

COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER PROJECTS



OVERVIEW

The H2O PA Act was established by the General Assembly in July 2008. The Act provides for single-year or multi-year grants to municipalities or municipal authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm water projects. Act 54 of 2022 appropriated \$205.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the H2O PA – Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Program.

WHO CAN APPLY

Any of the following entities who will own the proposed project are eligible to apply for a grant.

- A Municipality includes any city, township, borough, town, county, or home rule.
- A Municipal Authority includes any authority created by a municipality pursuant to the act known as the "Municipal Authorities Act."

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, or rehabilitation of all or part of a water supply, sewage disposal, or storm water system which is owned and maintained by an eligible applicant.
- Consolidation or regionalization of two or more water supply systems, sewage disposal systems, or storm water systems which are managed or operated as an integrated system regardless of whether the system is physically connected.
- Infrastructure that reduces the amount of runoff that needs to be managed by traditional infrastructure.

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of all or part of a water supply system, sewage disposal system, and storm water system, including green storm water infrastructure, such as bioretention basins and rain gardens.
- Installation of security measures.
- Acquisition of land, rights-of-way, and easements necessary to construct an eligible project.
- Engineering design costs not to exceed 10% of the grant amount.
- Inspection costs related to the construction of an eligible project.
- Permit Fees.
- Costs to secure appropriate bonds and insurance.
- Administrative costs will include advertising, legal, and audit costs as well as documented staff expenses.
- Project contingencies associated with construction costs are limited to 5% of the eligible construction costs.

MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT

An eligible applicant shall provide matching funds of not less than 50% of the amount awarded under the H2O PA Program. The cash match may come from any other source including PENNVEST.

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2022 through December 21, 2022.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/covid-19-arpa-h2o-pa-water-supply-sanitary-sewer-and-storm-water-projects/>

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