	\$364,731,762					

- Included two new funding processes for public comment
 - Predesign ongoing application process
 - Phased ongoing funding commitment for small hardship community wastewater projects
 - Meets BIL intent to focus resources on affordability in disadvantaged communities
- Positive public comment and support of Financial Assistance Council (FAC)

Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grants

- Extended time and all but one applicant have submitted, will extend to ensure all can get application submitted.

State and Federal Budget Updates

- New CWSRF funds through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - \$33 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2022, 49% forgivable subsidy requirement
 - EPA BIL Guidance Memo provided earlier March
 - Waiting for Build America Buy America guidance OMB/EPA – should be April-May

- Federal Omnibus spending bill passed last month – keeps CWSRF base grant the same as prior years, but pulls 25% of the overall funding for direct earmark projects – still waiting for details from EPA.
- State Funding- 2022 Supplemental
 - Authority for 4 added CWSRF FTE – technical and financial assistance support
 - \$4 million additional operating funds for Local Government Stormwater Capacity Grants to assist municipal stormwater permittees – Working on how we distribute to maximize outcomes.
 - \$1 million to develop a Stormwater [Community Based Public Private Partnership](#) pilot
 - Focus is to implement CBP3s and performance-based contracts to more effectively achieve stormwater and community objectives

SFY 2023 Final List in May-June

- Implement new funding processes proposed in the Draft List
- Award of year 1 BIL funding over next year leading into the next fund cycle

Next fund cycle, SFY 2024, opens Aug. 2022 – closes Oct. 2022

- Outreach and marketing of the CWSRF resources to help ensure demand for funds is robust.
- Funding Application workshops planned for mid-late August 2022.