



Arkansas Department of Agriculture Water and Wastewater Funding Fact Sheet

The **Arkansas Department of Agriculture** (Department) has funding available for water and wastewater projects from both state and federal programs in the form of loans and loans with principal forgiveness. Principal forgiveness funding is dependent on federal grant awards to the Department.

Federal Funding

- Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund
- Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

State Funding

- Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fund
- General Obligation Bond
- Water Development Fund

Types of Projects

There are a variety of water and wastewater projects that may be funded through these programs, including:

- Public water supply, treatment, and distribution systems
- Water meter replacement
- Sewer collection and treatment systems
- Solid waste disposal
- Irrigation
- Erosion and sediment control

Eligible Entities

Entities eligible to submit applications for financial assistance include, but are not limited to, cities, towns, counties, public water authorities, and public facility boards.

Application Process

Step 1: Request Ranking on Project Priority List

All projects considered for Department funding must be included in the relevant project priority list. Projects are ranked to direct available resources to priority water quality-related needs in the state.

Step 2: Submit Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee Pre-Application

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we apply for a program?

Entities do not apply for the individual programs. A general funding application is submitted and reviewed by staff who determine which funding source is the most appropriate for the proposed project.

When should we apply?

Applications for loans are accepted year-round and must be completed and received at least 60 days prior to the next Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) meeting. Applications for loans with principal forgiveness are only approved once a year and must be completed before the deadline for the November ANRC meeting to be considered.



Project
Priority List
(PPL)



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application
deadlines

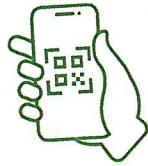


Application Process (cont.)

All entities requesting financial assistance for water and wastewater projects must complete the Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) pre-application form. The WWAC meets at the beginning of each month to review applications submitted by the 15th of the preceding month.



WWAC
Pre-Application



Step 3: Submit Department Funding Application and Current Signatory Authority Resolution

Funding applications must be submitted through **EnABLE**, a web-based financial management system. Applicants must also submit a **Signatory Authority Resolution** which tells the Department who the official representative of the entity will be for the project. Complete applications must be received at least **60 days prior** to the next ANRC meeting.



Department
Funding
Application

Step 4: Financial Analysis and Recommendation

Step 5: Approved by ANRC

Step 6: Community Accepts Financial Assistance



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the WWAC?

The WWAC, comprised of representatives from multiple state and federal agencies and nonprofits, makes recommendations on the appropriate funding source, which may not be Department funding.

How is eligibility determined?

To be eligible for principal forgiveness funding, an applicant's current or proposed base user rates for 4,000 gallons of water on an annual basis must be at least 1.5% of the median household income (MHI) for the project area or 1.25% of MHI if 51% of the customers are low to moderate income. The project being applied for must also be on the project priority list that is competitively scored based on established criteria.

Questions?

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