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**DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND
2024 INTENDED USE PLAN
FOR THE
BASE, SUPPLEMENTAL & EMERGING
CONTAMINANT CAPITALIZATION GRANTS**



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DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING 2024 INTENDED USE PLAN

1. Introduction

As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the National Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) was reauthorized for \$3,000,000,000. These appropriations result in a Base FFY 2024 DWSRF Capitalization Grant (Base Grant) of \$4,661,000 (after Congressional Earmarks and Recissions). In addition to the Base Capitalization Grant, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will add a DWSRF Supplemental Capitalization Grant of \$22,985,000 and DWSRF Emerging Contaminants Grant of \$7,640,000. These funds will be available to Maine Public Water Systems after the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Program (DWP) has received these Grant awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This Intended Use Plan (IUP) is one portion of the documentation necessary for the State to obtain these Grants. This IUP outlines how Maine proposes to utilize these 2024 Grants to fund capital improvement projects and non-project activities (set-asides) and outlines the terms of all financial assistance offered by the Program.

The State of Maine had opted not to request the LSL Replacement BIL funds during the 2022 funding cycle. The DWP applied for \$20,000,000 during the 2023 funding cycle. The DWP will again opt not to request LSL BIL funds during the 2024 funding cycle due to lack of demand by Public Water Systems. Use of lead service lines was outlawed by the State of Maine in 1926 and as such need for replacement funds has to date been limited. 2023 funds will continue to be accessible to Public Water Systems for inventory activities and project needs as defined in the 2023 IUP. The DWP reserves the right to request the 2024 LSL BIL funds within the next year should demand necessitate.

Discussions in this Intended Use Plan will be divided into two categories as follows:

- 2024 Combined Base and Supplemental (BIL), and
- 2024 Emerging Contaminants (EC) Capitalization Grant (BIL).

When planning for the Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grants funding, after allocating funds for set-aside activities, the DWP will combine the remaining Capitalization Grant funds with the State Match funds, loan interest and repayments, and carry-over funds to determine the funds available for capital projects. These funds will be used to provide financial assistance for needed capital improvements to Maine's DWSRF eligible public water systems (PWSs).

For the Emerging Contaminants (EC) Capitalization Grants, the set-aside activities are budgeted as described in this IUP and the remaining funds from the Capitalization Grant will be available for projects which are placed on the EC Primary Project Lists. The DWP will accept applications for EC funds on a rolling basis as capital projects are developed.

The Program reserves the right to seek blended bond proceeds issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) to combine with these project funds, thereby further increasing the total amount of available project funds.

In 2024, the Program intends to distribute the project funds to the DWSRF-eligible projects, listed in the attached Primary Project Lists (Attachment F), which were ranked in accordance with the project

priority ranking system included in this Intended Use Plan (IUP). The Primary Projects will receive Award Letters which will include detail on which of the grants will be used to fund the projects. The DWSRF will continue to be jointly administered by the Program as the lead agency, and the MMBB as the financial administrator. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), included as Attachment C, outlines the administrative activities to be performed by each Agency.

The Program agrees to comply with DWSRF Regulations, the general grant regulations at 40 CFR Part 200, and specific conditions of the capitalization grant.

2. Short-Term and Long-Term Goals of the DWSRF in the State of Maine

2A. Short-Term Goals - Base, Base Reallotment & Supplemental Funds

The following list are the short-term goals of the DWSRF Base & Supplemental (BIL) funds.

- I. Provide the required 20% State Match within the required time frame for the Base DWSRF Capitalization Grant combined with the required 20% State Match for the Supplemental DWSRF Capitalization Grant.
- II. Provide loans to assist eligible Public Water Systems (PWSs) under enforcement actions to attain compliance by established deadlines with coordination between State DWSRF and enforcement programs and taking into consideration the needs of PWSs with multiple violations, including current compliance status and actions underway to address compliance.
- III. Provide loans to assist eligible PWSs to rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure to attain or stay in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).
- IV. Provide loans to assist eligible PWSs to:
 - a. Provide required treatment to improve drinking water quality in Maine.
 - b. Construct water treatment facilities.
- V. Provide loans to assist small PWSs (population served of less than 10,000) in the construction or installation of necessary treatment while considering affordability.
- VI. Ensure that at least 15% of the monies available for funding projects provide financial assistance to small PWSs with projects that are ready for construction.
- VII. Provide loan subsidies to Disadvantaged Community PWSs for eligible projects.
- VIII. Provide financial assistance to implement preventive measures such as wellhead and source water protection and acquisition of properties to create protective buffers near drinking water supplies.
- IX. Provide financial assistance to help PWSs increase technical, financial, and managerial capacity.

2B. Short-Term Goals – Emerging Contaminant Funds

The following list are the short-term goals for the Emerging Contaminants (BIL) funds.

- I. Provide partial financial assistance loans which are 100% forgiven to address treatment of emerging contaminants above the proposed Federal MCL in Public Water System source of supply.
- II. Provide partial financial assistance through loans which are 100% forgiven to address emerging contaminants above the proposed Federal MCL in private wells by extending an existing PWS.
- III. Provide partial financial assistance through loans which are 100% forgiven to address emerging contaminants above the proposed Federal MCL through the consolidation of PWSs.
- IV. Provide partial financial assistance through loans which are 100% forgiven to address emerging contaminants above the proposed Federal MCL through planning, design and piloting activities.

- V. Provide grant assistance for addressing emerging contaminants in small public water systems source of supply.

2C. Long-Term Goals.

The following are the seventeen long-term goals of the DWSRF in the State of Maine.

- I. Provide financial assistance to PWSs to maintain the public health objectives of the SDWA.
- II. Maintain the fiscal integrity of the fund.
- III. Maintain the fund in perpetuity.
- IV. Work toward meeting the State's total drinking water improvement funding needs by blending federal DWSRF Grant monies with MMBB bond sale proceeds, utilizing the blend of these proceeds to provide long term low interest financing to DWSRF-eligible PWSs.
- V. Create and maintain a land acquisition fund in perpetuity.
- VI. Ensure the long-term availability of adequate finances to assist eligible PWSs to:
 - a. Rehabilitate or replace contaminated sources or sources at risk of contamination.
 - b. Construct, rehabilitate or expand treatment facilities to improve drinking water quality.
 - c. Construct, rehabilitate or expand storage facilities to help maintain adequate drinking water supplies that are free from risk of contamination; and
 - d. Install or replace transmission or distribution facilities to prevent contamination.
- VII. Aid with consolidation or interconnection of PWSs to improve service or capacity.
- VIII. Assist PWSs in identifying and prioritizing land acquisition for source water protection.
- IX. Assist in the planning and design of related projects.
- X. Develop means for ensuring the long-term availability of adequate funding for loan subsidies for Disadvantaged Community PWSs.
- XI. Make Rapid Progress on Lead Service Line Replacement.
- XII. Address PFAS and Emerging Contaminants in Public Water Systems in Maine.
- XIII. Support Resilience and One Water Innovation.
- XIV. Support American workers and renew the water workforce through training.
- XV. Support the Cultivation of Domestic Manufacturing.
- XVI. Fully Enforce Civil Rights.
- XVII. Refine the Maine DWSRF to Build a Pipeline of Projects by supporting Capacity Development of Public Water Systems.

3. Financial Status

3A. Total amount of funds in DWSRF

In Table 3-1 below, the 2024 DWSRF Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grants are combined and the allocations to each Set-Aside activity are summarized. Table 3-1A on the following pages provides a Financial Summary of the Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grants and Set-Aside fund allocations. Similar tables can be found in Attachment A.

Table 3-1
Summary of 2024 DWSRF Base & Supplemental Capitalization Grant
and Set-Aside Activities

ITEM	GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE	2024 BUDGET	SUB-ACCOUNTS
2024 DWSRF BASE CAP GRANT	\$4,661,000		
2024 DWSRF SUPPLEMENTAL CAP GRANT	\$22,985,000		
TOTAL	\$27,646,000		
SET-ASIDES			
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (Up to 4%)	\$1,105,840	\$547,255	
DWP Portion (90%)		\$436,671	
MMBB Portion (10%)		\$110,584	
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL PWSs (Up to 2%)	\$552,920	\$368,000	
MRWA Water Quality Specialists		\$231,000	
DWP Funding Outreach Specialist		\$137,000	
DRINKING WATER PROGRAM (Up to 10%)	\$2,764,600	\$2,545,999	
PWSS Program		\$2,545,999	
OTHER NON-PROJECT ACTIVITIES (Up to 15%)	\$4,146,900	\$2,381,462	
1. LAND ACQUISITION		\$75,000	
Land Acquisition & Conservation Easements			\$75,000
2. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT		\$928,668	
Capacity Development Staff			\$268,668
Capacity Development Grants			\$300,000
Short-term Financing Fund			\$260,000
DWSRF Contracted Grant Project Mgmt. Fund			\$100,000
3. TRAINING ASSISTANCE		\$320,000	
Training Reimbursement Fund			\$160,000
MRWA/Financial Circuit Rider			\$80,000
MWUA/Leadership Training			\$30,000
MRWA \$ MWUA – Annual Conference Assistance			\$50,000
4. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS		\$95,000	
MRWA/Table Top Exercises (TTX)			\$40,000
MRWA/MeWARN Emergency Preparedness			\$15,000
MWUA/Mini TTX			\$40,000
5. SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$50,000	
MRWA/Benchmarking IV			\$10,000
MWUA/Funding Guide & Assistance			\$30,000
MWUA/Helping Hand			\$5,000
MWUA/Tool Box			\$5,000
6. WELLHEAD & SOURCE PROTECTION		\$912,794	
New Well Approval, Wellhead Protection and Source Water Protection Staff			\$592,794
Wellhead/Source Water Protection and Water System Asset Security Grants			\$300,000
Public Education and Outreach Fund			\$20,000
SET-ASIDE TOTALS	\$8,570,260	\$5,842,716	
REMAINING CAP GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS		\$21,803,284	
STATE MATCH		\$5,529,200	
OTHER (INTEREST, REPAYMENTS & CARRY OVER)		\$5,474,169	
TOTAL FOR PROJECTS		\$32,806,653	

Table 3-1A
Summary of 2024 DWSRF Emerging Contaminant Capitalization Grant
and Set-Aside Activities

ITEM	GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE	2024 BUDGET	SUB-ACCOUNTS
2024 DWSRF EMERGING CONTAMINANT CAP GRANT	\$7,640,000		
SET-ASIDES			
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (Up to 4%)	\$305,600	\$282,800	
DWP Portion (90%)			\$130,000
MMBB Portion (10%)			\$152,800
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL PWSs (Up to 2%)	\$152,800	\$65,500	
MRWA Water Quality Specialists			\$100,000
DRINKING WATER PROGRAM (Up to 10%)	\$764,000	\$130,000	
PWSS Program Inspector			\$130,000
OTHER NON-PROJECT ACTIVITIES (Up to 15%)	\$1,146,000	\$482,000	
Training Reimbursement Account			\$30,000
Public Education and Outreach Fund			\$30,000
Software			\$30,000
Training			\$30,000
Engineering Design Grants			\$362,000
SET-ASIDE TOTALS	\$2,368,400	\$959,800	
REMAINING CAP GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS		\$6,680,200	
STATE MATCH		\$0	
OTHER (INTEREST, REPAYMENTS & CARRY OVER)		\$0	
	TOTAL FOR PROJECTS	\$6,680,200	

3B. State Match

For the DWSRF Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grants, the State must provide documentation, at the time of the Grant Applications, that 20% of the total amount of that year's Base and Supplemental (BIL) DWSRF Capitalization Grant is available as State Match. Attachment A shows the planned allocation of funds from the 2024 DWSRF Grants. The required State Match for 2024 is \$5,529,200; the first \$3,500,000 will be provided from the Maine State Treasury General Fund, and the remaining \$2,029,200 will be provided from the Maine State Treasury's Other Special Revenue Fund. The 2024 DWSRF State Match required will be secured by June 30, 2024. No State match is required for the Emerging Contaminants Grant.

3C. Beginning/end of year financial status

The initial financial status of the 2024 DWSRF Program is stated above in Tables 3-1, 3-1A, and Attachment A. The current financial status of the 2022 and 2023 funds is also shown in Attachment A. All other previous Grants have been fully expended.

3D. Capacity Development Strategy

America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 (P.L. 115-270) section 2012 amended the Safe Water Drinking Act (SDWA) and requires that the states amend their state capacity development strategy to include a description of how the state will encourage the development of asset management plans that include best practices and include any training, technical assistance, and other activities to help implement asset management plans. In accordance with SDWA section 1420(c)(1)(C), a state must be developing and implementing a capacity development strategy in order to receive 100 percent of its allotment under section 1452 (drinking water state revolving loan fund). As of this date, the Maine Department of Human Services has a revised strategy that has met the SDWA requirements,

approved by EPA on January 10, 2022, and we recommend no withholding of the FY24 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants.

3E. Operator Certification Program

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) directed EPA to develop information on recommended operator certification requirements. In 1999, nine baseline standards were published under the Final Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems. Under the final guidelines, EPA will withhold 20 percent of a state's DWSRF capitalization grant if the state does not have an operator certification program that meets the requirements of final guidelines and its 2001 updates. The Drinking Water Program developed an Operator Certification Program authorized under Maine Revised Statutes Title 22, §2628 Rules, approved 2001 and updated in 2011. A Board composed of nine appointees from the governor is involved with ongoing review and revisions to the Certification Program. As of this date, the Maine Department of Human Services has met the SDWA requirements for Operator Certification and we recommend no withholding of the FY24 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants.

4. Non-Project Activities/Set-Asides (Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grants)

4A. Definition/Description

Non-project or set-aside activities include those activities that are not directly associated with the construction of capital improvement projects but are allowed uses of Grant monies identified in Section 1452 of the SDWA. They include the following and are all described in greater detail in the following sections.

- Program Administration (4%),
- Technical Assistance to Small PWSs (2%),
- Drinking Water Program Functions (10%) and
- Other Non-Project activities (15%),

Set-asides may be taken from the Grants that are provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Set-asides for the DWSRF Supplemental Grant will be blended with the set-asides taken from the Base Grant. For the Emerging Contaminant (EC) Grants, States have the flexibility to take set-asides from these appropriations. Set-asides must be used to either administer these specific capitalization grants or meet the statutory purpose of these funds: "to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances."

4B. Rationale for Grant funds for non-project activities.

The Program is allowed up to 4% of the Base, Supplemental and Emerging Contaminant Grant amounts for the Administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. We have combined the Base & Supplemental funds and we discuss our set-asides for these funds below and the summary is presented on Table 3-1. The Emerging Contaminant Grant set-asides are shown on Tables 3-1A.

The funds allowed by the SDWA for the first non-project activity, Program Administration, are \$1,105,840. Also, as detailed in the MMBB-DWP Memorandum of Understanding, 10% of this set-aside will be used by the MMBB (\$110,584) and 90% is available to the DWP. The Program Administration budget for the DWP is \$436,671. Any unspent funds allotted to these set-aside activities that remain at the end of the funding period will be carried forward for future use for these

activities. Also, the balance between the available funds and the budget (\$558,585) will be applied to the Program's Banked Credits.

The maximum amount available to the second set-aside, non-project activity, Technical Assistance to Small PWSs is 2%, or \$552,920. The Technical Assistance to Small PWSs budget is \$368,000. The DWP intends to apply \$184,920 to the Banked Credit for this Set-Aside. The Technical Assistance funds will cover the cost of two Water Quality Specialist full time equivalent (FTE) positions with the Maine Rural Water Association and a third FTE at the Maine Drinking Water Program. Any unspent funds allotted to these set-aside activities that remain at the end of the funding period will be carried forward for future use for these activities.

The maximum amount available for the third non-project activity, Drinking Water Program Functions for PWS Supervision, is 10%, or \$2,764,600. The Program determined the amount of funds necessary to cover the budgeted expenses for each of the Program activities for the upcoming year is \$2,545,999. The program will add the balance between the available funds and budget (\$218,601) to the Banked Credit for this set-aside.

The maximum amount available for the fourth non-project activity, Other State Set-Aside, is 15%, or \$4,146,900. The Program determined the amount of funds necessary to cover the budgeted expenses for each of the activities for the upcoming year is \$2,381,462.

If at any time an excess accumulation of funds develops in any one set-aside activity mentioned above, the Program can decide to transfer these funds to the Project account.

4C. Description of non-project activities

I. Program Administration (4% Set-Aside)

As discussed above, the Program will use \$547,255 for the first non-project activity, Program Administration. The administration of the DWSRF has a budget of \$436,671 for one-half of the DWSRF Manager, one and one-half full-time equivalents (FTE) Project Managers/Inspectors, and one-half FTE position filled by the Senior DWSRF Engineer. These funds will also be used to procure all equipment and training necessary for performance of the duties for those positions. The Program will add \$558,585 to the Banked Credit account for this set-aside leaving a balance of \$1,599,795.

The MMBB will receive the other 10% of the available \$1,105,840 Grant portion of the allotment, or \$110,584, for financial administration of the DWSRF. These funds will be used to pay a portion of the salary and expenses of the DWSRF program officers, the DWSRF program assistant and all other expenses directly related to the financial administration of the Program.

II. Technical Assistance for Small PWSs (2% Set-Aside)

The Program will use \$368,000 of the allowable allotment of \$552,920 and will add \$184,920 to the Banked Credit funds which will increase the Banked Credit balance to \$810,103 for this set-aside. The Program has added a FTE position to perform grant outreach to small and underserved Public Water Systems with a budget of \$137,000. A portion of this set-aside (\$231,000) will be allotted to the Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) to fund two Water Quality Specialist positions.

The Water Quality Specialists will provide technical assistance to small PWSs that serve a population of less than 10,000. MRWA will produce and submit to the Program a Work Plan describing in detail the DWSRF funded assistance they intend to provide using 2024 DWSRF Technical Assistance set-aside funds. The Program and EPA Region 1 will review and approve the plan. Monthly meetings/work evaluations will be conducted by the Program to ensure that MRWA technical

assistance activities are consistent with its Work Plan and current needs of Maine's small PWSs. An outline of the scope of duties to be performed by MRWA and the Program under this set-aside can be found in the Memorandum of Understanding provided as Attachment D.

III. Drinking Water Program Functions (10% Set-Aside)

The Program will use \$2,545,999 of the allowable allotment of \$2,764,600 and will add \$218,601 to the Banked Credit funds.

1. Administration of PWSS Program (\$2,545,999)

This set-aside provides funding to help augment the PWSS Grant for administration of the SDWA amendments. Employees who perform job duties that ensure the Program meets its primacy requirements and any Program needs that address program deficiencies will be funded from this set-aside. A separate Work Plan will be developed outside of this document that will describe the personnel and activity expenses to be funded with these set-aside funds. This Plan will be provided as part of the 2024 Grant application and reviewed and approved by EPA Region I before funds are available for withdrawal.

IV. Other Non-Project Activities (15% Set-Aside)

The Program will use \$2,381,462 of the allowable allotment of \$4,146,900 from DWSRF 2024 Other Non-Project Activities set-aside.

1. Land Acquisition & Conservation Easements/ Source Protection Measures (\$75,000)

PWSs' ownership or legal control of the land around its source(s) is the most effective means of protecting the source(s) from contamination. For this reason, the Program intends to provide enough funds in this set-aside to meet the expected requests until the next Grant award. As of December 31, 2023, the Program had \$2,268,303 available from prior year loan repayments grants. An additional sum of \$220,667 of repayments is scheduled before December 31, 2024 for a total of \$2,563,970 of available funds inclusive of the \$75,000 deposited this year.

Under this program, community, and non-profit non-community public water systems (PWS) may apply for low-interest loans with 50% principal forgiveness of up to \$20,000 maximum for the purchase of land and/or conservation easement for drinking water source protection. Projects that demonstrate a commitment to the ongoing protection of a system's drinking water source through land acquisition and/or easement are eligible for these loans. Loans may be issued for an amount greater than \$40,000. However, principal forgiveness will not be applied to the portion of the loan exceeding \$40,000. Furthermore, principal forgiveness and low-interest loan rates will only be applied to the portion of the purchase price that represents the percentage of the purchased land located within the defined wellhead protection area (for wells) or contributing watershed (for surface water bodies).

The types of PWSs eligible are Community and non-profit non-community water systems are eligible to apply for a land acquisition loan. The system must demonstrate technical, managerial, and financial capability. The land and/or conservation easement must be located within the watershed or wellhead protection area.

There is no deadline for land acquisition loans. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are subject to available funding.

All funds allotted to this set-aside will be used to provide loans to eligible PWSs for the purchase of land and/or conservation easements necessary for source water protection. In addition to the purchase

of land and easements, funds will be made available for land stewardship activities which promote the protection of the source water quality.

Loans are also available to assist community water PWSs in the implementation of voluntary, incentive-based source water protection measures in areas delineated under the source water assessment program. PWSs must have performed the required delineation and assessment of their source(s) before communities can utilize these funds. These funds are available only to community water PWSs.

Principal and interest payments on loans made from this account will be repaid into this account making additional loan money available for future land and conservation easement purchases. The terms of financial assistance for Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements are described in Sections 7 & 8.

The land or conservation easement to be purchased with DWSRF assistance must be integral to the source water protection needs of the PWS as determined by the Program. A determination can be based on the land being identified in a Program approved source water protection plan or other documentation that supports its role in protecting the PWS's source water. The land purchased must be acquired from a willing seller. Also, before DWSRF assistance for land acquisitions is allowed, an independent appraisal or an approved method of valuation of the land value must be provided to the Program. The MMBB determines the amount of financial assistance provided to PWSs for land purchases on a case-by-case basis after consideration of the following items for each request; the valuation of the land, the anticipated amount of legal and other costs associated with the transaction, the credit quality of the applicant, the availability of land acquisition funds in relation to the current demand, and other financial and market information deemed relevant to the request.

2. Assistance for Capacity Development (\$928,688)

a. Capacity Development Staff Assistance (\$268,688)

The total cost of this Program in 2024 is \$268,668 to fund 2.0 FTEs to provide on-site capacity development assistance and training. The Program plans to use these funds to continue implementing the State Capacity Development Strategy for new and existing PWSs during this DWSRF funding period. This Strategy is designed to help PWSs, especially small PWSs, obtain adequate technical, financial, and managerial capacity to meet existing and future SDWA regulations. The Program's Capacity Development Coordinator will oversee the components of this set-aside.

b. Capacity Development Grants (\$300,000)

As a part of this set-aside, the Program will use \$300,000 to fund Capacity Development Grants. Grants up to \$30,000, but no more than 75 percent of the actual cost, will be made available to eligible PWSs for the solicitation of professional services for the completion of documents that could assist the PWS in becoming more viable. Documents to be considered for these funds are:

- Comprehensive System Facility Plan,
- Capital Improvement Plan,
- System Infrastructure Assessment (as defined by the PUC),
- System Hydraulic Model Report,
- Leak Detection/Water Audit,
- Management Review Report,

- System Vulnerability Assessment,
- Emergency Response Plan,
- Risk and Resiliency Assessments,
- Comprehensive System Operations and Maintenance Manual,
- Energy Audit,
- Water Rate Study,
- Asset Management Plan, or
- Any other professionally created document that the Program determines can improve PWS viability.

Grant Assistance will not be provided if a similar report or study has been completed in the last five years or if the PWS requesting Grant Assistance has an open Capacity Development Grant from previous grant cycles. Grant assistance will be provided only after the Program has reviewed and approved the document. Any one PWS may only have one active grant at a time. Professional Engineering services are not required to be selected through a Request for Qualification or Request for Proposals process.

Limited population Community PWSs serving a population of approximately 200 or less, may apply for grants up to \$9,000, but no more than 90 percent of the actual cost for capacity development activities as described above.

c. Short-Term Financing Fund (\$260,000)

The Program plans to set up a set-aside fund to pay for unforeseen short-term interest expenses for projects co-funded with DWSRF funds. Due to the extreme volume of funds, certain revenue streams will not meet the contractual obligations of the recipient. Short-term financing may be used to meet the payment terms of the contract.

d. DWSRF Contracted Grant Project Management Fund (\$100,000)

The Program plans to set up a set-aside account to fund contracted assistance from pre-qualified Professionals to augment the DWP existing staff. The tasks which may contracted may include anything the DWSRF Manager considers essential to the duties to administer the fund. Compensation shall not be greater than twice the Step 8 pay of the appropriate classification.

3. Training Assistance (\$320,000)

a. Training Reimbursement Fund (\$160,000). The Program will allocate \$160,000 for PWS capacity training. This training will encompass technical, managerial, and financial capacity strategies and target operators, managers, and owner representatives of all sizes of PWSs. The Training Reimbursement Fund will reimburse training providers at a rate of \$20 per person per credit hour. The following represents a preliminary list of how the funding will be spent:

- Continuing education training subsidy, also known as the training reimbursement fund. This subsidy allows the use of a flat fee structure to assist training providers with facilitating training under the direction of regulatory agencies.
- Trustee Training subsidized outreach to PWSs across the state for topics to assist trustees in managing PWSs. This training will enhance trustees' knowledge of water system infrastructure and public health protection.

- Emergency Preparedness and Security subsidized training and continued updating of PWS emergency response plans.
 - The EPA Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS) and asset management training. Continued introductory courses and user update courses.
 - Managerial Training for future PWS managers to the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee, JETCC, to assist in a program for water and wastewater operators to develop managerial skills needed in the future. This is a 12-month program in which professional mentors develop the curriculum. Candidates are nominated by their PWSs and selected through a prescribed review process. The goal is to produce graduates that understand regulations, and financial and managerial concepts which are essential to utility management.
- b. Financial Circuit Rider: (\$80,000). The Financial Circuit Rider Program has been performed by Maine Rural Water Association for the past 6 years. Maintaining this technical training and assistance will continue to build capacity in small and disadvantaged public water systems. A description of the program follows.

Increasing the financial capacity is critical to developing the overall viability of PWSs. The Financial Circuit Rider (FCR) is a technical assistance program to target financial capacity building for community PWSs serving a population of less than 10,000. The FCR will provide technical assistance and training to build financial capacity in community PWSs. The FCR will accomplish this through personalized one-to-one, on-site training, remote assistance via phone or internet, and response to training requests for regional utility meetings. The FCR will make pre-emptive visits, respond to PWS requests for assistance or respond to state agency compliance directives. Areas of work will include, but not be limited to:

- Compliance: SDWA Regulations, PUC Regulations, GAAP, Operating Reports, Record Retention Schedules.
 - Governance: Right to Know, FOAA, By-Laws, Charters, Business Plans, Restructuring.
 - Accounting: Bookkeeping, Rate Setting, Terms & Conditions, Budgeting for Operations & Capital Improvement, Audit Preparation, Interpreting Audit Results, Cash Management, Internal Controls.
 - Asset Management: Identification of Assets, Valuation, Depreciation Schedules, And Asset Management Programs/Worksheets.
 - Human Resource: Personnel Policies, Employee Handbooks, Workers' Comp Issues, Retirement, Taxation.
 - Funding Assistance: RD & SRF Program Education and Application Assistance.
 - Operations: Water Audit/Water Loss Tracking, Customer Complaints, Customer Service, Liens, Disconnections, Cross Connection Programs.
- c. PWS Leadership Training Classes (\$30,000). The Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) Education Committee has developed a Training for PWS Superintendents and Governess Boards. The management training program involves five full days, or one day a week, of training over a five-week period. The training focuses on better understanding financial, budgetary, regulatory, legislative, human resources, and other subject matters depending on the results of a survey the organization will be issuing to Community PWS managers. The DWSRF set aside for Capacity Development will fund \$30,000 towards this training along with maintaining the scholarship tuition program to help reach small and disadvantaged public water systems.

- d. Annual Conference Assistance (\$50,000) There are two large annual Tradeshows & Conferences which take place in Maine each year. The Maine Rural Water Association has hosted a Conference and Training in December and Maine Water Utilities has historically hosted in February. The Maine Drinking Water Utility Industry benefits immensely from these events. During the last several years, the annual conferences have been more of a financial risk for the hosting organization due to cost inflation and the pandemic. This set-aside fund is available for the Association host of the Annual Conference to request for “value added” purposes including, but not limited to the following:

- Keynote Speakers,
- Offsetting the fees for small and disadvantaged PWS,
- Waiving fees for Regulators & Funding Agencies,
- Trainers, or
- Facility rent.

Each Association may request \$25,000 in letter describing how the funds will be used. Approval is at the discretion of the DWSRF Management team.

4. Emergency Preparedness (\$95,000)

- a. Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises: (\$40,000). MRWA will organize, host, and facilitate two Regional Tabletop Exercises (TTX) for willing public water systems. Representatives from each "anchor" water system participating in the exercise will be engaged in our planning meetings and TTX design team meetings to develop scenarios, read ahead references, Situation Manuals and deliver a one-day TTX on location based on the needs and priorities identified during the planning process. While it is our intent to hold meetings in person, we recognize that a hybrid system with opportunity for virtual participation has increased participation for our agency partners.

Each TTX will be followed by an After-Action Review and Improvement Planning Meeting and the development of a mutually agreed upon improvement plans.

The deliverables are as follows: Coordination/Facilitation of Planning/Design Team Meetings; Development of Read Ahead materials and resources with emphasis on mission critical areas such as prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery from stated emergency; Coordination of all identified stakeholders, critical care customers, County Emergency Management Agencies, Local Emergency Management Committees, etc.; Development of Situation Manual and TTX exercise scenario; Host, facilitate and activate said scenario; and Compile notes, identified deficiencies, and develop After Action Report and Improvement Plan.

This would include improving the understanding of the water utilities’ interdependencies and impacts of loss of drinking water and fire protection services during a disaster. Therefore, this project aligns with:

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2015 Water and Wastewater Sector-Specific Plan and,
- The America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA)

- b. WARN Mutual Aid for Public Water Systems and their Partners (\$15,000). The Maine Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (MEWARN) for mutual aid continues to grow and

build capacity and resilience for Maine's public drinking water systems. Proper administrative support for the network is crucial. Maine Rural Water Association will continue to provide support for the MEWARN. Support tasks include, but are not limited to:

- 24/7 availability for emergency response and/or coordination,
- Organization of two Steering Committee meetings annually,
- Administration of mutual aid contracts,
- Regular and continued maintenance of emergency contact database,
- Recruitment of new members,
- Test the HAN twice annually and
- Attend (Virtually) National WARN Chairs meetings.

The MEWARN will continue their efforts to initiate the creation of a Statewide Drought/Emergency Response Network comprised of entities/individuals affiliated with bulk water delivery.

- c. Mini Tabletop Exercises (\$40,000). MWUA proposes to develop and facilitate a series of 4 regional mini-tabletop scenario-based exercises. Different from traditional tabletop exercises, these mini exercises are by no means small, but gather regional groups of water system professionals together to work through multiple smaller facilitated emergencies. This style of exercise allows for increased participation and knowledge sharing. Topics to be included may be contamination, drought, pandemic, ice storm, and/or other topics as deemed necessary by the Maine DWP and exercise stakeholders.

5. Special Projects (\$50,000)

- a. Benchmarking IV (\$10,000). Maine Rural Water Association will continue their work on the Measures Implementation. As a result of DWSRF's substantial investment in Measures, financial and operational data from seventy-five of Maine's utilities has been captured and verified for accuracy; this represents 93% of the estimated population served by PUC regulated public water systems. The metrics found in Measures provide management with the ability to assess the financial health and operational parameters to provide insight when comparing utilities. Additionally, said metrics allow access to crucial information needed for long range planning and can be used to determine if the utility is making forward progress over a stated time. This initiative also provides regulators with a data set that allows access to regulated public water systems data that can be used to prioritize long term public drinking water infrastructure needs and opportunities for targeted capacity assistance.

Project Deliverables:

- Maintaining the current data with a cap to the number of utilities in the data set at the current seventy-five.
 - Focus sustainability and functionality of the current data set.
 - Continued training efforts for users in value and use of the data system by utilities.
 - Future data addition is not anticipated until July 2025 when the data from the FY 2024 PUC Annual Reports becomes available.
 - Continued web hosting of the Measures database.
- b. Funding Resources Guide and Assistance. (\$30,000) Utilizing a previously developed MWUA funding guide for water systems in Maine, MWUA has revamped and updated the information by

building it into an online and mobile friendly database. The information contained in the database will be easily searchable and allow water systems to quickly find funding sources relevant to their situations and needs by matching their information with different options in the database.

Under this engagement MWUA will provide technical assistance to funding recipients at the direction of the DWSRF administration and the Technical Assistance providers will be trained by the DWSRF staff.

- c. Helping Hand (\$5,000). Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) has designed the “Helping Hand” database. This allocation is for upgrades and maintenance of the program. The following describes the database for reference.

The data was collected and compiled in a centralized database format, initially Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for physical accessibility and security, but later an easy-to-use and intuitive web-based platform where anyone can go to find the information, they need to make an informed decision in choosing and maintaining their tools, technologies, and digital systems.

Due to the critical role MWUA plays in connecting water professionals state-wide with their colleagues, knowledge, and resources, we have determined a strong need for this platform. Based on requests from the industry, many would like an easily accessible and updateable compilation of tools, technologies, and digital systems/software. They would use it in conduct of their goal to provide safe drinking water, fire protection, and affordability, as well as maintaining compliance with regulatory agencies. The following proposal has been developed with advice and guidance from the parties that expressed the initial need.

With that in mind, MWUA proposes a three-step process where a survey was developed and implemented in a digital and physical format, as needed, to collect data related to the above stated need. The data will be reviewed and compiled in Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for security, data storage, and updatability.

It has been determined that a web-based platform or website (separate from MWUA’s website) to be maintained by MWUA for a period of at least three years would be key in public distribution of data.

The web-based platform/website was developed utilizing modern web design, coding, programming, and other tools, and technologies as determined by MWUA’s consultants. It will be responsive and accessible on all devices, whether desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone. The content contained on the platform was broken into searchable categories and easily navigable.

- d. Water Operators Toolbox II, (\$5,000). Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) has worked with water systems to determine their needs as it relates to technologies and tools for use in calculating data during their daily duties. These calculators were from the following categories: source water, treatment, distribution, financials, regulatory tracking/reports. Some examples would be water loss, bleach dilution, and other calculators.

Subsequently, MWUA has compiled the needs of the water systems and formulate relevant equations to be used in developing a set of calculators for use on computers and mobile devices for office and field work.

These calculators are now hosted publicly and available for all to use on an independent website/platform managed by MWUA for a period of three years with the expectation of revisiting and updating the content on an annual basis.

6. Wellhead & Source Protection Programs (\$912,794)

- a. New Well Approval & Wellhead Protection Program Staff Expenses (\$592,794). The Program will use this set-aside to fund or partially fund staff including the hydrogeologist who, among other technical assistance and field inspection duties, works with PWSs to navigate the new well approval process. Properly locating a well is fundamental to continued source water protection, and this position will work on-site with PWSs, well drillers, engineers, and geologists to minimize conflicts with potential contaminant sources. Additional staff in this set-aside provide outreach to PWSs, municipalities, and other state agencies to reduce the risk of contamination of public water sources. Staff funded under this set-aside also assist in management of subsurface wastewater rules, one of the key parts of Maine's wellhead protection strategy, and in regulating well drillers so that wells are installed using appropriate tools and techniques to protect water quality. We also intend to fund two staff focused on PFAS contamination.
- b. Source Protection & Water System Asset Security Grants (\$300,000). The total cost of the grant programs in 2024 is \$300,000. Eligible PWS include community systems and non-profit non-community systems. Grants are available in an amount up to \$10,000 per PWS; larger grants in an amount up to \$20,000 per PWS may be approved at the discretion of the DWP where larger need is clearly demonstrated.

The Source Protection Grant replaces the former Wellhead Protection Grant Program and Source Water Protection Grant Program into a single program and application. This combined program grants funding for the planning and/or implementation of source water protection activities for both ground water and surface water sources. Eligible activities include but are not limited to developing useful base maps, drafting an aquifer protection ordinance, purchasing signage to demarcate source protection areas, development or updating of watershed management plans, buffer establishment and upkeep, road and storm water management and reconstruction activities, and developing public outreach and educational programs and materials.

The Water System Asset Security Grant funds projects focused on the planning and implementation of security measures to promote physical security and/or protection against cyberattacks. Eligible activities for the security measures may include fencing, signs, cameras, alarm systems and software upgrades.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout 2024. Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis while funding is available. In the chance that demand exceeds funding availability, projects will be ranked using the priority scoring system shown in Section 6H. II. b-d.

- c. Public Education/Outreach (\$20,000). The Program will use funds from this set-aside to develop contracted agreements with environmental and educational organizations to raise awareness of the importance of local water resources. This fund also pays for Printing and Mailing signs, reports, and informatics. As a part of drinking water outreach, the Program supports programs around the State to increase awareness of drinking water issues.

4D. Non-Project Activities/Set-Asides (Emerging Contaminant Capitalization Grant)

We discuss our set-asides for this Capitalization Grant below and the summary is presented on Table 3-1A. The Program is allowed up to 4% of the Emerging Contaminant Grant amount for the Administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The funds allowed by the SDWA for

the first non-project activity, Program Administration, are \$305,600. Also, as detailed in the MMBB-DWP Memorandum of Understanding, 50% of this set-aside will be used by the MMBB (\$152,800). The total Program Administration budget is \$282,800. Any unspent funds allotted to these set-aside activities that remain at the end of the funding period will be carried forward for future use for these activities. Also, the balance between the available funds and the budget (\$22,800) will be applied to the Program's Banked Credits.

The maximum amount available to the second set-aside, non-project activity, Technical Assistance to Small PWSs is 2%, or \$152,800. The Technical Assistance to Small PWSs budget is \$65,000, leaving \$87,800 available as Banked Credit for this Set-Aside. The balance of the banked credit for this set-aside is \$191,700. The Technical Assistance funds will cover the cost of one-half of one Water Quality Specialist full time equivalent (FTE) position with the Maine Drinking Water Program. Any unspent funds allotted to these set-aside activities that remain at the end of the funding period will be carried forward for future use for these activities.

The maximum amount available for the third non-project activity, Drinking Water Program Functions for PWS Supervision, is 10%, or \$764,000. The Program determined the amount of funds necessary to cover the budgeted expenses for each of the Program activities for the upcoming year is \$130,000. The Program will fund one FTE with this set-aside. The program will add \$634,000 to the Banked Credit.

The maximum amount available for the fourth non-project activity, Other State Set-Aside, is 15%, or \$1,146,000. The Program determined the amount of funds necessary to cover the budgeted expenses for each of the activities for the upcoming year is \$482,000. The Intended Use Plan for the Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant includes a \$30,000 budget for training development, a \$30,000 budget for Public Education and Outreach, a \$30,000 budget for Training Reimbursements and \$30,000 for purchase of software and hardware. In addition, we will designate a budget of \$362,000 of the Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant for an Engineering Design Assistance Grant Fund.

If at any time an excess accumulation of funds develops in any one set-aside activity mentioned above, the Program can decide to transfer these funds to the Project account.

4E. Separate non-project activity accounting.

The funds allocated for each non-project activity will be separated into individual accounts at EPA Region I. The release of monies from these accounts will be performed on a cash draw basis with the requisition for funds being based on actual expense records submitted to EPA. Program staff will review and approve all requisitions and submit them to the MMBB to initiate the release of funds. The MMBB will also maintain separate accounting for each of the non-project activities.

4F. Transfer of unspent funds to the DWSRF.

The allocated funds for each of the first three non-project activities, Program Administration (I), Technical Assistance (II) and Program Functions (III), can be banked (any unspent funds can be drawn against future grant awards) and used for the same activities in later years. Funds for the fourth activity mentioned above, Other Non-Project Activities (IV), cannot be banked. The Program must demonstrate in set-aside workplans to EPA how the funds allotted to each set-aside activity in each year's Grant are to be used within a specific period. Other Non-Project Activity (IV) funds can be utilized by any one of the four activities mentioned in Section 4C. IV (1-6) above, with no more than 10% of the Grant going to any one activity.

5. Project Funds

5A. Funds available (Base & Supplemental Capitalization Grants)

After allocating funds for set-aside activities, the Program will combine the remaining Grant funds with the State Match, loan interest and repayments and carry-over funds to determine the total available project funds. The total funds available for financial assistance as loans to Standard Projects and Disadvantaged Community PWS projects for the 2024 DWSRF Grant period is:

- \$32,806,653 for Projects funded by the combined Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grants (B & S), and
- \$6,680,200 for Projects funded by the Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant (EC).

The 2024 DWSRF Base Grant appropriation includes a requirement that a minimum of 12-percent of the 2024 Base Capitalization Grant is available for Disadvantaged Community PWSs as principal forgiveness assistance on awarded DWSRF loans. Maine DWSRF has targeted an additional 18% of the Base Capitalization Grant to be offered as Principal Forgiveness for any project. The Supplemental Capitalization Grant requires exactly 49% of the grant be available for Disadvantaged Community PWSs as principal forgiveness assistance on awarded DWSRF loans.

Assistance subsidies in the form of principal forgiveness available to eligible Disadvantaged Communities will be at levels of 20, 35, 50, 75 percent based on community Median Household Income and Residential Water User Rates as detailed in Section 8E. The 2024 DWSRF Supplemental Grant Appropriation requires 49-percent of the 2024 Supplemental Capitalization Grant is available for eligible recipients, including Disadvantaged Community PWSs, as principal forgiveness assistance on awarded DWSRF loans. In special cases, where the PWS does not have the customer base or there are other Environmental Justice concerns, the DWSRF Program may determine the maximum loan the PWS may affordably pay back and apply the Principal Forgiveness appropriately.

The 2024 DWSRF Base and Supplemental Capitalization Grant Primary List includes 18 projects, with 16 projects meeting the Disadvantaged Community criteria with a total funding amount of \$32,131,950 (see Attachment F). The 2024 DWSRF Backup List includes 40 projects (see Attachment G).

The Program has removed the maximum loan limit for any PWS of \$5 million dollars for any given year. Multi-year projects may be funded over consecutive years if it is mutually agreed upon by the Program and the applicant. The project will by-pass the consecutive year(s) ranking and receive funding on the Primary List. In some cases, depending on project schedules and short-term financing, the Program may choose to refinance approved projects in subsequent years.

The Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant for Year 2022 – 2024 project distribution breakdown is as detailed in Table 5-1. Project applications will continue to be accepted for 2024 funds on a rolling, first-come, first served basis until funds are depleted. In the chance multiple applications are received at the same time and available funding will not cover the total requests, projects will be ranked and scored per criteria in Section 6 of this IUP.

On-going demand for these funds remains high (see Attachment H). Due to the ongoing developing need, our goal is to leave some funding available so we can respond to applications on a rolling

basis. This is why we have established a \$4,000,000 cap per project per year, intentionally splitting funding requests, like Greater Augusta Utility District’s request for \$7.6M (Project # 2024-01EC). This request alone shows demand is sufficient to request the entirety of the \$6.7M available for projects – however GAUD will not be able to spend that amount in 2024/2025. Rather than having an excess of funds held in reserve for one project, the DWP is choosing to split their funding so money will be readily available for smaller projects that come in in the interim that can proceed and are capable of drawing down funding more immediately.

Table 5-1: Summary of 2022-2024 DWSRF Emerging Contaminant Capitalization Grant and Set-Aside Activities Awards

	2022 (# projects)	2023 (# projects)	2024 (# projects)	Total Awarded 2022-2024
EC Capital Project Grants	29	14	6	\$17,840,178
EC Design Assistance Grants	3	1	1	\$697,241

I. Introducing a New Funding Priority for Manufactured Housing Communities

Recognizing the diverse landscape of water infrastructure challenges faced by communities across our State, the Maine Drinking Water Program is committed to continually enhancing the effectiveness of the DWSRF program. In alignment with this commitment, a targeted funding priority aimed at addressing critical drinking water infrastructure needs within manufactured housing communities (MHC) will be established for the 2024 funding cycle.

Manufactured housing communities play a significant role in providing affordable housing options to over ten percent (10%) of Maine’s population. However, these communities often face unique challenges related to their water infrastructure. Aging systems, limited resources, and the vulnerability of residents in such communities necessitate a focused approach to ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.

Historically, the project selection process has prioritized construction-ready projects, a criterion which has demonstrated to favor municipalities with greater financial and technical resources, and inadvertently placed MHCs at a disadvantage. The inherent disparities have resulted in consistently lower project priority rankings for MHCs, hindering their ability to compete for the DWSRF discounted funding.

Recognizing this imbalance and to contribute to the overall improvement of water quality and access, the Maine Drinking Water Program is pleased to introduce a new funding priority within Maine’s DWSRF program. The first ten percent (10%) of the total available funds for projects will be designated for applications received for drinking water infrastructure improvements at public water systems designated as MHCs. This strategic allocation aims to kickstart targeted projects that directly benefit these communities, ensuring that a proportionate share of resources is dedicated to their unique needs. By allowing MHCs to compete amongst themselves, this initiative seeks to level the playing field to create a fairer and more inclusive allocation of resources.

Funding will be awarded at the highest tier of Principal Forgiveness ¹for the project year. In order to participate, the MHC must be eligible to finance the remaining unforgiven portion of the loan. A foreseeable hurdle for MHCs will be meeting the specific capitalization grant agreement requirements as outlined in CFR Title 40 Part 35.3550(i), particularly, the requirement that PWSs receiving SRF assistance conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This determination has been and will continue to be made by requiring an independent audit of the system's financial statements, which can take significant time and resources especially for systems that currently don't have annual audits conducted on their financial statements. Therefore, to aid in overcoming this hurdle, a set-aside fund will be established in future IUP years to assist in covering the cost of compliance with these provisions. Any MHC applications received that need to utilize this set-aside in order to qualify for DWSRF financing and that rank as primary MHC projects, will be bypassed to the top of the following year's primary MHC project list. For the benefit of funding the most construction-ready projects, funding will not be reserved for the current project year.

In the case where MHC funding application needs fall short of their 10 percent (10%) share, surplus funds will be reallocated to the next project(s) in line on the DWSRF Backup Project List.

5B. Project Funds Available (Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant)

In addition to the Base and Supplemental Grant funds, the DWSRF has an Emerging Contaminant Capitalization Grant. Maine intends to take \$959,800 in set-asides leaving \$6,680,200 in project funds which is required to be 100% principal forgiveness (PF) with at least 25% being awarded to PWS which serve Disadvantaged Communities or serve populations of 25,000 or less. The treatment projects will be funded as the needs are identified. The PWS Extension projects will be funded on the same annual cycle as the Base & Supplemental Projects.

The Priority Project Lists may be amended or updated to consider new or updated information from PWSs. Projects for the Emerging Contaminant (EC) Priority Project List were initially solicited by a request for applications with a deadline of October 6, 2023. When project funding requests exceed available funds, EC Projects will be ranked in the same manner as all construction projects. Community Public Water Systems and Non-Transient, Non-Community Public Water Systems with water being sent to the distribution system containing PFAS above the Federal Proposed Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of greater than 4PPT for PFOS & PFOA are eligible for funding as follows:

I. Small PWS EC Grants

These grants are for PWSs serving a population of approximately 100 or less or needing a filtration capacity of approximately 10gpm or less. Funding can be used for installation of treatment for PFAS and any necessary pre- or post-treatments. Funding can be used for building modifications to accommodate treatment or to cover the costs of the installation of a small auxiliary building if treatment will not fit within existing facility's footprint. Funding can also be used for system consolidation with a neighboring PWS that does not have PFAS levels exceeding Federal Proposed MCL or for development of a new water source. Applicants will qualify for up to \$60,000 EC Funds, inclusive of a \$10,000 allotment for professional services (100% PF).

¹ For the 2024 funding cycle, the DWP has elected to supplement funding to this initiative with our remaining ARPA funds. This will provide the awarded projects 100% principal forgiveness and eliminate the need for independent financial audits.

Additional funding beyond \$60,000 may be awarded on a case-by-case basis determined by site specific needs. These grants may be applied for and awarded on a rolling basis if the funds are available.

II. Large PWS EC Treatment Grants

These grants are intended for larger PWSs and those with more complex treatment needs. Funding can be used for installation of treatment for PFAS, any necessary pre- or post-treatments and any associated engineering expenses. Funding can be used for building modifications to accommodate treatment or to cover the costs of the construction of an auxiliary building if treatment will not fit within existing facility's footprint. Projects with total funding requests less than \$250,000 will be awarded with no matching criteria and at 100% PF. For any project which the grant awarded equals or exceeds \$250,000 this grant will cover 90% of eligible project expenses up to a limit of \$4,000,000 per project per funding cycle. The PWS may access base and supplemental loan funds with principal forgiveness for disadvantaged communities for the remaining 10% or utilize alternative funding of their preference.

For PWSs with multiple wells with independent entry points to distribution that have PFAS above the Federal proposed MCL that will require separate treatment systems, multiple grants may be awarded with a limit of \$4,000,000 per impacted distribution entry point (i.e. pump station) with the same matching criteria. These grants may be applied for and awarded on a rolling basis if the funds are available.

For singular projects which exceed \$4,000,000 in cost, additional grant funds may be sought in future IUP years during the open application period. Future applications will be ranked and granted based on demand at that time; additional funding is not guaranteed.

III. PWS Consolidation EC Grants

These grants are for the consolidation of a Community or NTNC PWS with a PWS that is below the Federal proposed MCL for PFAS or is actively investigating or implementing treatment options if currently exceeding the proposed MCL. The first \$249,999 (100% PF) will be awarded with no matching criteria. For any project which equal or exceeds \$250,000 this grant will cover 50% of remaining eligible project expenses up to a limit of \$2,000,000 (100% PF). When projects equal or exceed \$250,000, PWS is responsible for 50% share of remaining balance, DWSRF loan funds will not be available. These grants may be applied for and awarded on a rolling basis if the funds are available. Lifetime limit of \$2,000,000 of grant per consolidation effort.

IV. Private Well Extension EC Grants

These grants are intended to address privately owned wells with PFAS levels greater than the proposed Federal MCL by extension of water mains from Municipal PWSs that are below the Federal proposed MCL for PFAS or are actively investigating or implementing treatment options if currently exceeding the proposed MCL. Funding will be awarded at a rate of \$100,000 per residential unit or place of business connection up to a limit of \$2,000,000 per extension. Funding must be applied for by the Municipal PWS who is extending their distribution main. These grants may be applied for and awarded on a rolling basis if the funds are available. Lifetime limit of \$2,000,000 of grant per private well extension effort.

V. Emerging Contaminant Design Assistance Grants

These grants are intended to assist a Community or NTNC PWS to study and assess solutions to PFAS contamination issues. Eligible expenses may include pilot studies to evaluate treatment techniques, engineering expenses for the design of treatment facilities, hydrogeological studies for the investigation of replacement water source(s), and preliminary engineering reports and cost assessments for system consolidation and water main extensions. A limit of \$30,000 in grant funds is in place for small PWS serving a population of approximately 100 or less or needing a filtration capacity of approximately 10gpm or less. A limit of \$200,000 in grant funds is in place for larger PWSs and those with more complex treatment needs. Individual grant awards may exceed these established limits on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the DWP.

Funding is also available to assist small PWS with administrative tasks associated with utilizing the Small Public Water System EC Grant via a pre-approved partnership with MWUA. A limit of \$10,000 per grant is in place for this effort to assist PWSs that require extra assistance in navigating federal funding requirements and are struggling to secure independent professional services to aid in this effort.

5C. Projects to be funded

Attachments F, G and H provide lists of projects the Program intends to finance from the total project funds available from the 2024 DWSRF Grant period awards. Projects are listed in priority point score order. Priority point scores are determined using the point system shown in Section 6F. Attachment F is the Primary Project List of Standard and Disadvantaged Community PWS projects. Attachment G is the Backup Project List. The Backup Project List contains the projects that will receive assistance if projects on the Primary Project List do not proceed as planned or are by-passed. Each project can be described using one of the general types of projects listed below:

- 1) Replacement of contaminated source with new potable source.
- 2) Construction of treatment facilities.
- 3) Installation of disinfection facilities.
- 4) Projects addressing compliance/enforcement issues.
- 5) PWS consolidation to address viability issues.
- 6) Projects required to remove a PWS's status as a SDWA significant non-complier.
- 7) Replacement of aging infrastructure.
- 8) Upgrade or rehabilitation of existing water facilities.
- 9) Installation of meters and backflow prevention devices.
- 10) Acquisition of land integral to a DWSRF eligible project.
- 11) Extension of a PWS to address PFAS Contamination in Private Wells.

The projects that are ultimately financed by the Program may not be selected exactly as listed on Attachments F and G. Some of the factors that could affect the current lists are as follows:

- 1) A listed project receives full or partial funding from another source.
- 2) A project is by-passed as described in Section 6B.
- 3) Funds available are increased or decreased due to actual project costs vs. estimated costs listed on Attachment F or G.
- 4) The PWS or project is found to be ineligible for DWSRF funds.

- 5) A PWS's loan application is denied.
- 6) A project or PWS is unable to meet DWSRF project requirements as described in this Section; or
- 7) A PWS declines DWSRF assistance.

The terms of financial assistance for Standard Projects are described in Section 7. The exact terms will be set at the time of the loan agreement for each project. The amount of principal forgiveness assistance and loan terms to be provided for Disadvantaged Community PWS projects will be determined during the loan application process using the criteria described in Section 8.

5D. Unencumbered Funds from Previous Grant Years

Funds from the 2022 and 2023 DWSRFs that were not encumbered have been carried forward into this 2024 IUP. All 2023 DWSRF projects that do not have an associated loan agreement by November 1, 2024 may be by-passed and the funds will be carried forward to the next year's IUP. PWSs will need to reapply for the next funding cycle if by-passed.

5E. PWSs/Projects Ineligible for Funding

PWSs that lack the technical, financial, or managerial capacity to operate their PWS in compliance with present and future requirements of the SDWA are not eligible to receive DWSRF funds unless the proposed project will address and resolve the lack of capacity. All PWSs will receive a capacity development review and approval before the Program will enter into a loan agreement. PWSs that are in Significant Non-Compliance with the SDWA are not eligible, except as noted in Section 6G. PWSs that serve federally owned installations are not eligible. A Non-Community PWS owned by a for-profit enterprise is not eligible to receive DWSRF funding.

Proposed projects for which the primary purpose is to provide fire protection or system growth are not eligible for DWSRF funding. Laboratory fees for monitoring and operational and maintenance expenses are ineligible project costs. Land acquisition secured by eminent domain condemnation proceedings or from an unwilling seller is not eligible to receive DWSRF funding. Projects that do not receive a favorable environmental determination and initiate construction will not receive DWSRF funding. All projects must complete the environmental review process to the satisfaction of the Program and receive a favorable environmental determination before the start of construction.

Since funding is limited, demand is considerable and funds are subsidized, DWSRF funding will be provided to only the most viable, cost effective, environmentally acceptable projects.

5F. Environmental Reviews

All "Equivalency" projects financed with DWSRF funds will have a "NEPA-like" Environmental Review. "Non-Equivalency" projects use the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), defined in the State of Maine Rules Relating to DWSRF Rules. The environmental review should be performed, and a favorable determination made prior to the design of the facility. The Environmental Review process must be completed prior to the start of construction for the project to receive DWSRF funding. The State of Maine Rules Relating to the DWSRF, Chapter 230, puts forth the Environmental Review requirements for all projects. The applicant is required to submit specific information identified in Chapter 230 for a project for the Program to make an environmental determination. The required information is dependent upon the type and scope of the project proposed to receive DWSRF funding. An Environmental Review and determination prepared for/by another federal funding agency may be accepted by the Program.

5G. Procurement Requirements

The competition thresholds for procurement of goods and services are as follows:

- a. Recipients may purchase goods and services that do not cost more than the Micro-purchase threshold \$10,000 without competition provided purchases are equitably distributed among suppliers to the extent practicable, taking DBE considerations into account, and the price is reasonable.
 - i. PWS participating in the Small PWS Emerging Contaminant Grant and Very Small Compliance Loan programs may establish micro-purchase thresholds up to \$50,000 for treatment installation projects.
 - ii. Recipients may not make a series of purchases in a relatively short time frame from the same source in amounts at or less than the micro-purchase threshold or less to avoid competition as that practice would not lead to equitable distribution of purchases from qualified sources.
- b. For purchases that cost more than the micro-purchase threshold but less than the Simplified acquisition threshold set at \$250,000, recipients may use small purchase procedures and solicit offers from a minimum of three sources, taking DBE considerations into account, without formally advertising or otherwise publicizing the contracting opportunity.
 - i. Recipients must attempt to obtain documented prices or quotes (e.g. by email or price list searches) from at least 3 three qualified sources to meet this requirement.
 - ii. Recipients must select the lowest priced item or service that meets the requirements of the specification unless it can otherwise be demonstrated that the goods or services available at a higher price offer the best value. A written justification for the decision to purchase at the higher price must be submitted for review and approval by the DWP and documented in the project folder.
 - iii. Insurances must be made that the vendor charges similarly situated customers the same price as it is offering to the recipient.
 - iv. Bid or performance bonds are not required for purchases in amounts less than the simplified acquisition threshold.
- c. Procurements in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold are subject to the formal competitive requirements of sealed bidding.
 - i. Recipients must solicit bids from an adequate number of potential contractors, taking DBE considerations into account.
 - ii. Tribal and local government recipients must publicly advertise the contracting opportunity. Other recipients may use web site announcements, pre-qualified bidder lists or similar means to solicit bids.
 - iii. The solicitation must remain open at least 30 days.
 - iv. Award of contract must go to the lowest, responsive bidder. Bidders that cannot meet the terms of the contract shall be considered non-responsive.
 - v. A tabulation of bids and the bid submittal of the contractor recommend for award must be submitted to the DWP for review and approval prior to award.

All DWSRF construction projects in federal fiscal year 2024 must use the Davis-Bacon Wage Rates. Exceptions include non-construction work funded by set-asides and worked performed through force account labor (PWS personnel).

5H. Build America Buy America (BABA) and Use of American Iron and Steel (AIS)

On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. No. 117-58, which includes the Build America, Buy America Act ("the Act"). Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. The Act strengthens Made in America Laws and will bolster America's industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs. The Act requires that no later than May 14, 2022—180 days after the enactment of the IIJA—the head of each covered Federal agency shall ensure that “none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, including each deficient program, 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.” (Build America, Buy America Act, P.L. 117-58, Secs 70911 - 70917.

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Made in America Office released its additional guidance for implementing the Build America, Buy America Act, 2 CFR 184, on August 23, 2023. The new guidance is effective on October 23, 2023.

As states deploy BIL SRF funding, the Maine Drinking Water Program will:

- Oversee BABA implementation across state SRF-funded projects, as applicable, and provide detailed information on BABA compliance requirements, flexibilities, and processes to recipients.
- Inform SRF grant and loan recipients of the domestic preference requirements. EPA will work with states to develop and provide information to SRF recipients.
- Collaborate with EPA and industry to incentivize and grow domestic supply chains and U.S. manufacturing capacity for products essential to drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.
- Educate funding recipients about their eligibility for waivers and provide help applying for waivers. EPA will develop appropriate waivers and processes to facilitate a smooth transition to these expanded requirements.

As per 10 SEC. 436,(a)(1), none of the funds made available by a State water pollution control revolving fund as authorized by title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 381 et seq.) or made available by a drinking water treatment revolving loan fund as authorized by section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.16 300j–12) shall be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a PWS or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States. (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Administrator of the EPA (in this section referred to as the “Administrator”) finds that - (1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. (c) If the Administrator receives a request for a waiver under this section, the Administrator shall make available to the public on an informal basis a copy of the request and information available to the Administrator concerning the request and shall allow for informal public input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the request. The

Administrator shall make the request and accompanying information available by electronic means, including on the official public Internet Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency. (d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements. (e) The Administrator may retain up to 0.25 percent of the funds appropriated in this Act for the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for carrying out the provisions described in subsection (a)(1) for management and oversight of the requirements of this section. (f) This section does not apply with respect to a project if a State agency approves the engineering plans and specifications for the project, in that agency's capacity to approve such plans and specifications prior to a project requesting bids, prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

5I. Equivalency

The Program must demonstrate to EPA that the total dollar amount of DWSRF projects funded in any given year that meet these authorities is equivalent to the total federal Grant funds received in that year. This sets the Equivalency Project goal. The 2024 goal for Base and Supplemental Equivalency Projects is \$21,803,284.

To meet the Equivalency Project goal for the 2024 Grant, Maine will require that all Projects with total project costs equal or greater than \$250,000, excluding Treatment and Storage Projects, all Emerging Contaminant Projects, and all Lead Service Line Replacement Projects meet the below equivalency requirements:

- Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)
- Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act
- Single Audit Act

The following equivalency requirements will be applied to all DWSRF projects \$250,000 in cost or greater, regardless of source of funding:

- Federal Cross-Cutting Authorities
- Davis-Bacon Act
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- American Iron and Steel (AIS) Provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act
- Telecom Equipment & Services 2 CFR 200.216
- Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)
- Project Signage

Projects that fall under \$250,000 (excluding EC and LSLR) will be considered non-equivalency and must only meet the below criteria:

- Davis-Bacon Act
- State Environmental Review Process (SERP)
- American Iron and Steel (AIS) Provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act

Anti-discrimination statutes apply to all DWSRF activities, not just Equivalency Projects. Projects eligible for emergency funding may be exempt from this requirement as determined by the DWSRF.

5J. Federal Cross-Cutting Authorities

Cross-cutting Authorities are listed in Attachment E. Federal Cross-cutting Authorities are those federal statutes and Presidential Executive Orders that by their own language affect actions proposed for assistance with DWSRF monies. DWSRF Equivalency Projects and all set-aside activities must meet all applicable requirements of these authorities. Some authorities will be met through the Environmental Review process. Others will be met through procurement or certification requirements of the Program. All organizations in receipt of federal funds for set-aside activities must follow all applicable federal Cross-cutting Authorities in their use of these funds.

5K. Comprehensive System Facilities Plan/ Master Plan

With the goal of increasing sustainability of all PWSs in Maine, all projects on the Primary Project List receiving principal forgiveness will be required to have a professionally prepared Comprehensive System Facilities Plan (Master Plan) that is less than ten (10) years old.

Should a PWS not have a plan that is less than ten years old, funding assistance shall be provided as part of the project loan to complete a plan. An amount shall be included in the final loan amount for the PWS to undertake such a plan.

Should a PWS have a plan that is less than ten years old, the PWS shall be allowed to undertake other plans as detailed below under the same funding opportunities. This shall be at the PWS's discretion. Examples of eligible professionally prepared documents may include:

- Comprehensive System Facilities Plans
- Asset Management Plans
- Energy Audit Reports
- System Hydraulic Modeling Studies/Reports
- Water Loss Audits
- Effective/Sustainable Utility Management Assessment and Improvement Plan

5L. EPA Data Reporting Requirements

All project loans capitalized, at least in part, with funds from the FFY 2024 Grant are entered in a national EPA Data System. DWSRF employees enter information into EPA Data System following award of a loan agreement or amendment, generally on a monthly basis.

In addition, Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements will be met by reporting to fhrs.gov on loans in an amount equivalent to \$21,803,284 which is the amount of the FFY 2024 Base and Supplemental (BIL) Capitalization.

The Emerging Contaminant Capitalization Grant (BIL) FFATA Requirements will be met by reporting to fhrs.gov on loans in an amount equivalent to \$6,680,200 which is the amount of the FFY 2024 Emerging Contaminant Grant going towards projects.

All loan recipients must obtain a DUNS number prior to receiving a loan to enable the state to satisfy FFATA requirements. Equivalency does not apply to the remainder of the Grant. Any contracts, loans or grants funded out of this portion of the Grant that individually exceeds \$25,000 will be reported to fhrs.gov as required.

6. Criteria and Method of Distribution of Funds

The criteria and method for the distribution of Project Funds, depends on the demand for the funds relative to the funds available. For the Base, Supplemental and Redistribution of the 2024 DWSRF Base Capitalization Grants the demand exceeds the available funds. But, in contrast, the Emerging Contaminants have more funds available than the existing demand for project funds. In this case, projects are accepted on the Primary Project List until the funds have been allocated.

The first ten percent (10%) of the total available funds for projects will be designated for applications received for drinking water infrastructure improvements at financing-eligible public water systems designated as Manufactured Housing Communities (MHC).

When the requests for project funds exceeds the available funds, the selection process is described below. MHC projects will be selected in a similar manner.

6A. Description of Selection Process for Projects to Receive Assistance

Each year all DWSRF eligible PWSs will be asked to submit information about projects (submission of a project information application form provided by the Program) for which they are seeking DWSRF monies for the designated year. This project information will be reviewed for accuracy and eligibility, and then given a priority ranking score based on the system designated in Section 6F below. The DWSRF eligible projects and their respective information will then be listed in order of priority, highest to lowest, in a master list of all projects (Comprehensive Project Priority List). The Program will create the Primary Project List utilizing the provisions in this Section and the amount of available funds. The Primary Project List can be found in Attachment F. A Back-up Project List, Attachment G, consists of projects that did not make the Primary Project List, but are next in line to receive assistance based on their priority ranking. Projects on the Back-up Project List will be offered funds in the order of their priority ranking based on the amount of funds freed up by projects on the Primary Project List that either decline the funds or are by-passed in accordance with the procedures stated in Section 6B. Both lists include the following information.

- Priority Point Score,
- DWSRF Project Number,
- Public Water System Identification Number,
- Population Served,
- Public Water System Name,
- Project Type,
- Project Name,
- Funds Requested,
- Principal Forgiveness Ratio and
- Principal Forgiveness Amount.

The Program will contact all PWSs with projects listed on the Primary Project List after the IUP is finalized to inform them of submittal, review and approval, and application requirements.

6B. By-Pass Provision

A project on the Primary Project List may be by-passed if the PWS has not entered into a signed financial assistance agreement within one year from the receipt of funds from USEPA. To enter into a loan agreement a PWS must submit and receive approval of engineering and construction documents, complete an environmental review, and complete a capacity review.

Funds made available when a project is by-passed will be offered to PWSs with projects on the Back-Up Project List. Assistance will be offered to the PWSs with the highest priority ranked projects that have requested an amount of assistance less than or equal to the by-passed project's requested funding.

6C. By-Pass for Small Water PWS Assistance

A minimum of 15% of the monies available for funding projects each year must go to PWSs that serve a population of less than 10,000 (small PWSs). The lowest priority project or projects for PWSs that serve 10,000 or more people may be by-passed in any given year to achieve this goal of 15% assistance to small PWSs. As necessary, the highest priority small PWS projects will be selected to satisfy the minimum 15% level. Of the 18 projects on the 2024 Primary Project List, 13 are PWSs with populations of less than 10,000. Total project funding offered for these PWSs is \$22,902,950 or 71% of the funds on the Primary Project List, greatly exceeding the 15% requirement.

6D. By-Pass for Consolidation Grant Assistance

The Program will by-pass consolidation grant projects that do not meet the deadlines established at the time of application. If a project does not meet the established deadlines, the PWS may reapply for the consolidation grant. Original applications must be submitted before construction occurs. Resubmitted applications cannot be submitted more than a year after construction started.

6E. Emergency Construction Fund

The Emergency Construction Fund provides loans to PWSs that have experienced a recent unexpected event that poses a serious threat to public health and welfare. This may include a severe weather event, accident or sabotage that results in infrastructure damage, or other event that causes a sudden and dramatic impact to drinking water quality and/or available quantity.

These projects must meet the eligibility criteria for DWSRF projects, but do not need to be on the Priority Project List. Emergency Construction Fund projects are not eligible for principal forgiveness. The DWP has the discretion to determine what constitutes an emergency. The DWP will also determine which provisions of the standard loan process (competitive bidding, environmental reviews, capacity reviews, plans and specifications, etc.) must be met. The Program has budgeted up to \$250,000 from repayment funds for the 2024 calendar year. Additional funds if available at the time of the emergency application can also be made available. Funds that are not committed by the end of 2024 will be returned to the pool of funds for standard construction projects.

6F. Very Small PWS Compliance Loan Fund (VSPWSCL)

This fund allows qualifying PWSs to receive up to \$60,000 loans for infrastructure projects that are needed to achieve compliance with a current or future standard of the SDWA excluding the Revised Total Coliform Rule. Individual loans will be awarded up to \$60,000. Of the \$60,000 awarded \$10,000 will be for services of a professional engineer. For a project estimate that exceeds \$60,000, the owner is responsible for paying costs more than \$60,000 first, before VSPWSCL funds are provided, ensuring the completion of the compliance related project. For projects that will exceed \$60,000 in total cost, if the final project cost is less than expected after the owner has paid funds upfront, and as a result, VSPWSCL expenditures will total less than \$60,000, then initial costs paid by the owner may be reimbursable, enabling reimbursement of costs up to the full \$60,000 grant to be provided toward project costs.

If more requests for money are received than we have allocated for the Very Small System Compliance Loan Program, funds will be made available on a first come first served basis and the ability of the

applicant to implement the improvements on a timely basis. The loans would need to meet all requirements for a standard construction loan including contract document, environmental review, capacity review, Davis-Bacon wage rates and other applicable requirements. The loan term would be set at 100 percent principal forgiveness. A balance of \$360,000 will be reserved from the 2024 DWSRF to be available for 2024 applicants.

Qualifying PWSs include all community PWSs (except those regulated by the Public Utilities Commission) with a population of 100 or less and all not-for-profit, non-transient, non-community PWSs. All PWSs that meet these basic eligibility criteria, and are therefore potentially eligible for a project under the VSPWSCL Fund, are identified on Attached Appendix L. In exceptional circumstances, not-for-profit, transient, non-community PWSs may also be granted financial assistance through the VSPWSCL Fund at the discretion of the Program.

All qualified project applications received are deemed to have a project eligibility ranking above 100 points as projects needed to achieve compliance with current or future SDWA standards. The Standard Project Ranking criteria is detailed in Section 6H. Since a ranking above 100 points exceeds the lowest ranked funded project in Attachment F, these projects are eligible for placement on the project Priority List.

Please note that projects cannot be the result of a failure to maintain an existing treatment system. Projects can consist of developing a new well or the installation of treatment. Consolidation with another PWS could be funded with a consolidation grant.

6G. PWSs in Priority Status on EPA's ETT

PWSs that score 11 or higher on EPA's Enforcement Targeting Tool (ETT) due to current and outstanding violations will not be eligible for DWSRF financial assistance unless/until: a) they resolve all violations to the satisfaction of the Program; b) the project(s) for which they are applying for DWSRF monies resolve all ETT violations; or c) they enter into, and comply with, an Administrative Consent Agreement with the Program that addresses the violations. If the PWS resolves its violations by one of these methods, then its DWSRF eligible project(s) will be prioritized and provided financial assistance in the same manner as all other DWSRF eligible projects. If a PWS is not a priority PWS on the ETT at the time that they receive a loan agreement but become a Priority PWS on the ETT during the construction of the project, then the DWSRF construction reimbursement process will be stopped until those violations are resolved by one of the methods mentioned above.

6H. Project Priority Ranking System

Planning and engineering costs (Engineering Study, Pilot Plant Study, Environmental Study, project design, etc.) can be separately funded from a project if associated with a future DWSRF eligible project. If construction is not occurring during the 2024 construction season, only preliminary costs will be allocated on the 2024 IUP. These activities will be prioritized based on the future DWSRF eligible project for which they are associated. Financial assistance to acquire land integral to a DWSRF eligible project and the guarantee or purchase of insurance for local debt obligation is both DWSRF eligible expenses. Projects submitted for these activities will be prioritized based on the project type with which they are associated. Example: A DWSRF project submission for land acquisition necessary for construction of a planned pump station or treatment facility will be priority ranked the same as the future facility.

The scoring system that will be used for ranking requests for DWSRF funding for this funding period is as follows:

I. Standard Projects (only one priority point score to apply to each project)

a. Type of Project Priority Points

1) Projects to address compliance and public health issues:

Installation of treatment or connection to a new supply for:

Acute Contaminant	99
Non-Acute Contaminant	80
Emerging Contaminant	100

Replacement of a contaminated source with uncontaminated source.

If the existing source is:

River/Stream	95
Lake/Pond/Impoundment	90
GWUDI	85
Dug Well	77
Spring	75
Filtered Surface Water	69

Replacement of aging infrastructure at risk of causing contamination.

Uncovered Finish Water Storage	60
Treatment Facility	55
Floating Cover Storage	49
Source-Intake Structure	45
Primary Pump Station	44
Booster Station	42
Storage	40
River Crossing	37
Transmission Mains	35
Distribution Mains	33
Instrumentation/Controls	30
Backwash Lagoons	30
Roughing Filters	30

Rehabilitation of aging infrastructure or upgrade of existing facilities at risk of contamination.

Treatment Facility	44
Source-Intake Structure	26
Primary Pump Station	25
Booster Station	23
Storage (Inside Painting)	20
Transmission Mains	18
Distribution Mains	17
Instrumentation/Controls	15
Backwash Lagoons	15
Roughing Filters	15

- 2) Installation of facilities to address low system pressure problems:

Backflow Prevention Devices	43
Storage	32
Booster Pump Station	24
Larger Mains	22
 - 3) Projects for compliance with future promulgated SDWA regulations:

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 - 4) Projects to address aesthetics: taste, color, odor, etc.

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 - 5) Construction of facilities around a PWS's source to address a health threat or documented contamination threat to a source of supply: *

Unfiltered Surface Water W/Filtration Waiver	72
Filtered Surface Water	62
Groundwater	52

*Source water protection activities are not eligible for funding with Project Funds, but may be eligible for Other Non-Project Activity set-aside funds.
 - 6) Installation of facilities to provide redundant facilities:

Supply (present peak day supply problems)	68
Disinfection Equipment	56
Treatment Train	50
Supply Source	40
Source-Intake Structure	32
River Crossing	29
Pump Station	21
Storage	19
Transmission Main	25
 - 7) Other Eligible Projects:

Catastrophic Failure of Critical Infrastructure	70
PWS Viability: Facility Consolidation	65
Install Backup Power Source	48
Tank Mixing & Re-Chlorination	35
Resolution of Dead-End Water Quality Problems	34
PWS Interconnection	32
PWS Expansion to Address Public Health Issues	31
Installation of Meters	16
Construction of Office, Garage, or Equipment Storage	10
- b. Priority Point Add-ons: (only one priority point score for each category applies and is to be added with each category's score including project points to produce the final project priority rank)

Priority points

1) PWS compliance/enforcement status*

Court Action or Civil Penalty Assessment	30
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Assessed Administrative Penalty	25
Active Administrative Compliance/Consent Order	20
Loss of Filtration Avoidance/Exemption	18
Long-term Boil Water Order or Do Not Drink Order (>1 year)	16
In Significant Non-Compliance	14
Outstanding Notice of Non-Compliance	12
Outstanding Treatment Technique Violation	10
Active Bi-lateral Compliance Agreement	8
Recommendation from a Sanitary Survey	5

* These priority points are only added if proposed project addresses the compliance/enforcement issue in question.

2) Percentage of annual residential water bill of median household income.

Greater than 2.25%	18
between 2.01% and 2.25%	15
between 1.76% and 2.00%	12
between 1.51% and 1.75%	9
between 1.26% and 1.50%	6
between 1% and 1.25%	3
less than 1%	0

For a PWS serving a manufactured housing community, that does not bill monthly for water or whose water bill is incorporated into a bill for monthly rent, 18 priority points will automatically be allocated.

3) Population served.

100,000 people or more	1
between 10,000 and 99,999	2
between 3,300 and 9,999	8
between 500 and 3,299	6
less than 500 people	4

4) Public Water System Type.

Community – Manufactured Housing Community	30
Community	6
Non-Transient	3
Transient	1

5) Project in accordance with Completed System Master Plan. 5

6) Plans and Specifications. up to 10

1 point for each 10 percent completed, maximum 10 points
DWP may request copy of plans and specifications

7) Project in conjunction with road reconstruction project DWP may request documentation of planned road project. 10

8) Demonstration Permitting & Environmental Review is

Complete: 10

9) Discretionary Points based upon public health risk: Associated only with aging infrastructure. The facility expected useful life is compared to the facilities age.

If the ratio is greater than 50% and less than 75%	5
If the ratio is greater than 75% and less than 90%	8
If the ratio is greater than 90% and less than 100%	12
If the ratio is greater than 100% and less than 125%	16
If the ratio is greater than 125%	20

Note: The following Expected Useful Life values shall be used:

Pipe (Iron/HDPE)	100 Years
Pipe (Asbestos Cement/PVC/Copper)	75 Years
Pipe (Galvanized)	50 Years
Finished Water Storage Facilities	75 Years
Buildings Structures	50 Years
Groundwater Wells	40 Years
Electrical & Mechanical Equipment including pumps	20 Years
Steel Coating Systems	20 Years
Meters	15 Years
Chemical Feed & Storage Equipment	15 Years
Instrumentation	10 Years

10) Projects to Treat Water Supplies due to Emerging Contaminants - 30 Points. For a project or activity to be eligible for funding under this appropriation, it must be otherwise DWSRF eligible, and the primary purpose must be to address emerging contaminants in drinking water. Given the clear Congressional intent that these funds focus on projects addressing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (hereinafter PFAS), EPA expects states to actively solicit and prioritize PFAS-focused projects. States, however, have the flexibility to fund projects for any contaminant in any of EPA's Contaminant Candidate Lists. For example, EPA also encourages states to consider using these funds to address perchlorate as well as contaminants that have higher levels of occurrence or health concerns.

c. Additional Priority Points for Compliant PWSs:

DWSRF eligible PWSs that have been in compliance with the SDWA for the last five calendar years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022), will receive extra priority points for each of the five years. The points for each year will be based on the following:

- 2 points - no compliance violations on record with the Program for that calendar year.
- 1 point - violation(s) but all have been addressed and resolved with the Program.
- 0 points – outstanding violation(s) that have not been resolved.

The priority points will be totaled (maximum of 10 points) and added to each project that PWS submitted requesting DWSRF financial assistance.

Total Project Priority Point Score: (a+b1+b2+b3+b4+b5+b6+b7+b8+b9+b10+c)

II. Other Projects - 15% Set-Aside. The types of activities to be funded with this non-project set-aside and the percentage and dollar amount of monies to be allocated to each activity are listed in Section 4C.

Priority ranking system for the 15% set-aside funds. Priority ranking for each set-aside activity will be based on the scoring system listed below. References to **b1, b2, b3**, etc., refer to the add-on points defined in the previous section.

a. Land Acquisition/Conservation Easements:

In the unusual case of multiple applications submitted at the same time, the following ranking criteria shall be used.

<u>Type of Source</u>	<u>Priority Points</u>
Unfiltered surface water with filtration waiver	50
Filtered surface water source	40
Groundwater under the direct influence of surface water	30
Groundwater	20

(Total Priority Ranking Score = Type of Source+b1+b2+b3+b4+c)

b. Wellhead Protection:

- 0 – 5 points Demonstrated need for the project. How will the project help protect your groundwater source?
- 0 – 3 points Previous wellhead protection work. Has your PWS demonstrated a commitment to source water protection by dedicating time or financial resources to source protection? What other projects have you completed or are in the process of completing that identify, evaluate, manage, or eliminate threats to your groundwater supply?
- 0 – 3 points Community Involvement. Protecting drinking water sources is a community effort. Explain how you have included, or plan to include, local partners to work with you to enhance efforts to protect your groundwater source. Have you engaged your neighbors, your customers, and/or your local government in protecting your source?
- 0 - 1 points Implementation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Projects which will implement recommendations or reduce the risk of contamination identified from an existing Wellhead or Source Water Protection Plan, or from recommendations made by the Program, Maine Rural Water Association, or other qualified professional will receive one point.
- 0 - 1 point Creation of a Wellhead Protection Plan. Projects that include the development or improvement of a Wellhead or Source Water Protection Plan will receive one point.
- 0 - 1 point Cost Sharing. PWSs which contribute money or in-kind services to help fund or complete a portion of the project will receive one point. For example, PWSs that contribute \$100 toward the replacement of each home heating oil tank within their wellhead protection zone will receive this point.

0 - 1 point Previous grant awards. PWSs which have never received a Wellhead Protection Grant will receive one point.

(Total Priority Ranking Score = Need + Previous Work + Community Involvement + Implementation of Wellhead Protection Plan + Creation of a Wellhead Protection Plan + Cost Sharing + Previous Grant Work)

c. Source Water Surface Water Protection:

0 – 5 points Demonstrated need for the project. How will the project help protect your surface water source?

0 – 2 points Previous source water protection work. Has your PWS demonstrated a commitment to source water protection by dedicating time or financial resources to source protection? What other projects have you completed that evaluate or manage threats to your surface water supply?

0 – 5 points Community involvement. Protecting drinking water sources is a community effort. Explain how local partners will work with you to enhance efforts to protect your groundwater source. Will this project benefit another public or private drinking water source? Projects demonstrating value from other sources, financial or in-kind, will receive a higher score.

0 – 3 points Describe how the project will address an identified risk. Will the project reduce the risk of contamination identified by a Watershed Management Plan, Source Water Assessment Report, or another priority system?

0 or 1 point Implementation of a Watershed Management Plan. Projects which will implement recommendations from an existing Watershed Management or Source Water Protection Plan will receive one point.

0 or 1 point Cost Sharing. PWSs which contribute money or in-kind services up front to fund a portion of the project costs will receive one point.

Priority will be given to projects that exceed the \$5,000 grant maximum and which will be funded in part by funds from other sources.

(Total Priority Ranking Score = Need + Previous Work + Community Involvement + Identified Risk + Implementation of Wellhead Protection Plan + Cost Sharing + Previous Grant Work)

d. PWS Consolidation:

The purpose of this program is to provide partial funding to PWSs to allow consolidation with another PWS to enhance system capacity. PWSs with a technical, managerial, or financial capacity issue can receive partial funding to consolidate with a more viable PWS to enhance system capacity and de-regulate an existing PWS. The PWS Consolidation Grant will fund no more than 50 percent of the cost of the PWS consolidation for for-profit facilities and no more than 75 percent of the cost of the PWS consolidation for not-for-profit facilities. Grant awards may not exceed \$150,000. Payment shall be made on a one-time reimbursement basis. Consideration for greater than a single reimbursement will be made on a case-by-case basis determined by the financial need of the applying PWS. Community PWSs and non-profit, non-community PWSs are eligible for the PWS Consolidation program. For-profit non-community PWSs and federally owned PWSs

are not eligible. Each eligible PWS (PWS to be eliminated) may only receive one grant award for any consolidation effort.

Qualifying Criteria:

- The PWS applying for consolidation must have a technical, managerial, or financial capacity issue that will be addressed by the consolidation with the more viable PWS.
- The more viable, receiving PWS must neither exhibit technical, managerial, or financial capacity issues nor result in PWS capacity issues.
- Plans and specifications for the consolidation must be reviewed and approved by the Program.
- The project must complete the environmental review process that is currently part of the DWSRF construction loan program.

Ranking Criteria:

Because limited funding is provided for this Set-aside, grant awards will be determined by time of application, anticipated construction date, and risk to public health.

6I. Relationship to Meeting DWSRF Goals and Objectives

The criteria and method used to distribute project funds, as stated in this section, satisfies all the goals and objectives of the DWSRF. It also satisfies the DWSRF priority requirements of the SDWA. It gives PWSs with the greatest need for obtaining financial assistance to construct projects that address imminent and long-term threats to public health, pending enforcement actions and compliance issues with the SDWA, the ability to receive funding by giving their projects the highest priority ranking. It provides for assistance to small PWSs and Disadvantaged Community PWSs. Affordability will be factored into the priority ranking of projects. The method of distributing project funds also provides for the funding of preventive measures such as source water protection, replacement of aging infrastructure, operator certification and capacity development.

6J. Impact on Long-Term Financial Status of the DWSRF

The proposed method and financial terms for distributing project funds presented in this IUP should have negligible impact on the long-term financial status of the DWSRF. Principal payments on loans plus all interest earnings will be deposited to the DWSRF and made available for future PWS capital improvements. The only funds lost for revolving are those used for:

- DWSRF Administration,
- Technical assistance to small PWSs set-aside,
- PWSS program functions set-aside,
- Grants to PWSs to establish and implement Wellhead and Source Water Protection Programs,
- Costs for services rendered for source water delineations and assessments of potential sources of contamination, and
- Principal forgiveness funds to Disadvantaged Community PWSs.

7. Financial Aspects of DWSRF Assistance

7A. General

All PWSs must complete a MMBB loan application to be considered for a DWSRF loan. All PWSs must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the MMBB that they have an adequate revenue source to support the repayment of loan amounts. A PWS may enter into a loan agreement after its loan application is approved by the MMBB and all required financial conditions are met. Requisitions for construction costs will not be approved until the DWSRF requirements listed in Section 5 are met.

7B. Financial Terms of Loans

All loans for the financing of projects and non-project activities using 15% set-aside funds (the purchase of land and conservation easements for source water protection) will be at an interest rate at or below the municipal tax-exempt market rate with a minimum interest rate of 1% for all loans (exclusive of the Lead Service Line Replacement Capital Funds).

Project loans where the amount borrowed is \$250,000 or more may have a maximum repayment period of up to 20 years from the date of construction or the life expectancy of the asset being financed, whichever is less. Amounts borrowed for less than \$250,000 may be limited to a ten-year repayment term. Loans for land acquisition, conservation easements and Source Water Protection will usually have a repayment term limit of 10 years. Borrowers may request approval by the MMBB for an increase in their payment term above these limits up to a maximum allowable term of 20 years. The request must be in writing and state the need for a greater term. In all cases the loan repayment term will be limited to the life expectancy of the asset to be financed. Loans will have an initial payment due no more than one year from the date of substantial completion of construction for Standard Projects, or the date of the final loan agreement for Other Non-Project Activity funds.

The Program will make the determination of which projects will receive bond blend proceeds. All other projects will be financed by straight loans of repayment funds, Federal Grant, and State Match monies.

Loans for planning and engineering studies, reports and design work that are sought separate from a project loan, but are associated with future DWSRF eligible projects, will have a maximum loan repayment period of the same as the facility would qualify for, but no more than 20 years. These short-term loans can be rolled into the long-term loan for the construction of the planned or engineered project if it becomes eligible for DWSRF funding.

The financial terms for loans to PWSs that qualify for Disadvantaged Community PWS Assistance is addressed in Section 8.

7C. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Requirements

All PUC regulated PWSs must acquire approval for Issuance of Securities from the PUC before they can enter into a long-term loan agreement. If a PWS needs water rates increased to finance a DWSRF loan that includes bond blend monies, the rate increase must be approved prior to the time of the bond sale. Interim financing is discussed in Sections 7G and 7H.

7D. MMBB & DWP Administrative Fees

An Administrative Fee is charged by the MMBB to cover all costs incurred to sustain the daily maintenance of the loan throughout its life. This fee covers such costs as analyzing loan requests, processing the draw requisitions, analyzing refunding opportunities, trustee fees and billing. An

administrative fee not to exceed 5% of the periodic loan payment will be assessed each payment date. The 5% fee is applied to only the amount due at each payment date and not on all outstanding amounts as of each payment date. Therefore, this fee will increase the effective interest rate on a 20 year loan by approximately 50 basis points or .5%. For a repayment term greater than 20 years, the impact of the fee on the effective rate would be slightly less and for a repayment term of less than 20 years, the impact on the effective rate would be slightly more. For example, if the interest rate on a 20-year DWSRF loan was 1%, the impact of the MMBB Administrative Fee on the interest rate of the loan would be to increase the effective rate (i.e., the APR) of the loan to approximately 1.5%. The amount of money collected from this Administrative Fee will be placed in a Fee account that will be used to cover eligible costs associated with administering the DWSRF program. This Administrative Fee applies to all construction loans and is not waived for disadvantaged community PWSs.

The Administrative Fee charged by the DWP is a one-time 0.9% DWP Project Management Fee on the total principal (forgiven and non-forgiven).

7E. Refinancing of Existing Facilities

DWSRF funds can be used to buy or refinance debt obligations for DWSRF eligible projects for PWSs that are owned and operated by a municipal, inter-municipal or interstate agency. Based on an EPA policy established in the spring of 1999, reimbursing project construction costs incurred prior to the date that the Project Lists are finalized, the last day of public review of the IUP, for a PWS with a DWSRF eligible project on a Project List is considered refinancing debt. The refinancing of debt for privately owned PWSs is not a reimbursable expense for DWSRF financial assistance. Additionally, DWSRF money cannot be used to refinance loans for the purchase of land. Publicly owned PWSs can receive reimbursement of refinanced debt in their DWSRF loans. However, their initial debt and the start of construction of the project must have occurred after July 1, 1993, to be eligible for reimbursement.

The Program will only consider projects submitted for refinancing if the current water rates at the public PWS exceed the maximum water rate goal as described in Section 8D. Projects that are eligible for refinancing based upon the preceding criteria will score priority points as if it were a new project. However, since the DWSRF Program gives a higher priority to projects to address existing health risks or compliance issues, the total score will be reduced by thirty (30) percent. The project will then be ranked against all other projects to determine its placement on the Primary or Backup Project List.

7F. Refinancing of Facilities Currently Being Constructed

As stated in Section 7E above, the reimbursement of project construction costs incurred prior to the completion of public review of an IUP for which the project is included on a Project List will be considered the refinancing of debt. The Program is limited in how it can disburse funds for refinancing debt. Each year EPA allows Programs to only use \$2 million of their initial Grant funds for this purpose. Further, EPA only allows the disbursement of all costs for refinancing debt above the \$2 million limit to occur when disbursed over an eight-quarter period (two years). The eight-quarter period begins with the quarter the Program receives its Grant. Pre-construction costs (cost for design, planning, legal, etc.) are not subject to this eight-quarter rule and can be reimbursed any time after a PWS enters into a loan agreement.

7G. Projects That Secure Non-Bond Bank Interim Financing for Facility Construction

A PWS may elect to secure interim financing for the construction of a known DWSRF eligible project from a lending institute other than the MMBB. The PWS must abide by all DWSRF requirements

(plan review/approval, Environmental Review, Cross-cutting Authority requirements, etc.) to be eligible for DWSRF financial assistance. Also, the PWS must not complete construction of the project before the Grant is awarded to the Program to be eligible. It is preferable that PWSs not even begin construction of the project until the Project List that includes them has been finalized with the completion of its public review. As stated above, all costs incurred prior to the completion of public review will be considered refinanced debt. It will be priority ranked the same as the entire project. These costs will be disbursed as described in Section 7F with the exception that preconstruction costs can be reimbursed any time after the PWS enters into a DWSRF loan agreement.

7H. Projects That Secure Bond Bank Interim Financing for Facility Construction

A PWS may obtain interim financing through the MMBB for a project included on a Primary Project List after the Program has been awarded its Grant. With an interim loan in place, a PWS will be eligible to receive reimbursement of pre-construction project costs (administrative, legal, design, etc.) upon approval by the Program (exception: PWSs in receipt of disadvantaged assistance – see Section 8B). Reimbursement of construction costs will only be allowed when the entire project meets the requirements of Sections 5B through 5F with all required approvals by the DWP. The interest rate for all borrowers electing to obtain interim financing through the MMBB will be equal to two thirds of the 1-year AAA municipal tax-exempt rate then available or 1%, whichever is higher. Fees will not be charged for interim loans.

8. Disadvantaged Community PWS Assistance

8A. Definition of Disadvantaged Community PWS

A Financially Disadvantaged Community PWS is defined as any PWS that serves a community and can demonstrate that its year-round residential water consumers have a median household income (MHI) of \$63,182 per year or less or when the ratio of average annual water bill to median household income is 0.8% or greater.

An Environmentally Disadvantaged Community Public Water System is a non-transient or community PWS that is: affected by environmental pollution, naturally occurring contaminant(s) and/or has lead contamination in the water supply or lead materials in the service line materials; and is at risk for negative health effects due to contamination and/or there is water supply or lead service lines containing lead. DWSRF Disadvantaged Community PWS Assistance will only be allowed where the disadvantaged water consumers will directly benefit from the assistance.

8B. Total Amount of Funds Available for Disadvantaged Community PWS Assistance

The 2024 DWSRF budget appropriation requires a minimum of 12% of the 2024 Base Capitalization Grant (\$559,320) and exactly 49% of the Supplemental Capitalization Grant (\$11,262,650) to be available for Disadvantaged Community PWS projects as principal forgiveness assistance. Loan subsidies are defined as funds given out either as principal forgiveness (grant) or as negative interest rates. Maine's DWSRF Program plans to give out subsidies to Disadvantaged Community PWSs only in the form of principal forgiveness.

Principal forgiveness will be made available to the highest-ranking projects first. A PWS must meet all the requirements of Section 5 of this IUP (capacity development, plans and specifications, and environmental review and approval) to enter into a loan agreement.

PWSs receiving loans with principal forgiveness as a "Disadvantaged Community" will be required to finance their project with a DWSRF Interim Loan or local Bond Anticipation Note. Financing with a DWSRF Long Term Loan will be made available after satisfactory determination of final project cost.

PWSs that qualify for at least 20% principal forgiveness funds that enter a DWSRF loan agreement and want to proceed with construction of their DWSRF eligible project after that year's allotment of principal forgiveness has been committed to other projects will be eligible to receive loans at an interest rate described in Section 8E. A loan term of less than 30 years is possible if the applicant selects a shorter loan repayment period, or the Program reduces the term to the life expectancy of the project. Uncommitted forgiveness cannot be carried forward into the following grant period.

8C. Loan Fees and Costs

The one-time 0.9% DWP Project Management Fee on the total principal (forgiven and non-forgiven) and 5% MMBB Loan Administrative Fee will not be waived for PWSs that receive Disadvantaged Community Assistance. The DWP Project Management Fee will be paid from the portion of the loan that has been forgiven.

8D. Affordability Criteria

The Affordability Criteria will be based on the Median Household Income (MHI) of the PWS's year-round residential customers or the PWS's calculated Average Annual Water Bill to MHI Ratio.

Criteria I (MHI):

System wide Residential customers of a PWS must have an MHI of \$63,182 per year or less to qualify for receipt of Disadvantaged Community PWS assistance. This figure represents the average MHI for non-metropolitan Maine from the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate (2017-2021) prepared by the US Census Bureau. The income data used to determine MHI should be that which most accurately reflects the income of the year-round residential customers in a PWS's service area. This data can come from either the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2017-2021), or from a more current independent PWS income survey. All income surveys must be submitted to the Program for review and approval before the results can be used to determine the amount of DWSRF disadvantaged assistance to which a PWS is entitled. An independent Income Survey must be completed prior to and included with the SRF funding application. Income surveys must be conducted by an independent third-party using a methodology approved by the Program. Income surveys shall not be valid for more than three years.

Criteria II (Average Annual Water Bill to MHI Ratio):

The Ratio is Calculated as follows:

(Cost of 2,000 cubic feet of water per quarterly billing cycle X 4 quarters) / MHI

*A basis of 2,000cf. of water per quarter is used for average water consumption.

8E. Limitations/Terms of Disadvantaged Community Assistance

Disadvantaged Community Assistance subsidies in the form of principal forgiveness will be available to Community Water PWSs at maximum levels of 20, 35, 50, and 75 percent of the requested DWSRF loan amount based upon the following:

Water Rates as a Percentage of Median Household Income PF (%)

MHI > \$63,182 & Ratio > 0.80 or	
MHI < \$63,182 & Ratio < 0.80	20%
MHI < \$63,182 & Ratio 0.80 – 1.49	35%
MHI < \$63,182 & Ratio 1.50 – 1.99	50%
MHI < \$63,182 & Ratio >= 2.00	75%

Note that in certain cases where there are environmental justice concerns and the customer base is very limited, the DWSRF Fund Manager may increase the amount of principal forgiveness to make the resultant terms of the offer affordable.

DWSRF Base and Supplemental Grants: For PWSs with water rates as a percentage of MHI below 0.8%, the loan will be loaned for a 20-year repayment period. PWSs which qualify for Principal Forgiveness of 20% or more will be allowed for a 30-year repayment period. All Loans will have at a minimum a one percent interest rate. Loans for PWSs that qualify for this assistance will have a calculated repayment period of up to 30 years after the completion of the project but may never exceed the expected life of the project being financed. The terms of financial assistance to Disadvantaged Community PWSs will vary depending upon the MWRG (see Section 8D) for each PWS. Subsidy and terms will be determined at the time a PWS applies to the MMBB, accompanied by all supporting documentation necessary for the MMBB to make these determinations.

Community PWSs not regulated by the Maine Public Utility Commission that do not have water user rates in place may also be considered for Disadvantaged Community assistance. An applicant can

propose an alternative methodology for review and consideration by the Program to determine the individual water user cost for 2,000 cubic feet of water consumed per calendar year quarter.

Nonprofit, non-Community Water PWSs may receive principal forgiveness if there is an excess of Disadvantaged Community PWS assistance dollars after all qualifying Disadvantaged Community PWS projects submitted have been financed. The amount of Principal Forgiveness given will be at the discretion of the Program.

The purchase of land or conservation easements by Disadvantaged Community PWSs using set-aside funds can only be accomplished with a loan for a maximum term of 20 years at an interest rate at or below the Standard Project Rate, but no lower than one percent.

The Program reserves the right to increase the maximum percentage of principal forgiveness if the loan subsidy requirement designated by the federal legislation is not met.

8F. PWSs/Projects to Receive Assistance

Subsidies to all Projects and PWSs to receive Disadvantaged Community PWS assistance will be based on the priority ranking system stated in Section 6 and their eligibility for this assistance, as described in this Section. The projects and PWSs to receive this assistance are listed with non-Disadvantaged Community PWS projects in Attachments F and G.

8G. Effects on Long-Term Funding Level of DWSRF

The maximum net long-term effect of the allocation of funds for financial assistance to Disadvantaged Community PWSs as proposed in this Section will be to reduce the future amount of funds available to the DWSRF by the amount of principal forgiveness, plus the lost interest earnings.

9. Public Review and Participation

Each year the IUP will be made available for public review and comment. Copies of the draft IUP will be made available upon request or by viewing the Program's web site. Informal public review meetings will be scheduled after the release of the Draft IUP. All DWSRF eligible PWSs, drinking water agencies and associations with a direct interest in drinking water matters, other organizations that are known to have an interest in public drinking water issues, and the public will be notified of the availability of the draft IUP. They will also be notified of the time and location of the public meetings where comments and questions related to the draft IUP will be accepted.

A public informational meeting was held on February 23, 2024. A list of attendees and their comments made during the meeting is summarized in Appendix K. Comments were addressed at the time of the meeting and no additional questions were made by attendees or non-attending public following the meeting.

The public review and participation activities for the draft 2024 IUP are as follows:

- September 1, 2023 - Mailing to all PWSs eligible for DWSRF assistance, providing information on the Program and requesting applications for 2024 DWSRF funding. Information also placed on DWP web site.
- October 6, 2023 - Last day for PWSs submitting 2024 DWSRF project applications.
- February 9, 2024 – Draft IUP posted to website and emailed to all PWSs who applied for 2024 funding.
- February 23, 2024 - Public informational meeting on draft IUP held virtually at 2:00PM.
- March 8, 2024 - End of public comment period.
- March 2024 –Project Loan Offers to PWSs with projects on the 2024 DWSRF Primary List.
- May 2024; Grant Pre-Submittal Review and Approval by DHHS Grant Review Committee.
- June 2024, DWSRF Grant Application prepared and submitted to EPA Region 1.
- August 2024, Expected Grant Award by EPA Region 1 (contingent on acquisition of State Match on June 30, 2024).

10. Funding Schedule

Table 10-1: Estimated Forecasted Cash Needs for FY2024

Grant Program	Capitalization Grant	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Total Annual Need
Federal	Base	\$4,661,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,661,000
	Supplemental	\$11,492,500	\$3,830,833	\$3,830,833	\$3,830,834	\$22,985,000
	Emerging Contaminants	\$3,820,000	\$1,273,333	\$1,273,333	\$1,273,334	\$7,640,000
Non-Federal (State Match)	Base	\$932,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$932,200
	Supplemental	\$4,597,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,597,000
Total Quarterly Need		\$25,502,700	\$5,104,166	\$5,104,166	\$5,104,168	

TABLE 3
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024 DWSRF BASE, SUPPLEMENTAL & REALLOTMENT CAPITALIZATION GRANT FUNDS

Item	Total Funds Available	Funds Allotted for 2024	Sub Accounts
2024 DWSRF Base Capitalization Grant	\$4,661,000		
2024 DWSRF Supplemental Capitalization Grant	\$22,985,000		
TOTAL	\$27,646,000		
Set-Asides			
Program Administration (up to 4%)	\$1,105,840	\$547,255	
1. DWP Portion (90% Max)		\$436,671	
2. MMBB Portion (10%)		\$110,584	
Technical Assistance to Small Systems (up to 2%)	\$552,920	\$368,000	
1. MRWA WQS		\$231,000	
2. DWP OUTREACH SPECIALIST		\$137,000	
Drinking Water Program (up to 10%)	\$2,764,600	\$2,545,999	
1. PWSS Program		\$2,545,999	
2. Source Water Protection		\$0	
3. Capacity Development		\$0	
Other Non-Project Activities (up to 15%)	\$4,146,900	\$2,381,462	
1. LAND ACQUISITION		\$75,000	
Land Acquisition & Conservation Easements			\$75,000
2. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE		\$928,668	
Capacity Development Staff Assistance			\$268,668
Capacity Development Grants			\$300,000
Manufactured Housing PWS Audit Grants			\$0
Short-Term Financing Fund			\$260,000
DWSRF Contracted Grant Project Management Fund			\$100,000
3. TRAINING ASSISTANCE		\$320,000	
Training Reimbursement Fund			\$160,000
MRWA/Financial Circuit Rider			\$80,000
MWUA/Leadership Training			\$30,000
MRWA & MWUA - Annual Conference Assistance			\$50,000
4. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS		\$95,000	
MRWA/Table Top Exercises (TTX)			\$40,000
MRWA/MeWARN Emergency Preparedness			\$15,000
MWUA/Mini TTX			\$40,000
5. SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$50,000	
MRWA/Benchmarking IV			\$10,000
MWUA/Funding Guide & Assistance			\$30,000
MWUA/Helping Hand			\$5,000
MWUA/Tool Box			\$5,000
6. WELLHEAD & SOURCE PROTECTION		\$912,794	
New Well Approval, Wellhead Protection and Source Water Protection Staff Assistance			\$592,794
Wellhead/Source Water Protection and Water System Asset Security Grants			\$300,000
Public Education & Outreach Fund			\$20,000
Set Aside Totals	\$8,570,260	\$5,842,716	
Remaining DWSRF Cap Grants Funds Available for Projects		\$21,803,284	
State Match		\$5,529,200	
Other Project Funds (Int., Repayments & Carry Over Funds)		\$5,474,169	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS		\$32,806,653	

TABLE 3A
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023 DWSRF EMERGING CONTAMINANTS CAPITALIZATION GRANT FUNDS

Item	Total Funds Available		Sub Accounts	FTE	Banked Credit	Banked Credit	
	From Grant	Funds Allotted for 2024				Used	Balance
2024 DWSRF Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant	\$7,640,000						
Set-Asides							
Program Administration (up to 4%)	\$305,600	\$282,800		D	\$297,020	(\$22,800)	\$319,820
1. DWP Portion (90%)		\$130,000		1			
2. MMBB Portion (10%)		\$152,800					
Technical Assistance to Small Systems (up to 2%)	\$152,800	\$65,000		E	\$103,900	(\$87,800)	\$191,700
1. WQS/TREATMENT		\$65,000		0.5			
Drinking Water Program (up to 10%)	\$764,000	\$130,000		F	\$1,279,500	(\$634,000)	\$1,913,500
1. PWSS Program		\$130,000		1			
Other Non-Project Activities (up to 15%)	\$1,146,000	\$482,000		G			
1. Assistance for Capacity Development		\$60,000				Comments	
PWS Capacity Development Training			\$30,000				
Public Education & Outreach Fund			\$30,000				
TRAINING ASSISTANCE		\$60,000					
Training Reimbursement Fund			\$30,000				
Software/Data Management			\$30,000				
GRANTS		\$362,000					
Engineering Design Assistance Grants			\$362,000				
Set Aside Totals	\$2,368,400	\$959,800		2.5			
Remaining DWSRF Available for Projects		\$6,680,200					

DEFINITIONS

Administrative Expenses - Costs incurred in managing and operating the DWSRF program. A State may use up to 4% of its allotment for program administration expenses incurred by the Drinking Water Program or the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

Annual Review - EPA's assessment of the success of a State DWSRF program.

Assurances - Certifications or pledges by the State that it will meet the requirements of the SDWA and other requirements of the program.

Automated Clearing House - A federal payment mechanism that transfers cash to States and other recipients of Federal assistance using electronic transfers from the Treasury through the Federal Reserve System.

Bank/Banking - Crediting amounts (contributed by the State to DWSRF eligible projects or activities) to the DWSRF in excess of amounts required towards meeting certain requirements of future capitalization grants.

Biennial Report - The State's DWSRF Report to EPA which contains information on how the State has met the goals and objectives of the previous two fiscal years as stated in the Intended Use Plan and grant agreement.

Binding Commitment - A legal obligation by the State to a local recipient that defines the terms and the timing for assistance under the DWSRF.

Capitalization Grant - The assistance agreement by which EPA obligates and awards funds allotted to a State for purposes of capitalizing that State's revolving fund and funds for other purposes authorized in section 1452.

Capitalization Grant Application - An application for Federal assistance submitted by a State, which in addition to the application form includes an Intended Use Plan, proposed payment schedule and Operating Agreement or other documents describing how the State intends to operate its DWSRF.

Community Water System - A public water system which serves at least fifteen service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least twenty-five year-round residents.

Contaminated Source - Any Public Water System water supply source that contains a Safe Drinking Water Act regulated contaminant in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL).

Acute Contaminants - Contaminants that have the potential to cause disease to humans within a 96 hour period after exposure. These contaminants may be microbial (viruses, bacteria, protozoa, etc.) or chemical (nitrates/nitrites). The contaminants meeting these criteria are described in 40CFR 141.51 and 141.52.

Non-Acute Contaminants - Contaminants that over a longer period of time (usually 30 to 90

days) can cause disease when exposed to humans. These contaminants are not as life threatening as acute contaminants. Contaminants in this category consist of coliform bacteria (no fecal coliform or *e. coli* present) and high levels of some inorganic/organic contaminants.

Chronic Contaminants - Contaminants where human exposure to low levels over long periods of time (months to years or even decades) can result in disease. These are primarily carcinogenic contaminants (cancer causing). The contaminants in this category include gasoline, fuel oils, herbicides and pesticides (organic contaminants), lead and copper, arsenic, radionuclides, and trihalomethanes to name a few.

Cross-cutting Authorities - Federal laws and authorities that apply by their own terms to projects or activities receiving federal assistance. (See Attachment E).

Debt Obligation - A legal obligation or liability to pay something to someone else.

Default - Failure to meet a financial obligation such as a loan payment.

Disadvantaged Community - The service area of a public water system that meets affordability criteria established after public review and comment by the State in which the public water system is located.

Disbursement - The transfer of cash from the DWSRF to the assistance recipient.

Disbursement Schedule - A quarterly schedule of estimated disbursements from the DWSRF.

Eligible Public Water System - Community water system, both privately or publicly owned, and non-profit non-community water systems. Federally owned public water systems are not eligible.

Environmental Review - An environmental review process conducted by the State that complies with 40 CFR Part 6, Subpart E or an alternative “NEPA-like” State environmental review.

Equivalency Projects - Projects that must total the amount equal to the federal capitalization grants and must comply with environmental review requirements and federal cross-cutting authorities.

Guarantee - A promise to provide municipal bondholders with full and timely payment of principal and interest on the municipal debt obligation to the limit of the guarantee, in the event of defaults by the municipality.

Intended Use Plan - A document prepared each year by the State, which identifies the intended uses of the funds in the SRF and describes how those uses support the goals of the DWSRF.

Leveraging - The use of the capitalization grant as the security for the sale of State bonds. Leveraging does not include State financing arrangements in which repayment streams, rather than capitalization grant or ACH are used as the primary security for the bond issue.

Non-Compliance - Failure to satisfy the terms of the capitalization grant agreement, including unmet assurances, invalid certifications, or failure to manage the DWSRF in a financially sound manner.

Operating Agreement - An optional document filed with EPA Region I in which the State establishes the basic framework and procedures of the DWSRF that are not expected to change annually.

Payment/Payment Schedule - A payment is an action by EPA to increase the amount of funds available for cash draw in the Automated Clearing House. A payment is not a transfer of cash to the State, but only an authorization making funds available for transfer to the State when a cash draw request is submitted. A payment schedule, indicating the timing and size of the payments to be made, will be agreed upon by EPA and the State based on the State's projection of binding comments.

Refinancing - Purchase of a municipal debt obligation where the debt obligation was incurred after July 1, 1993.

Set-Aside - Non-project use of allotted State funds for a range of specific SDWA related activities identified in Section 1452, to encourage source water protection and other State drinking water program activities.

State Match - Funds equaling at least 20% of the amount of capitalization grants which the State must deposit into the DWSRF Fund. The State must also provide a 100% match if the State uses certain of the 1452 (g)(2) set-asides.

Substantial Completion – A water facility construction project is substantially complete at the point in time when all parties, the water system operator, water system's consulting engineer, contractor and DWSRF Program, agree that all functional components for which the facility was designed are installed and operating properly. At this point in time a punch list of items to be completed to fulfill all requirements of the construction contract documents will be developed and attached to a Substantial Completion document that has been signed by all parties to the contract. The estimated cost of the items on this list shall represent only 5% or less of the total cost for the construction of the project. All warranties will be in effect at this time.



AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the

Maine Municipal Bond Bank

And

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

This **Memorandum of Understanding** is made this 23rd day of April, 2012 by and between the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

WHEREAS, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank") and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (the "Agency") entered into a certain Memorandum of Understanding with an effective date of December 11, 1996 (the "Memorandum of Understanding,") and subsequently amended by revised Memorandum of Understanding dated March 25, 1999.

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding details the roles and responsibilities of each of the parties with respect to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (the "DWSRF") and provides for an allocation of the administrative funds available to the program from federal capitalization grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Bank and the Agency desire to update the previous Memorandum of Understanding and change the allocation of administrative funds between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants contained in the Memorandum of Understanding the Bond Bank and the Agency agree as follows:

The Bond Bank will serve as the Financial Administrator of the DWSRF and will be responsible for:

- All statutorily created responsibilities applicable to the Bond Bank;
- The approval of loan applications and the development of all loan agreements;
- The setting of all loan interest rates and terms after consultation with the Agency;
- The determination of loan repayment schedules, after consultation with the Agency regarding the useful life expectancy of facilities financed;
- The management of all activities associated with the securing and accounting of bond blend monies for DWSRF funded projects where blending will be involved;
- The tracking of all disbursements from and receipts to the DWSRF for all projects and set-aside activities;

- The timely and efficient handling of all payment requisitions;
- The prudent investment of all DWSRF monies;
- Maintenance of proper accounting and financial record keeping procedures to comply with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA);
- Maintenance of files containing the required support documentation associated with payment requisitions for all DWSRF accounts;
- Providing to the Agency all necessary reports on the status of the DWSRF including loan commitment documentation as needed;
- Certifying to the Agency that the Bond Bank will cooperate in providing any information necessary to complete the Capitalization Grant Applications, all reports required by EPA and any audits required from time-to-time; and
- Certifying the use of accounting, audit and fiscal procedures conforming to “generally accepted government accounting standards.”

The Bond Bank reserves the right to reject any potential recipient on the basis of financial feasibility and/or total feasibility, after consultation with the Agency. The Bond Bank will enter into binding commitments with recipients upon loan approval.

The Department of Health and Human Services, as the Agency with primacy for the regulation of the SDWA for Public Drinking Water Systems in the State of Maine, shall establish assistance priorities and carry out oversight and related activities with respect to assistance provided under the DWSRF.

The Agency will serve as the lead administrator of the DWSRF and will be responsible for:

- The administration of all projects to receive financial assistance from the DWSRF;
- The establishment of the Project Priority List;
- The determination of eligibility criteria for Disadvantaged Community Assistance or other loan subsidies from each year’s Capitalization Grant Funds;
- The management of all set-aside activities allowed by the DWSRF;
- The preparation of the DWSRF Capitalization Grant Application; Intended Use Plans; and Project Priority Lists; all EPA reviews and required reports; Infrastructure Needs Surveys and the Operating Agreement;
- Undertaking all environmental reviews, engineering or technical reviews and approvals required by the DWSRF;
- The inspection of all construction work in progress;
- Assuring compliance with all related EPA programs and Title 14 requirements necessary in order to maintain the DWSRF;
- Review and approval of all draws from the DWSRF;
- In conjunction with the Bond Bank, submit schedules to the EPA of estimated payments and disbursements from the DWSRF for each DWSRF grant award;

- Certify to the Bond Bank that any “project to be financed is in conformance with all State and federal laws relating to drinking water and all rules and regulations promulgated under those laws;”
- Act as the public contact for the State of Maine in regard to all related DWSRF activities;
- Certify to the Bond Bank that an applicant is entitled to financing assistance and is on the priority list; and
- Cooperate with the Bond Bank in providing any necessary information to complete any annual reports or audits required from time-to-time.

• In compliance with Title 30-A MRSA 5959 subsection 2(B)2, the Bond Bank and the Agency shall notify the Governor of the amounts of the funds anticipated to be available for the next fiscal year.

The Administration Fee of up to 4% allowed from the total federal grant funds available in a given year will be used jointly by the Bond Bank and the Agency. The Bond Bank will maintain the separate accounts and expense withdrawals for each party’s Administration Fee usage. The Bond Bank will provide for the allocation to the Agency an amount not less than 90% of the total amount of funds available for DWSRF administration after March 1, 2012 and will pay to the Agency based upon incurred costs any available amount of administrative funds in excess of 90% as the Bond Bank shall not be required. This percentage may be renegotiated as necessary at any time in the future. The Agency and the Bond Bank will make the determination as to whether to utilize administration monies accumulating in each account for future program administration expenses when the receipt of federal funds ends, or to return for programmatic use.

The Bond Bank agrees that on behalf of and in conjunction with the Agency, the Bond Bank may establish fees or charges in addition to the interest amounts collected from loans, for the purposes of paying costs incurred by the Agency and the Bond Bank for administration of the DWSRF.

The Bond Bank and the Agency agree to cooperate in the development of any requisite rules, regulations, policies, procedures or informational literature which may be necessary for effective management of the DWSRF.

The Bond Bank and the Agency agree to assist each other in obtaining and sharing any and all information needed from any applicant.

The Bond Bank and the Agency agree to coordinate the use and availability of any other programs, funds, and resources under their respective control to assist in assuring the effective and efficient operation of the DWSRF.

The Bond Bank and the Agency agree to cooperate to correct and deficiency in the operation and management of the DWSRF which may be identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or become apparent as the result of any audits or day-to-day operations. Each party will be responsible for correcting or improving upon any errors or shortcomings revealed by audits which pertain to that party's obligation under this MOU.

In the event of a conflict between any federal or State provision relating to the DWSRF and its related activities, and this MOU, the statutory language shall control. The failure of any portion of this MOU shall effect only that section of the MOU.

In witness whereof the parties to this Agreement have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

Date:

5/9/2012

MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

By:

Robert O. Lenna
Its Executive Director

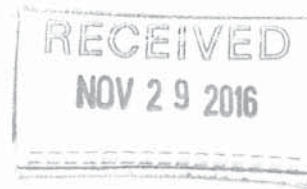
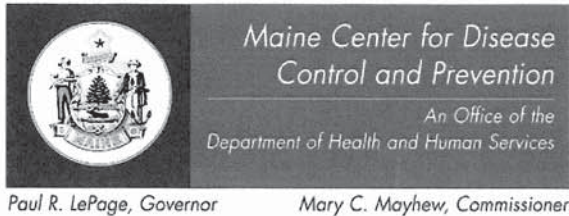
STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Date:

5/2/12

By:

Mary C Mayhew
Its Commissioner



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
By and Between
MAINE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
and
DRINKING WATER PROGRAM
MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
For
WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST,
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

July 1, 2016

(Original Memorandum of Understanding established in 1998)

I. Purpose

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** is hereby created by and between the Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department), Maine CDC, Drinking Water Program (DWP). This MOU sets forth the respective responsibilities in the operation of the water quality technical assistance programs established under the Maine Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Set-Asides provided by the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as outlined in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan and as required by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 6006-B Section 2. I.

The MOU recognizes MRWA as a stakeholder and a partner in the delivery of technical assistance to small public water systems (PWS). This MOU also recognizes that the DWP, the State primacy agency, administers the Set-Asides to achieve the goal of insuring that PWS provide safe drinking water.

The Water Quality Specialist Program is a State-wide technical assistance (TA) program designed to provide operational and compliance assistance to enhance the ability of public water systems to protect public health. The assistance is designed to include personalized, on-site outreach to educate system staff and improve the technical, managerial and financial capacity of the system. The scope of the program is to provide technical assistance and educational information to approximately 1,700 Community (excluding municipal water systems regulated by the Public Utilities Commission), Non-transient Non-Community and Transient PWS.

II. Description of Maine Rural Water Association Water Quality Specialist Program

The Water Quality Specialist Program will consist of visits to a defined set of water systems by persons qualified to be a water quality specialist and employed by MRWA. Each water quality specialist will provide technical assistance to small PWS in the form of on-site system visits and off-site communications. The qualifications and visit descriptions may be found in the Water Quality Specialist Program Guide.

MRWA will assure the availability of materials and equipment necessary to provide technical assistance. Certain tools are necessary to perform the tasks of a water quality specialist. MRWA will provide equipment and expendable materials necessary to perform services and expected tasks (transportation, internet access, digital cameras, cell phones, computers, pH solution, chlorine residual testing equipment, pressure gauge, etc.). Administrative costs, salary and benefits are to be considered inclusive in the cost per visit.

III. Responsibilities

A. MRWA and the DWP agree to work cooperatively to perform the following tasks:

1. Schedule meetings, typically one per month, for training, identification of work priorities, program coordination and resolution of any issues.
2. Develop a work plan and set visit fees by January 1 for the upcoming State fiscal year.
3. Correct any deficiency in meeting the terms of this MOU.

B. MRWA agrees to:

1. Respond to DWP and PWS requests for assistance in a timely manner.
2. Maintain and submit monthly visit summaries, time logs and reports within ten days of the end of each month, detailing services provided. The visit summary must provide clear and concise descriptions of the water quality specialist activity.
3. Submit detailed monthly invoices to DWP within 15 days of the end of the month for the previous month's services.
4. Submit an annual Program Summary Report to the DWP by July 31 of each year detailing accomplishments, improvements and benefits to the protection of public health achieved during the past State fiscal year.
5. Participate in appropriate training on DWP policies and procedures provided by DWP staff.
6. Correct and improve upon deficiencies, errors or shortcomings which may be identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the DWP or MRWA, as a result of any audits or day-to-day operations.

C. DWP agrees to:

1. Submit a work plan and budget to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in order to secure the necessary funding from the DWSRF Set Asides.
2. Within five business days of receipt of a paper invoice, forward MRWA's payment requests to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank or return the invoice with changes requested.
3. Review monthly site visit summaries and invoices for accuracy and acceptability and insure the Program is progressing according to the work plan and within budget.
4. Provide data on public water systems as requested by MRWA.

5. Refer systems needing technical assistance to the Water Quality Specialist program.
6. Provide lists of systems or system types to include in DWP requested visits.
7. Establish technical assistance visit needs and priorities at the start of each State fiscal year.
8. Correct and improve upon deficiencies, errors or shortcomings which may be identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the DWP or MRWA, as a result of any audits or day-to-day operations.

IV. Deliverables

MRWA water quality specialist will deliver on-site, technical assistance visits as requested by DWP or a PWS. Visits are expected to be prompt and within a reasonable response time to the request. If a visit cannot be performed within a reasonable response time, MRWA will inform DWP so that other arrangements can be made to provide service to the water system. Reasonable response time varies according to the subject of the visit and must be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

V. Confidentiality

To the extent that the services carried out under this MOU involve the use, disclosure, access to, acquisition or maintenance of information that actually or reasonably could identify an individual or consumer receiving benefits or services from or through the Department ("Protected Information"), MRWA agrees to a) maintain the confidentiality and security of such Protected Information as required by applicable State and federal laws, rules, regulations and Department policy, b) contact the Department within 24 hours of a privacy or security incident that actually or potentially could be a breach of Protected Information and c) cooperate with the Department in its investigation and any required reporting and notification of individuals regarding such incident involving Protected Information. To the extent that a breach of Protected Information is caused by the MRWA or one of its subcontractors or agents, MRWA agrees to pay the cost of notification, as well as any financial costs and/or penalties incurred by the Department as a result of such breach.

VII. Funding

Funding shall come from the Small Systems Technical Assistance Set-Aside which provides up to 2% of the DWSRF Grant. Disbursement of funds will be made by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank upon approval by the DWP.

IX. Term

This MOU shall continue in effect unless modified in writing by mutual consent of both parties or terminated by either party upon 30 days' advance written notice to the other. In the event of a breach of individually identifiable information, data sharing may be suspended immediately pending investigation of the incident.

In the event of any conflicts between any federal or State statutory provision relating to the technical assistance set aside or its related activities and this MOU, the statutory language shall control. The failure of any portion of this MOU shall affect only that section of the MOU.

X. Approvals

In witness whereof, the parties to this Agreement have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

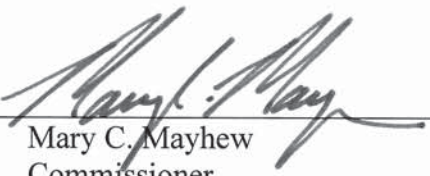
MAINE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Date: 11/22/16

By: 
Kirsten Hebert
Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Date: 10/27/16

By: 
Mary C. Mayhew
Commissioner

The following is a list of Environmental Cross-Cutting Agencies

Act or Law	Contact Information	Submittal description, Assistance sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Historic Preservation Act Archeological and Historic Preservation Act 1974, Public Law 86-523 as amended Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment (Executive Order 11593) 	Kirk F. Mohny, SHPO and Director Maine Historic Preservation Commission 65 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0065 Phone 207-287-3811 kirk.mohny@maine.gov	Site location map, photos, known sites. http://www.maine.gov/mhpc https://www.maine.gov/mhpc/programs/project-review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Flood Insurance Act Flood Disaster Protection Act National Flood Insurance Reform Act Executive Order 11988: Floodplain Management 	Sue Baker, CFM, Program Coordinator Maine Floodplain Management Program Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry 93 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0093 Phone 207- 287-8063 Sue.baker@maine.gov	Activity located on floodplain map Activity located on site location map Description of any activity in floodplain https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home https://www.maine.gov/dacf/flood/interagencyreview.shtml
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sole Source Aquifers (Islesboro, Matinicus, Monhegan, North Haven, and Vinalhaven Islands have SSAs) 	John Hopeck, Senior Geologist Bureau of Land & Water Quality Dept. of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017 Phone 207-215-4463 John.T.Hopeck@maine.gov	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal Barriers Resources Act. <i>Ocean beach and dune/coastal barrier areas.</i> 	Peter A. Slovinsky, Marine Geologist Maine Geological Survey Dept. Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry 22 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0093 Phone 287-7173	Contact with MGS is required for projects in some coastal towns. https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/explore/marine/facts/barrier.htm

	Peter.A.Slovinsky@maine.gov	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal Zone Management Act. Coastal Zone Consistency 	<p>Todd Burrowes, Federal Consistency Coordinator</p> <p>Maine Coastal Program Dept. of Marine Resources 21 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0093 Phone 207-287-1496 Todd.burrowes@maine.gov</p>	https://www.maine.gov/dmr/mcp/federal-consistency-review/index.htm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endangered Species Act <i>Consultation with NOAA Fisheries is required when any project or action might affect an ESA-listed marine species or designated critical marine habitat.</i> 	<p>Mark Murray-Brown, ESA Section 7 Coordinator</p> <p>Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office NOAA Fisheries Phone 978-281-9306 Mark.Murray-Brown@noaa.gov</p>	https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/consultations#endangered-species-act-consultations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Drinking Water Act 	<p>William Dawson, DWSRF Program Manager</p> <p>Maine Drinking Water Program Dept. of Health and Human Services 11 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 Phone 207-287-6196 William.Dawson@maine.gov</p>	<p>Coordination on the SDWA will be provided during the DWSRF environmental review process. Do not contact as a cross cutter for DWSRF projects.</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/pws/rulesPolicies.shtml</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maine Endangered Species Act Natural Resources Protection Act 	<p>John Perry, Environmental Review Coordinator</p> <p>Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife 41 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 Phone 207-287-5254 John.Perry@maine.gov IFWEnvironmentalreview@maine.gov</p>	https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/wildlife/environmental-review/process.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endangered Species Act Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act 	<p>Shay White</p> <p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	<p>See DWSRF Project Guide Appendix J</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migratory Bird Treaty Act 	<p>U S Dept. of Interior PO Box A East Orland, ME 04431 Phone 207-902-1568 Shay_White@fws.gov</p> <p>Wende Mahaney (Federal Projects & Permits, Atlantic Salmon ESA Consultation) Phone 207-902-1569 Wende_Mahaney@fws.gov</p> <p>Anna Harris, Project Leader Phone 207-902-1567 Anna_Harris@fws.gov</p>	<p>http://www.fws.gov/mainefieldoffice/Project%20reviews.html</p> <p>IPAC: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/user/login</p> <p>Bald Eagle Nest Location: https://fws.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=796b7baa18de43b49f911fe82dc4a0f1</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submerged Lands Program <i>Actions in tidal rivers, Great Ponds, international boundary rivers (St. Croix, St. John, St. Francis), and coastal regions (including islands) including dredging, filling, or placement of permanent structures.</i> 	<p>Karen L. Foust, Planning & Research Bureau of Parks and Public Lands Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 22 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0022 Phone 207-287-6128 Karen.L.Foust@maine.gov</p>	<p>https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/about/submerged_lands.shtml</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. <i>Only applies to work in the vicinity of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway</i> 	<p>Ron Hunt, Acting Director of Operations Bureau of Parks and Public Lands Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 22 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 Phone 287-4717 Ron.Hunt@maine.gov</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Act • USEPA Implementing Regulations • Protection and Improvement of Air Law 	<p>Eric Kennedy, Licensing and Compliance Bureau of Air Quality Dept. of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station</p>	<p>https://www.maine.gov/dep/air/</p>

	Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Phone 207-287-5412 Eric.kennedy@maine.gov	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10) • Clean Water Act (Section 404) <i>Dredging, filling, discharging or constructing in navigable waters, wetland, or waterways.</i> • Maine General Permit 	Senior Project Manager U.S. Army Corp of Engineers 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 350 Augusta, ME 04330 Phone 623-8367 cenae-r-me@usace.army.mil	https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/ General Permit: https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Maine-General-Permit/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmland Protection Policy Act 	Stephanie Gilbert, Farm Viability and Farmland Protection Specialist Division of Agricultural Resource Development Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 28 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0028 Phone 207-287-7520 Stephanie.Gilbert@maine.gov	https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/farmland_protection/index.shtml
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resources Protection Act 	Lisa St. Hilaire, Information Manager Maine Natural Areas Program Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 177 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0093 Phone 207-287-8044 Lisa.St.Hilaire@maine.gov	https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/assistance/review.htm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste Disposal Act • Resource Conservation and Recovery Act 	Division of Solid Waste Management Dept. of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Phone 287-6115	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Location Law. <i>Projects in excess of 20 acres or structures covering more than 3 acres.</i> • Natural Resource Protection Act. • Executive Order 11990 (wetlands). <i>Dredging, filing, construction in, on, over, adjacent to, dune system, river pond, stream, brook, coastal and freshwater wetlands.</i> • Storm Water Management Law 	Mark Stebbins, Land Div. Director Division of Land Resource Regulation Dept. of Environmental Protection 11 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017 Phone 207-592-4810 mark.n.stebbins@maine.gov	https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/sitelaw/index.html https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/nrpa/index.html https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/stormwater/storm.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and Improvement of Waters Law <i>All overboard wastewater discharges from municipalities and industries.</i> 	Gregg Wood Bureau of Water Quality Dept. of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 Phone 207-287-7693 Gregg.Wood@maine.gov	https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/laws/index.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules • Minimum Lot Size Rules • Seasonal Conversion Rules • Rules for Site Evaluators • Private Cemetery Regulations 	Alex Pugh, Sr. Environmental Hydrogeologist Division of Environmental Health Dept. of Health and Human Services 11 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0011 Phone 207-592-2086 Alex.L.Pugh@maine.gov	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal-State Collaboration Act 	Allison Binney, Interim Tribal Liaison Penobscot Nation abinney@akingump.com William Nicholas, Chief Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township Chief.wnicholas@gmail.com	https://digitalcommons.colby.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=1016&context=atlas_docs

	<p>Corey Hinton, Interim Tribal Liaison Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point mchinton@dwmlaw.com</p> <p>Zeke Crofton-MacDonald, Ambassador Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians ambassador@maliseets.com</p> <p>Corey Hinton, Interim Tribal Liaison Mi'kmaq Nation mchinton@dwmlaw.com</p>	
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Attachment F

2024 DWSRF PRIMARY PROJECT LIST												
Total Points	Project Number	PWSID	Pop. Served	Project Type	Equiv. Project	Name of Public Water System (PWS)	DAC	Project Title	Amount Requested	Amount SRF Funded	PF (%)	PF (\$)
121	2024-41	ME0091050	375	Source	Yes	Moscow Water District	Yes	Moscow WD New Well	\$1,498,000	\$1,498,000	75%	\$1,124,000
112	2024-06	ME0090200	8,655	Treatment	No	Boothbay Region Water District	Yes	Boothbay Region Water District Backwash Recycle	\$2,631,000	\$2,631,000	35%	\$921,000
109	2024-02	ME0090110	28,750	Storage	No	Bangor Water District	Yes	BIA Zone Infrastructure Expansion	\$1,181,000	\$1,181,000	20%	\$236,000
107	2024-31	ME0090830	23,678	Distribution	Yes	Lewiston Water Division	Yes	Lewiston Redundant Transmission Main	\$1,267,000	\$1,267,000	50%	\$634,000
106	2024-40	ME0090980	450	Distribution	Yes	Milbridge Water District	Yes	Bridge Street Water Main Replacement	\$417,000	\$417,000	35%	\$146,000
104	2024-30	ME0090750	22,145	Distribution	Yes	Kennebec Water District	Yes	Summer Street Area Water Main Improvements	\$4,321,000	\$4,321,000	35%	\$1,512,000
103	2024-01	ME0090020	713	Distribution	Yes	Alfred Water District	Yes	Waterboro Road Watermain Replacement	\$540,000	\$540,000	75%	\$405,000
102	2024-60	ME0090290	2,730	Distribution	Yes	Calais Water District	Yes	North Street Water Main Replacement	\$3,530,000	\$3,530,000	35%	\$1,236,000
101	2024-08	ME0090260	18,280	Source	Yes	Brunswick & Topsham Water District	No	Taylor Replacement Wells	\$1,864,000	\$1,864,000	0%	\$0
98	2024-15	ME0090470	2,535	Distribution	Yes	Dover & Foxcroft Water District	Yes	West Main Street Transmission Main Replacement	\$2,605,000	\$2,605,000	20%	\$521,000
97	2024-17	ME0090520	3,955	Treatment	No	Ellsworth Water Department	Yes	Branch Lake Water Treatment Plant	\$13,837,000	\$6,000,000	35%	\$2,100,000
96	2024-53	ME0091410	14,303	Other	Yes	Sanford Water District	No	Bernier Road WTP Emergency Generators	\$561,000	\$561,000	0%	\$0
96	2024-58	ME0091640	788	Distribution	Yes	Winterport Water District	Yes	Galvanized Water Main Replacement	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	75%	\$1,050,000
95	2024-18	ME0090560	1,595	Distribution	Yes	Fort Kent Water & Wastewater Dept	Yes	Rt. 1 Distribution System Improvements	\$5,594,000	\$3,000,000	35%	\$1,050,000

2024 Primary Project List: \$30,815,000 Total PF: \$10,935,000

MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY FUND												
119	2024-55	ME004295	75	Distribution	Yes	Squire Court Mobile Home Park	Yes	Water System Improvements	\$606,000	\$273,000	100%	\$273,000
107	2024-12	ME0001006	100	Distribution	Yes	Charter Oaks Village Cooperative	Yes	Well House and Water Storage Improvements	\$353,500	\$159,500	1000%	\$159,500
106	2024-57	ME0007009	150	Distribution	Yes	Wardtown Park	Yes	Distribution System Improvements	\$292,900	\$131,900	100%	\$131,900
98	2024-42	ME0002346	130	Distribution	Yes	Mountainside Mobile Home Park	Yes	Water Distribution System Replacement	\$1,671,550	\$752,550	100%	\$752,550

2024 MHC Fund Total: \$1,316,950 Total PF: \$1,316,950

VERY SMALL PWS COMPLIANCE LOAN FUND												
N/A	VSPWSCL		<100			Comm./Non-Profit Non-Comm.		Very Small PWS Compliance Loans	\$360,000	\$360,000	100%	\$360,000

EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION FUND												
N/A	Emergency		N/A			Comm./Non-Profit Non-Comm.		Emergency Construction Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	0%	\$0

Total 2024 Primary List Funding: \$32,741,950 Total PF: \$12,611,950

2024 DWSRF PRIMARY PROJECT LIST PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

2024-41: Moscow Water District – New Well

Work will include the installation of a production well, pumping station, treatment, controls, gravel driveway, electrical and watermain extensions. The purpose project is to provide the Moscow Water District their own source of supply. They currently purchase water from Bingham and have had recent TC violations. Bingham is an unchlorinated system as is Moscow. The new system will be chlorinated.

2024-06: Boothbay Region Water District – Backwash Recycle

The project is to recycle backwash water from the Districts' Adams Pond surface water treatment plant. The plant currently pumps up to 10% of the total water produced to the sewage treatment plant for treatment. This wastewater is from clarifier and filter backwash. The primary goal of the project is to address water quantity concerns by making use of the currently wasted water. This is extremely important to the District as their sources of supply are limited in capacity and no other drinking water resources are available.

2024-02: Bangor Water District – BIA Zone Infrastructure Expansion (Phase III)

The project consists of the construction of a new 3-million-gallon concrete water storage tank. The new infrastructure will replace two aging deteriorated welded steel water storage tanks. In addition to resolving major structure deficiencies and leaking issues in the existing tanks, the new tank will help resolve high water age and related water quality issues associated with an existing oversized 5-million-gallon storage tank.

2024-31: Lewiston Water Division – Redundant Transmission Main

The project consists of the construction of a new 24-inch ductile iron redundant water transmission main and a bridge crossing of twin 16-inch diameter ductile iron redundant water transmission main. Total length of 13,500-feet from treatment to distribution pump station. This new redundant water transmission main will add resilience to the City's only river crossing and support the existing 20 and 24-inch 1890 transmission main. This will allow reduced risk to interruption of service to the City during main breaks and reduce risk of contamination from main breaks.

2024-40: Milbridge Water District – Bridge Street Water Main Replacement

The project includes the replacement of approximately 600-feet of 75+/- year old, 2-inch galvanized pipe on Bridge Street. The old galvanized line is located on US Route 1 and is very expensive to repair. The 2-inch pipe is restricted with tuberculation and is extremely reduced in capacity. The condition of the pipe is a contamination risk and has become a financial burden for the District. The project is in conjunction with a MDOT road reconstruction project.

2024-30: Kennebec Water District – Summer Street Area Water Main Improvements

This project seeks to replace approximately 3,370-feet of existing 6-inch and 1,000-feet of 8-inch cast iron water main on Summer Street and Grove Street respectively with 12-inch ductile iron water main. The existing water mains on Summer Street and a portion of Grove Street are approximately 100 years old, with a significant length exceeding 120 years old, and have experienced a number of main breaks over the past decade. In addition to the poor physical condition of the water mains proposed for replacement, the water mains are undersized for the water demands of the heavily clustered development along Summer Street.

2024-01: Alfred Water District – Waterboro Road Water Main Replacement

The project includes the replacement of approximately 1,100-feet of old 6-inch cast iron main with new 12-inch water main along a section of Waterboro Road. The project is needed to replace an old deteriorating 6" cast iron water main that is prone to repairs. The existing 6-inch cast iron main is significantly older than surrounding mains and causes red (rusty) water complaints from area customers. The existing main also causes difficulties in maintaining chlorine residuals. In addition, the services from this main may be galvanized downstream of lead components.

2024-60: Calais Water District – North Street Water Main Replacement

The project includes the replacement of approximately 3,600-feet of unlined cast iron water main on North Street between Walnut Street and Lincoln Street. The water main was installed in the late-1800's and represents some of the oldest water main in the City and are undersized for current demand and prone to frequent leaks. The iron pipes that are tuberculated which has resulted in issues with water quality and pressure. This project will improve water quality and increase reliability within this portion of the distribution system.

2024-08: Brunswick & Topsham Water District – Taylor Replacement Wells

The project involves the replacement of Taylor Wells 2 and 3. The project includes test well exploration to site the replacement wells, production well construction, and pump station modifications. Taylor Wells 2 and 3 were constructed in 1957 and are nearing the end of their operating life cycle. Well capacity monitoring over time has shown an accelerated decline in capacity between cleaning cycles and increased levels of fine silt, iron and manganese. Recent efforts to redevelop the wells to increase capacity provided marginal improvements. Each well has a Everdur bronze screen that is known be susceptible to catastrophic failures in contrast to modern stainless steel well screens. These existing sources are critical supplies and replacement of the wells is critical for our water supply resiliency. The Taylor wells are the primary well source capacity on the Brunswick side of the BTWD service territory and are critical to operations.

2024-15: Dover & Foxcroft Water District – West Main Street Transmission Main Replacement

This project is the replacement of approximately 6900-feet of 12-inch cast iron water transmission main on West Main Street. The existing main is 1920's vintage lead-joint, 10-inch diameter unlined cast iron that runs cross country and is difficult to maintain. This is the sole pipeline to feed water to the district's customers and is currently undersized and turburculated. Water services will also be evaluated for lead and replaced as found.

2024-18: Ellsworth Water Department – Branch Lake Water Treatment Plant

This project involves the design and construction of a new water treatment plant on the site of the existing treatment plant adjacent to Branch Lake. The ultimate scope of this project is largely dependent on the selected treatment methods, which will be determined during a conceptual engineering phase that is ongoing. The construction of the new facility onsite will allow the existing plant to operate with minimal interruption during construction. The result will provide the City of Ellsworth with a new, reliable treatment system that will meet the growing demands associated with current economic development that has been occurring in the City since the relocation of a significant component of The Jackson Laboratory operations in the last several years.

2024-53: Sanford Water District – Bernier Road WTP Emergency Generator

This project involves the installation of two 125 kw propane generators at the Bernier Road Water Treatment Plant. The project was designed in 2022 under DWSRF#2022-77 (Design). Design plans and specifications were approved by the Drinking Water Program in October 2022. Propane generators were selected over a diesel unit because the facility is located within the well head protection area of the wells. Two propane generators were selected for design to operate in parallel with a single automatic transfer switch due to unavailability of 250 KW propane generators. The main emergency power loads include two 50 hp well pumps and power within the treatment facility. The project includes electrical and site work for the installation of the emergency generators. The site work includes concrete generator pads, installation of propane tanks, and reconfiguration of existing chain link fencing surrounding the facility to accommodate the generator location. The water source has become the primary supply of the District's multiple groundwater sources and this project will improve the resiliency of the facility with permanently fixed standby power, addressing an identified vulnerability in operations.

2024-58: Winterport Water District – Galvanized Water Main Replacement

This project will replace all remaining 2-inch diameter galvanized water mains present in the water distribution system. These mains have been in service for several decades and are brittle and prone to breakage. Removing these materials from the water system will increase the overall reliability of the system. New 8-inch diameter lined ductile iron mains and hydrants will be installed. The total length of proposed water mains is 1,700-feet along the following roads: Parsonage Street between Marine Street and Mechanic Street, Steamboat Street from the end of the new 8-inch ductile iron line installed in 2003 to the end of the line, and Lincoln Avenue from Willow Street to Commercial Street.

2024-18: Fort Kent Water & Waste Water Dept. – Rt. 1 Distribution System Improvements

This project includes Route 1 transmission main replacement and Route 1 dual main consolidation. The Route 1 transmission main replacement includes replacing approximately

5,900 feet of deteriorated 10-inch asbestos-cement pipe with new 12-inch ductile iron pipe on Route 1 from the well pump houses on Pump House Road to Northern Maine Medical Center. The Route 1 Dual Main Consolidation includes replacing two parallel 6-inch cast iron water mains with approximately 2,900-feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main on Route 1 from Northern Maine Medical Center to Cannan Street.

2024-55: Squire Court Mobile Home Park – Water System Improvements

The project consists of replacing a failing water system servicing residents in the mobile home park. A new looped water main is proposed to be installed to replace the existing 2-inch mains that have three dead end lines. The existing water system was installed in the 70's and is often prone to having leaks. The 30 services also have had numerous leaks and would be replaced along the water mains. The services are presently underground to the back ends of the units. The project will install shorter underground services to the front of the units and then the above ground piping will be installed under the trailers to service pipes entering the units towards the back.

2024-12: Charter Oaks Village Cooperative – Well House and Water Storage Improvements

Charter Oaks needs added water storage, submersible pump replacement, well house improvements, and upgrades to its distribution system. A preliminary engineering report is likely needed to study the overall system. These improvements are necessary to increase the resiliency of Charter Oaks' water system. Distribution system improvements such as adding flushing hydrants and isolation valves are also needed to ensure that this low income manufactured housing community has access to safe and reliable drinking water.

2024-57: Wardtown Park – Distribution System Improvements

This project involves distribution improvements such as installing curb stops, isolation valves, loops to close dead ends, needed. A preliminary engineering report is also needed to study the overall system. These distribution system improvements will improve drinking water quality and add resiliency to the system, thereby ensuring this low income manufactured housing community has access to safe and clean drinking water.

2024-42: Mountainside Mobile Home Park – Water Distribution System Replacement

This project involves replacing 3500-feet of water mains, plus services to 52 homes, within this manufactured housing community. Mountainside's water distribution system regularly experiences breaks and leaks, and the rate of these events will increase over time given that the system has passed its useful lifespan. Mains also run under homes in some areas of community rather than under the roads. There have also been breaks in the service lines. There is a risk that wastewater at Mountainside can contaminate the water supply.

2024 DWSRF BACKUP PROJECT LIST									
Total Points	Project Number	PWSID	Population Served	Name of Public Water System (PWS)	Project Type	Project Title	Amount Requested	PF (%)	PF (\$)
94	2024-32	ME0090860	2,850	Lincoln Water District	Distribution	Mohawk Road Water Main Replacement	\$1,996,000	35%	\$699,000
94	2024-07	ME0090230	2,505	Bridgton Water District	Source	New Groundwater Production Wells	\$1,597,000	20%	\$319,000
94	2024-20	ME0090620	2,750	Gray Water District	Distribution	Lewiston Road Water Main Replacement	\$1,701,000	35%	\$595,000
93	2024-28	ME0090710	1,025	Howland Water Department	Storage	Standpipe Rehabilitation	\$540,000	35%	\$189,000
92	2024-21	ME0090620	2,750	Gray Water District	Distribution	Shaker Rd Water Main Replacement	\$2,263,000	35%	\$792,000
92	2024-24	ME0090080	13,750	Greater Augusta Utility District	Distribution	Green Street Water Main Replacement	\$6,909,000	20%	\$1,382,000
92	2024-27	ME0090700	4,750	Houlton Water Company	Distribution	HWC Phase 2 Water Main Replacement	\$1,897,000	20%	\$379,000
91	2024-56	ME0091530	1,000	Strong Water District	Distribution	Water Main Replacement	\$1,217,000	35%	\$426,000
91	2024-39	ME0090970	2,375	Mexico Water District	Other	Treatment Plant Slab Repair	\$305,000	35%	\$107,000
90	2024-43	ME0091100	1,625	Newport Water District	Other	Booster PS and Chemical Building	\$1,730,000	75%	\$1,298,000
90	2024-14	ME0090440	2,328	Dexter Utility District	Distribution	Grove Street Water Main Replacement	\$1,972,000	35%	\$690,000
88	2024-50	ME0091330	1,405	Rangeley Water District	Distribution	Rangeley Water District Main Lining & Replacement	\$762,000	50%	\$381,000
87	2024-23	ME0090080	13,750	Greater Augusta Utility District	Distribution	Redundant Transmission Main Route 202 Manchester	\$1,916,000	20%	\$383,000
87	2024-26	ME0090700	4,750	Houlton Water Company	Distribution	HWC Phase 3 Water Main Replacement	\$2,493,000	20%	\$499,000
87	2024-36	ME0090580	2,400	Maine Water Company-Freeport Divis	Source	Webster Road Replacement Well(s)	\$2,869,000	0%	\$0
86	2024-09	ME0090320	4,000	Caribou Utilities District	Distribution	Aroostook River Crossing Project	\$2,195,000	35%	\$768,000
86	2024-47	ME0091300	142,000	Portland Water District	Distribution	Sawyer Street, South Portland - Water Main Replacement	\$2,100,000	0%	\$0
88	2024-54	ME0091440	2,953	Searsport Water District	Distribution	Searsport Water Main Relocation - MDOT	\$1,036,000	35%	\$363,000
86	2024-48	ME0091310	5,905	Presque Isle Utilities District	Distribution	Cedar Street Water Main Replacement	\$1,499,000	35%	\$525,000
85	2024-34	ME0090920	3,415	Madawaska Water District	Other	SCADA Upgrade	\$130,000	50%	\$65,000
85	2024-44	ME0091160	625	North Jay Water District	Distribution	Route 4 North Jay Water District Main Line Replacement	\$2,977,000	0%	\$0
84	2024-10	ME0090320	4,000	Caribou Utilities District	Distribution	Water Main Replacement & Hospital Loop	\$2,300,000	35%	\$805,000
83	2024-46	ME0091240	355	Patten Water Department	Distribution	Valley Street Water Main Replacement	\$431,000	35%	\$151,000
81	2024-38	ME0090940	1,493	Mars Hill & Blaine Water Company	Storage	Tank Painting Project	\$302,000	35%	\$106,000
80	2024-05	ME0090140	5,120	Belfast Water District	Distribution	Belfast WD Transmission Main Replacement	\$2,129,000	20%	\$426,000
79	2024-52	ME0091380	4,348	Rumford Water District	Distribution	Smith Crossing Water Main Replacement	\$1,899,000	20%	\$380,000
79	2024-45	ME0091200	8,195	Old Town Water District	Distribution	Stillwater Avenue Watermain Replacement	\$1,025,000	20%	\$205,000
78	2024-51	ME0091370	1,498	Richmond Utilities District	Storage	Water Storage Tank No. 1 Rehabilitation	\$600,000	20%	\$120,000
78	2024-35	ME0090920	3,415	Madawaska Water District	Other	St David Wells Power Improvements	\$149,000	50%	\$75,000
78	2024-04	ME0090120	4,625	Bar Harbor - Water Division	Distribution	Cromwell Brook Bridge Water Main Replacement	\$1,700,000	20%	\$340,000
78	2024-33	ME0090915	180	Loring Development Authority	Distribution	LDA - Limestone water system interconnection	\$4,400,000	75%	\$3,300,000
77	2024-03	ME0090120	4,625	Bar Harbor - Water Division	Distribution	Glen Mary and Shannon Roads Utility Upgrades	\$620,000	20%	\$124,000
76	2024-19	ME0090610	8,500	Gardiner Water District	Distribution	Water St Water Main Replacement	\$2,816,000	20%	\$563,000
75	2024-49	ME0006248	75	Rangeley Manor	Distribution	Water System Improvements & Upgrades	\$900,000	0%	\$0
74	2024-11	ME0090320	4,000	Caribou Utilities District	Treatment	Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	\$1,127,000	35%	\$394,000
72	2024-13	ME0090350	1,035	Clinton Water District	Distribution	Clinton Water Transmission Main Improvements	\$2,570,000	0%	\$0
69	2024-16	ME0090520	3,955	Ellsworth Water Department	Distribution	High Pressure Zone Improvements	\$4,694,000	35%	\$1,643,000
67	2024-22	ME0090410	2,113	Great Salt Bay Sanitary District	Other	GSBSD 2024 SCADA System Upgrades	\$237,000	20%	\$47,000
64	2024-37	ME0090940	1,493	Mars Hill & Blaine Water Company	Distribution	Clark Road Water Main	\$2,750,000	35%	\$963,000
63	2024-29	ME0090750	22,145	Kennebec Water District	Design	Chase Avenue Pump Station Upgrades - Engineering Design	\$219,000	35%	\$77,000

Total Backup List Funding Requests: **\$70,972,000**

2022-2024 BIL-EC Project List									
Project Number	PWSID	Pop. Served	Project Type	Equiv. Project	Name of Public Water System (PWS)	Project Title	Amount Requested	Amount SRF Funded	PF (%)
2022-35EC	ME0090700, ME0092319	4735, 140	Consolidation	Yes	Houlton Water Company / Houlton Mc	Water Main Extension	\$1,686,000	\$1,686,000	100%
2022-100EC	ME0090260	17,943	Planning	Yes	Brunswick Topsham WD	Jordan Ave Wellfield PFAS Pilot	\$463,978	\$463,978	100%
2022-105-EC	ME0309196, ME0209196	149	Treatment	Yes	Washington County Community Colleg	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-107EC	ME0300642	300	Treatment/ Consolidation	Yes	Unity College - Wood Hall	PFAS Treatment and PWS Interconnect	\$200,000	\$200,000	100%
2022-108EC	ME0095010	65	Treatment	Yes	The Meadows	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-109EC	ME0090615	60	Treatment	Yes	Sunny Gables-Glenburn Housing	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-118EC	ME0090060	2,085	Treatment	Yes	Fryeburg Water Company	Temporary PFAS Water Treatment Facility	\$249,000	\$249,000	100%
2022-119EC	ME0008778 ME0000147 ME0093804 ME0000304	2,410	Treatment/ Source	Yes	MSAD 6 Bonny Eagle MS, Bonny Eagle HS, Hollis Center, Frank Jewett PFAS	PFAS Treatment, and New Source	\$1,010,000	\$1,010,000	100%
2022-120EC	ME0000266	528	Treatment	Yes	Glenburn Elem. School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-121EC	ME0110642	78	Treatment	Yes	Unity College - Unity #3	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-122EC	ME0000642	25	Treatment	Yes	Unity College #642	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-123EC	ME0094924	150	Treatment	Yes	Unity Community Ctr For Performing A	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-124EC	ME0007367	218	Consolidation	Yes	Pine Cone Mobile Homes CT #1 / Brew	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-126EC	ME0000168	243	Treatment	Yes	RSU 87 Caravel Middle School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-128EC	ME0000099	319	Treatment	Yes	MSU 93 Blue Hill Consolidated School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-129EC	ME0109306, ME0009306, ME0209306	487	Treatment/ Consolidation	Yes	Washington Academy	PFAS Treatment and Consolidation	\$727,200	\$727,200	100%
2022-130EC	ME0000624	166	Treatment	Yes	Surry Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2022-131EC	ME0000185	40	Source	Yes	Chebeague Island School	Replacement Water	\$101,000	\$101,000	100%
2023-26EC	ME0090060	2,085	Treatment	Yes	Fryeburg Water Company	Permanent PFAS Water Treatment Facility	\$2,776,000	\$751,000	100%
2023-100EC	ME0092482	100	Consolidation	Yes	The Meadows at Fieldstone Landing / Kennebec Water District	PFAS Consolidation with KWD	\$480,000	\$432,000	100%
2023-101EC	ME0090010	168	Treatment	Yes	Addison Point Water District	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-102EC	ME0094508	550	Treatment	Yes	Hermion High School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-103EC	ME0000288	219	Treatment	Yes	Hancock Grammer School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-104EC	ME0000301	264	Treatment	Yes	MSAD 70 Hodgdon Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-105EC	ME0093837	187	Treatment	Yes	MSAD 70 Hodgdon High School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-107EC	ME0000945	78	Treatment	Yes	Chewonki Foundation #1	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-110EC	ME0002577	75	Treatment	Yes	Windswept Estates MH Park	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-111EC	ME0093846	72	Treatment	Yes	AOS 93 South Bristol Elementary Scho	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-112EC	ME0009728	816	Treatment	Yes	RSU 38 Maranacook Community Scho	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-113EC	ME0008636	117	Treatment	Yes	RSU 38 Mt Vernon Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-114EC	ME0092110	60	Treatment	Yes	Blue Hill Terrace	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-115EC	ME0003837	700	Treatment	Yes	MSAD 61 Lake Region High School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-117EC	ME0092669	60	Treatment	Yes	Ninny's House Child Care	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-118EC	ME0091055	97	Treatment	Yes	Narragauagus Estates	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-119EC	ME0018559	340	Treatment	Yes	RSU 57 Line Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-120EC	ME0012826	325	Treatment	Yes	RSU 57 Lyman Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-122EC	ME0000585	200	Treatment	Yes	RSU 57 Shapleigh Memorial School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-124EC	ME0092345	420	Treatment	Yes	RSU 56 Dirigo Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-125EC	ME0000437	170	Treatment	Yes	AOS 93 Nobleboro Central School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-126EC	ME0000175	212	Treatment	Yes	RSU 18 China Middle School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-127EC	ME0094729	280	Treatment	Yes	Raymond Elementary School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2023-128EC	ME0094811	110	Consolidation	Yes	Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens / Boothbay Regional Water District	Barter's Island Road Water Main Extension	\$4,586,000	\$2,000,000	100%
2023-129EC	ME0091410	14,303	Treatment	Yes	Sanford Water District	Cobb Well PFAS	\$8,206,250	\$4,000,000	100%
2024-1EC	ME0090080	13,750	Treatment	Yes	Greater Augusta Utilities District	Riverside PFAS Treatment	\$7,029,600	\$4,000,000	100%
2024-04EC	ME0000635	145	Treatment	Yes	AOS 91 Tremont Consolidated School	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2024-05EC	ME0092359	44	Treatment	Yes	Town & Country Motel Apartments	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2024-06EC	ME0092394	70	Treatment	Yes	RSU 68 - Administration Campus	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2024-07EC	ME0000196	197	Treatment	Yes	Dedham School Dept	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%
2024-08EC	ME0092265	120	Treatment	Yes	Parker Ridge Retirement Community	Small PWS EC Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	100%

BIL-EC Funds Available for Projects	
2022	\$6,802,780
2023	\$6,882,440
2024	\$6,767,440
Total Available Funds:	\$20,452,660

Total Funds Awarded to Date:	\$17,840,178
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION and

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

For

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for State Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 is hereby created by and between the Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) and the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Program (DWP). This memorandum sets forth the respective responsibilities for Capacity Development Improvement and Assistance established under the Maine Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Set-Asides provided by the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as provided in the DWSRF Intended Use Plan and as required by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 6006-B Section 2. I.

The MOU recognizes MWUA as a stakeholder and a partner in the delivery of education and outreach to public water utilities. MWUA has been providing assistance to the DWP to improve water system capacity through training and outreach since 2001. As a non-profit membership based volunteer organization MWUA is uniquely situated to develop and produce professional learning opportunities and outreach to water utilities. The Education and Operations Committee is the lead committee in providing the deliverables of the MOU. With the assistance of the Executive Director they work with other committees to address the needs of the profession.

This MOU also recognizes that the DWP, the State primacy agency, administers the Set-Asides to achieve the goal of insuring that public water systems provide safe drinking water. Training and education are a primary means to increase compliance with regulations and to protect the quality and quantity of water available for drinking.

Funding is provided through the DWSRF Capacity Development Set-aside. The goal of this fund is to assure training is provided to operators that increases public health protection through the advancement in knowledge of the technical, financial, and managerial aspects of water systems operation.

Deliverables:

- Reports outlining the proposed and completed activities of each state fiscal year. These will consist of:
 - Workplan submitted by September 30th describing the budget and specific plan of work for the following fiscal year. The workplan should demonstrate how the described activities will promote the protection of public health. This does not need to be course topic specific but types of courses to be presented, i.e. multi-site-statewide, large seminar, single course.

- Record of training submitted 30 days after completed course detailing name of attendees, license number, system/entity represented and evaluations of training.
- Quarterly expense report and request for payment distribution due by the 15th of October, January, April, and July for previous quarter respectively.
- Annual Summary Report due by July 31st for previous fiscal year detailing number of persons, and systems served by the training. The reports should summarize the improvements to the protection of public health addressed and any measured directly associated benefits.
- Approximately twelve (12) continuing education training courses approved by the Board of Licensure of Water System operators annually. This may include a mixture of types of classes, courses and seminars held state-wide. Partnering with other organizations is encouraged. This does not include the organization's member meetings.
 - Courses shall be approved by the Board of Licensure through the Training Provider process. This includes a description of learning objectives, submittal of attendance and evaluations.
 - A budget for the year should be established with payment of each course structured similar to the Capacity Development Training Reimbursement Fund. Payment for attendance of water system personnel and licensed operators at a consistent fee per TCH awarded. No expense report will be necessary.
- Sponsoring a site(s) for four to six proctored webcasts trainings based on an expense based budget.
- Assisting utilities with and participation in the promotion of Drinking Water Week.
- Partnering with DWP to disseminate drinking water related initiative information and outreach to utilities. Past projects include –water use efficiency, surface water level and flow. This could include committee establishment and associated work sessions, development, and facilitation of seminars. Payment will be based on an expense budget.

MWUA and the DWP will work cooperatively to achieve the program goals through:

- DWP participation in MWUA committees to assure DWP initiatives are communicated to utilities.
- Review annual workplans and reports to assure accomplishments and address continued needs of the program.
- Develop a work plan and budget by October 1st for the upcoming fiscal year.

MWUA agrees to:

- Provide the DWP with three copies of the membership mailings (Journal, newsletters, outreach).
- Submit reports as described in Deliverables.

DWP agrees to:

- Submit workplan and budget to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to secure the necessary funding from the DWSRF Set Asides.
- Forward payment requests to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank within five days of receipt of invoice, if acceptable.
- Review monthly and quarterly submittals for accuracy and acceptability and ensure the program is progressing according to the workplan and within budget.

Provide data on public water systems.

Objective: To provide water system training and informational outreach to water systems and stakeholders concerning the operations and needs of the drinking water industry. The training and outreach will address technical, managerial, and financial capacity development issues facing utilities.

Program Goals:

- To provide approved training in all aspects of operation including administration, water quality and treatment, compliance with state and federal requirements and distribution, operations and maintenance procedures to water system operators and employees.
- To provide networking opportunities for all of Maine's public water systems with each other and other water related entities, to promote engaging these entities in the topics of concern to the water industry from source protection to infrastructure.
- To provide training to various size and types of utilities within two hours driving time statewide.
- To provide training that complements training and programs offered by other service provider organizations.
- To assure that an equitable cost of attendance at training venues is distributed between the attendee and the funded portion.
- To assist in the DWP messaging of regulatory and other water profession related initiatives.

The DWP and MRWA agree to cooperate to correct any deficiency in meeting the terms of this MOU. Deficiencies may be identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the DWP, or MRWA, as a result of any audits or day-to-day operations. Each party is responsible for correcting and improving upon their respective citing of errors or shortcomings, as the result of any audit.

In the event of any conflicts between any Federal or State statutory provision relating to the SRF Capacity Development Funds or its related activities, and this memorandum, the statutory language shall control. The failure of any portion of this memorandum shall affect only that section of the memorandum.

In witness whereof, the parties to this Agreement have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: Executive Director

STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: Drinking Water Program Manager



**LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RCAP SOLUTIONS, INC. & STATE OF MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM
March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023**

This Letter of Agreement hereafter referred to as the ("Agreement") serves to outline the terms under which RCAP Solutions, Inc. hereinafter referred to as ("RCAP") will perform services for the State of Maine Drinking Water Program hereafter referred to as ("DWP") and the reciprocating responsibilities to be provided by DWP to ensure the success of the project.

It is agreed that RCAP will provide capacity building training to drinking water systems that receive principal forgiveness as part of their Maine SRF loans. The intent of the trainings will be to improve the technical, financial, and managerial capacity of those involved in managing the borrowing utility; however, the training sessions will also be advertised widely and open to all Maine public water systems who wish register. This series of trainings will focus on capacity development planning efforts such as asset management programs, operation and maintenance manual development, rate analysis, emergency response preparedness, geographic information systems, or wellhead protection, etc.

Capacity development is the cornerstone on which to build healthy, self-reliant communities and leaders. It does this by giving communities the opportunity to be educated in managing their own affairs and interacting with other entities to achieve immediate and long-term goals. Once capacity is developed, the water systems can begin to reduce the need to rely on state and federal entities to achieve their local goals. RCAP is a key facilitator in this process by providing training and technical assistance that:

- Focuses on educating and developing leaders on the use of tools and processes that promote healthy community dynamics
- Helps drinking water systems understand their development needs and catalyzes their ability to identify and seize opportunities and solutions.
- Organizes and manages the effort necessary to build the structures and processes required to develop a sustainable drinking water system.

RCAP will perform four, four-hour online training sessions between March 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023. In response to the COVID-19 emergency impacting travel and inability to be in group settings, RCAP will modify training sessions to be offered in an online platform. DWP hereby agrees to pay to RCAP \$7,000 at the completion of each training session for a maximum expected distribution of \$28,000. Trainings will be billed to DWP as often as monthly summarizing the completed product.

Either party may terminate this agreement with seven (7) days written notice. If this agreement is terminated prior to the completion of contract, DWP agrees to pay RCAP 60% of the fee plus expenses incurred.



All notices related to this agreement shall be addressed to:

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Maine Drinking Water Program
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286 Water Street, 3rd Floor #11 State House Station
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With a copy sent to RCAP Solutions, Inc., Community Resources Division, Maine Field Office:

Attn: Kathy Rodgers
Maine State Lead
P.O. Box 2218
Bangor, ME 04402
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DWP represents and warrants to RCAP that the individual executing this Letter of Agreement on behalf of DWP is duly authorized to execute and deliver this agreement, and that the terms enclosed are binding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Letter of Agreement as of the date of its signing.

Maine Drinking Water Program

By: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

RCAP Solutions Inc.

By: _____

Date: _____

Title: __ President & CEO _____

2024 IUP Public Meeting

Hosted Virtually – Microsoft Teams

Meeting begins at 2PM on February 23, 2024

Attending: Amy Lachance, McKenzie Parker, David Welch, James Garland, Chris Cossette, Jefferson Longfellow, John Halacy, Brandon Lamontagne, Josh Gildert, Wendy H, Kirsti Lamoreau, Maraquita Hollman, Bradley Sawyer, Roger Crouse, Kelley Wheeler, Max Kenney, Greg Connors, Mary Jane Dillinham, Nicole Penfield, Neal Meltzer, Carol White, David Balberchak, Melody Piper, David Parent, Michael Ames. John Kenney PE, Keith Levasseur, Lori-Ann, Steve

Comments from attendees:

- Kelley Wheeler noted in chat that there's more than \$17M remaining from 2023 LSL funds
- Neal Metzler asked when we expected stimulus funds to no longer be available. Answered that the BIL funds are from 2022 – 2026, that 2024 is year 3
 - David Parent asks "Does that mean that if a project costs over \$4 million, you would cover up to 90% of the project for a total of up to \$4million? Or does it mean the max is \$3.6 million of grant funding?"
Answered that yes we would cover \$4M as the max
- Neal Metzler asked "Would the Private Well Extension include connecting to a private water system in a trailer park? If so, would the funding be for just the primary connection, or would it be for each household in the system?" Answer: If the TP is a PWS, this would be funded through the consolidation grant. The consolidation in the case of Limerick Mobile Home Park ME0007963 would be a consolidation grant. This is a separate program that we have every year, you can read more about it on this page: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/pws/financialResources.shtml#Grants>.
- Roger had called with questions on source protection grants, regarding the requirements for ER, D-B, etc when a project included physical work like putting in a fence. These requirements were always there from EPA, but we didn't necessarily enforce them in the past. Roger followed up on D-B, would the \$2,000 apply to the whole project or just the portion of the contract to install, say, fencing?
- Max Kenney with additional questions. Do these projects need to be bid out? Require signage? Answer is no, not for projects under \$10,000. Also, will it be AIS or BABA? Answer is AIS for under \$10,000 projects
- Lori-Anne asked if the slideshow will be shared. Yes
- Lori-Anne, next grant period for potential projects? Fall
- Roger Crouse, on MHP program. More background? Some really small utilities are smaller than many MH Communities. So the small utilities might not get 75% PF. Response: That is a really good point, we've seen some MHP that are really struggling and have been for years. Get more detail from recording. Roger responds, there's a valid reason to think about the MHP in a different manner. But to jump to 75% grant may not be the right first step.

- Roger Crouse. On SDC EC grant, is that \$9M per year? Yes, \$18M for 2 years. Roger requests that we push all PWS that are eligible there into that bucket.
- Roger Crouse, EC set-asides. Training Reimbursement account, etc. Response: Used for DWP admin costs.
- Chris Cossette. Question about interconnecting PWS. Can you connect a private residence to a MH TP that is a PWS? Response, no the intention is to connect them to a municipal system.
- Chris Cossette. How many total apps, how many systems, etc. Will follow-up

Maine Drinking Water Program
 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 Very Small System Compliance Loan (VSSCL)

Potential VSSCL Applicants
 October 30, 2013

PWSID	SYSTEM NAME	CITY	SYSTEM TYPE	POPULATION
ME0092373	A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS	CARIBOU	C	90
ME0015860	ACADIA CHRISTIAN SCH/ATLANTIC ACCEPTANCE	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	120
ME0094712	ACAP CHILD & FAMILY CENTER	PRESQUE ISLE	NTNC	200
ME0000002	ACTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ACTON	NTNC	330
ME0090030	ALLEN WATER COMPANY	COLUMBIA FALLS	C	68
ME0193835	AOS 77 ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	EASTPORT	NTNC	61
ME0093807	AOS 77 CHARLOTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	EASTPORT	NTNC	62
ME0093820	AOS 77 PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	EASTPORT	NTNC	115
ME0018538	AOS 77 PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PERRY	NTNC	123
ME0093823	AOS 77 ROBBINSON GRADE SCHOOL	ROBBINSON	NTNC	57
ME0008179	AOS 90 EAST RANGE II CSD SCHOOL	BAILEYVILLE	NTNC	48
ME0094443	AOS 90 LEE-WINN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LEE	NTNC	125
ME0000635	AOS 91 TREMONT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	BASS HARBOR	NTNC	168
ME0093795	AOS 92 VASSALBORO COMMUNITY SCHOOL	WATERVILLE	NTNC	520
ME0000119	AOS 93 BRISTOL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	DAMARISCOTTA	NTNC	308
ME0093800	AOS 93 JEFFERSON VILLAGE SCHOOL	JEFFERSON	NTNC	330
ME0000437	AOS 93 NOBLEBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL	DAMARISCOTTA	NTNC	233
ME0093846	AOS 93 SOUTH BRISTOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DAMARISCOTTA	NTNC	73
ME0093794	AOS 96 BAY RIDGE ELEMENTARY	MACHIAS	NTNC	75
ME0009222	AOS 96 ELM STREET SCHOOL	MACHIAS	NTNC	208
ME0000391	AOS 96 FORT OBRIEN SCHOOL	MACHIAS	NTNC	88
ME0012984	AOS 96 JONESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	JONESBORO	NTNC	72
ME0009226	AOS 96 WHITING VILLAGE SCHOOL	WHITING	NTNC	45
ME0025958	AOS 98 EDGECOMB EDDY ELEMENTARY II	BOOTHBAY HARBOR	NTNC	100
ME0093813	AOS 98 GEORGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL	BOOTHBAY HARBOR	NTNC	106
ME0000606	AOS 98 SOUTHPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL	BOOTHBAY HARBOR	NTNC	49
ME0092367	APPLEWOOD	PORTLAND	C	32
ME0094156	ARROWSMITH BUILDING MILES HTH	DAMARISCOTTA	NTNC	30
ME0094551	ASHWOOD WALDORF SCHOOL	ROCKPORT	NTNC	145
ME0092380	ATHENS WATER DISTRICT	ATHENS	NTNC	50
ME0095635	AVERILLS MOBILE HOME PARK	BENTON	C	78
ME0094442	BAY SCHOOL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	108
ME0092433	BELFAST COHOUSING & ECOVILLAGE CONDOS	BELFAST	C	90
ME0090145	BENJAMIN RIVER APTS	ORONO	C	31
ME0007233	BIRCH HAVEN TRAILER PARK	ELLSWORTH	C	38
ME0095550	BIRCHWOOD TRAILER PARK	BELMONT	C	90
ME0093954	BLUE HILL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	350
ME0092110	BLUE HILL TERRACE	STONINGTON	C	32
ME0095575	BOUDREAU TRAILER PARK	PRINCETON	C	50
ME0090205	BOULIER PLACE APTS	BANGOR	C	72
ME0094787	BOXBERRY SCHOOL	NORWAY	NTNC	60
ME0092389	BRIARWOOD CHILDRENS HOUSE	LYMAN	NTNC	95

ME0095719	BROCKS MOBILE HOME PARK
ME0092365	BROOK HOLLOW
ME0005826	BROOKSIDE MHP
ME0095595	BROOKSIDE MOBILE HOME COURT
ME0009850	CALAIS HIGH SCHOOL
ME0093894	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH/ACADEMY
ME0095630	CANTON POINT PARK
ME0002439	CARIBOU STREAM MOBILE HOME PK
ME0093847	CARRABASSETT VALLEY ACADEMY
ME0094827	CARRABASSETT VALLEY ACADEMY DORM
ME0092338	CASCO INN RESIDENTIAL CARE
ME0008583	CASWELL ELEM/AKA DAWN BARNES
ME0000470	CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL
ME0094401	CENTER FOR TEACHING/LEARNING
ME0092394	CHARLOTTE WHITE CENTER
ME0000185	CHEBEAGUE ISLAND SCHOOL
ME0000945	CHEWONKI FOUNDATION #1
ME0200945	CHEWONKI FOUNDATION #2
ME0100945	CHEWONKI FOUNDATION #3
ME0092454	CHILD LIGHT MONTESSORI
ME0400949	CHOP POINT (GREENHOUSE)
ME0093881	COASTAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ME0000179	CONNOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
ME0092305	CORINNA WATER DISTRICT
ME0090378	CORINTHIAN MANOR
ME0006648	COUNTRY ACRES TRAILER PARK
ME0095040	COUNTRY MANOR NURSING HOME
ME0092287	COUNTRY VIEW APTS
ME0094501	COVERED BRIDGE APARTMENTS
ME0007237	CRESCENT PARK LLC
ME0095020	CREST VIEW MANOR
ME0002893	CRYSTAL SPRING MOBILE HOME PK
ME0093802	CSD 8 AIRLINE COMM SCHOOL
ME0093963	D F D RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER
ME0000193	DEDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ME0094003	DEER ISLE CONSUMER OWNED W U
ME0001194	DEER RIDGE MOBILE HOME PARK
ME0090425	DEER RUN APTS
ME0002456	DEL-WOOD TRAILER PARK
ME0090427	DENNYSVILLE HOUSING
ME0090450	DINGLEY SPRING ESTATES
ME0095650	DIRIGO MOBILE HOME PARK
ME0000207	DRESDEN ELEM SCHOOL
ME0092303	DRESDEN WATER DEPARTMENT
ME0007001	DUCK-A-WAY ON CASCO BAY
ME0092255	EAST PITTSSTON WATER DISTRICT
ME0094832	EAST SLOPE CONDOS AT SHAWNEE PEAK
ME0000212	EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ME0093811	EASTON HIGH SCHOOL
ME0008806	EDMUNDS CONS SCHOOL
ME0092366	ELWELL FARMS
ME0000176	ERSKINE ACADEMY

VASSALBORO	C	30
PORTLAND	C	50
DRESDEN	C	40
NEWCASTLE	C	88
EASTPORT	NTNC	400
TURNER	NTNC	90
HARTFORD	C	73
PORTLAND	C	95
CARRABASSETT	NTNC	130
CARRABASSETT	NTNC	90
CASCO	C	80
CASWELL	NTNC	56
ORRINGTON	NTNC	400
EDGEComb	NTNC	86
DOVER-FOXCROFT	NTNC	70
YARMOUTH	NTNC	34
WISCASSET	NTNC	76
WISCASSET	NTNC	45
WISCASSET	NTNC	65
BERWICK	NTNC	50
WOOLWICH	NTNC	120
WALDOBORO	NTNC	155
AUGUSTA	NTNC	50
CORINNA	C	50
STETSON	C	60
DURHAM	C	75
COOPERS MILL	C	100
BANGOR	C	40
CARRABASSETT	C	25
ELLSWORTH	C	70
HOULTON	C	55
ALFRED	C	75
HOLDEN	NTNC	52
LEEDS	NTNC	25
ORRINGTON	NTNC	212
DEER ISLE	NTNC	219
ORLAND	C	33
ORONO	C	36
PRESQUE ISLE	C	90
MACHIAS	C	43
GORHAM	C	90
AUGUSTA	C	60
HALLOWELL	NTNC	157
DRESDEN	C	43
PORTLAND	C	65
PITTSSTON	C	53
FALMOUTH	C	80
EASTON	NTNC	135
EASTON	NTNC	85
AUGUSTA	NTNC	80
PORTLAND	C	36
CHINA	NTNC	850

ME0007731	EVERGREEN ESTATES OF LEBANON LLC	ENGLEWOOD	C	50
ME0092292	EXETER WATER DEPARTMENT	EXETER	C	28
ME0091780	FAIRGROUND APTS	BANGOR	C	74
ME0093806	FAITH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	CHARLESTON	C	30
ME0000242	FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL	FAYETTE	NTNC	96
ME0092040	FRIENDSHIP WATER DEPARTMENT	FRIENDSHIP	C	85
ME0090745	GAELIC SQUARE HOUSING	CHERRYFIELD	C	50
ME0011183	GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY	BLUE HILL	NTNC	380
ME0000266	GLENBURN ELEM SCHOOL	CAMBRIDGE	NTNC	500
ME0000225	GOODWILL HOME ASSOCIATION	HINCKLEY	C	100
ME0003060	GRANDEUR MOBILE HOME ESTATES	CARMEL	C	100
ME0092327	GREENWOOD GARDEN APARTMENTS	BANGOR	C	50
ME0092296	HADLEYS LAKE APARTMENTS	BAR HARBOR	C	48
ME0095679	HALLOWELL ROAD MOBILE HOME PARK	WISCASSET	C	25
ME0002527	HANCOCK VILLAGE MHP	CASTINE	C	73
ME0003377	HAPPY TRAILS MHP	AUBURN	C	33
ME0092165	HARBORVIEW I & II	KENNEBUNK	C	51
ME0092364	HARMON PINES DEVELOPMENT	PORTLAND	C	50
ME0009166	HARMONY ELEM SCHOOL	DEXTER	NTNC	133
ME0002245	HARRIMAN COVE PARK LLC	OLD TOWN	C	38
ME0105637	HAVASU PINES MHP	ORONO	C	75
ME0005637	HAVASU PINES MHP #1	ORONO	C	65
ME0090690	HEBRON WATER COMPANY	HEBRON	C	93
ME0000278	HELEN S DUNN SCHOOL	GREENBUSH	NTNC	190
ME0091890	HERITAGE VIEW APTS	GARDINER	C	36
ME0000297	HERMON ELEM SCHOOL	HERMON	NTNC	375
ME0094508	HERMON HIGH SCHOOL	HERMON	NTNC	550
ME0093815	HERMON MIDDLE SCHOOL #2	HERMON	NTNC	327
ME0007336	HERMON PARK	ELLSWORTH	C	43
ME0094918	HIGHVIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	CAMBRIDGE	NTNC	63
ME0095240	HILLHOUSE INC	BATH	C	50
ME0094503	HODGDON HOMESTEAD	HODGDON	C	33
ME0007372	HOLDEN MOBILE HOME PARK	ELLSWORTH	C	90
ME0092155	HOLDEN SQUARE APTS	PORTLAND	C	77
ME0094194	HOME INC & LEARNING CENTER	ORLAND	NTNC	55
ME0017236	HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	HOPE	NTNC	190
ME0003342	HOWARDS TRAILER PARK	SWANVILLE	C	65
ME0000315	ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL	ISLESBORO	NTNC	120
ME0000529	JORDAN-SMALL SCHOOL	WINDHAM	NTNC	250
ME0005192	KENNEBEC MOBILE HOME PARK	AUBURN	C	65
ME0005825	KENNEBEC VIEW PARK	PITTSSTON	C	50
ME0000531	KENTS HILL SCHOOL	KENTS HILL	NTNC	320
ME0094196	KIDSPEACE-NEW ENGLAND-CAFETERIA	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	75
ME0094410	KIDSPEACE-NEW ENGLAND-MEDICAL DORM	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	75
ME0092299	LAKE ST GEORGE APARTMENTS	AUGUSTA	C	45
ME0004295	LAKES REGION MOBILE VILLAGE	WINTHROP	C	75
ME0200338	LEE ACADEMY - COBB CTR	LEE	NTNC	270
ME0000338	LEE ACADEMY #1	LEE	NTNC	270
ME0400338	LEE ACADEMY #3	LEE	NTNC	300
ME0000481	LOGOS LEARNING CENTER	PARKMAN	NTNC	30
ME0092499	LYNNS WAY	SKOWHEGAN	C	33
ME0004628	MACHIAS TRAILER PARK	EAST MACHIAS	C	65

ME0092160	MAPLETREE ESTATES	PRESQUE ISLE	C	75
ME0002240	MAPLEWOOD MOBILE COURT	DOVER FOXCROFT	C	25
ME0014643	MAPLEWOOD MOBILE HOME PARK	WOOLWICH	C	75
ME0092288	MARSH BROOK ESTATES	NO. WATERBORO	C	70
ME0090949	MATTAWAMKEAG HOUSING CORP	BANGOR	C	33
ME0092175	MCCULLEY COMMONS APARTMENTS	PORTLAND	C	72
ME0092363	MEADOWVIEW APTS	FREEPORT	C	40
ME0000012	MILDRED L DAY SCHOOL - ARUNDEL	KENNEBUNK	NTNC	300
ME0092260	MILLSTONE APARTMENTS	HARPSWELL	C	97
ME0094557	MMEF-HANLEY BUILDING	WEST GARDINER	NTNC	30
ME0095500	MOARK LLC-TURNER	AUGUSTA	C	58
ME0091031	MONTFORT HEIGHTS	SAINT AGATHA	C	30
ME0091032	MONTICELLO HOUSING CORPORATION	CARIBOU	C	33
ME0091850	MOOSEHEAD TRAIL VILLAGE	GARDINER	C	74
ME0006954	MOUNTAIN VIEW TRAILER PARK	FORT KENT	C	95
ME0000399	MSAD 01 MAPLETON ELEM SCHOOL	PRESQUE ISLE	NTNC	236
ME0008778	MSAD 06 BONNY EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL	BUXTON	NTNC	1349
ME0000147	MSAD 06 BONNY EAGLE MIDDLE SCH	BUXTON	NTNC	1030
ME0093804	MSAD 06 FRANK JEWETT SCHOOL	BUXTON	NTNC	60
ME0000367	MSAD 06 H B EMERY JR MEM SCH	BUXTON	NTNC	259
ME0000304	MSAD 06 HOLLIS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	BUXTON	NTNC	400
ME0000149	MSAD 06 JACK MEMORIAL SCHOOL	BUXTON	NTNC	73
ME0093887	MSAD 09 CAPE COD HILL SCHOOL	FARMINGTON	NTNC	245
ME0000676	MSAD 11 HELEN THOMPSON SCHOOL	GARDINER	NTNC	256
ME0025959	MSAD 17 HEBRON STATION SCHOOL	OXFORD	NTNC	103
ME0000293	MSAD 17 HARRISON ELEM SCHOOL	OXFORD	NTNC	215
ME0093972	MSAD 17 OTISFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL	OXFORD	NTNC	137
ME0000658	MSAD 17 WATERFORD MEM SCHOOL	OXFORD	NTNC	140
ME0000432	MSAD 22 NEWBURGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	HAMPDEN	NTNC	25
ME0000168	MSAD 23 CARAVEL MIDDLE SCHOOL	CARMEL	NTNC	261
ME0093805	MSAD 23 CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CARMEL	NTNC	274
ME0094653	MSAD 23 SUZANNE M SMITH ELEM SCHOOL	CARMEL	NTNC	270
ME0000652	MSAD 27 WALLAGRASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FORT KENT	NTNC	98
ME0000421	MSAD 29 WELLINGTON SCHOOL	HOULTON	NTNC	107
ME0000609	MSAD 30 EDITH LOMBARD SCHOOL	LEE	NTNC	100
ME0092355	MSAD 30 MT JEFFERSON JR HI	LEE	NTNC	110
ME0094474	MSAD 31 ENFIELD STATION ELEMENTARY	LAGRANGE	NTNC	300
ME0000256	MSAD 33 DR LEVESQUE SCHOOL	FRENCHVILLE	NTNC	182
ME0000555	MSAD 33 WISDOM JR-SR HIGH SCH	FRENCHVILLE	NTNC	255
ME0000174	MSAD 37 CHERRYFIELD ELEM SCH	HARRINGTON	NTNC	184
ME0000003	MSAD 37 DANIEL W MERRIT SCHOOL	HARRINGTON	NTNC	163
ME0014156	MSAD 37 HARRINGTON ELEM SCHOOL	HARRINGTON	NTNC	143
ME0000411	MSAD 37 MILBRIDGE ELEM SCHOOL	HARRINGTON	NTNC	135
ME0094821	MSAD 40 MEDOMAK MIDDLE SCHOOL	UNION	NTNC	319
ME0000650	MSAD 40 MEDOMAK VALLEY HI SCH	UNION	NTNC	791
ME0000655	MSAD 40 PRESCOTT MEM SCHOOL	UNION	NTNC	130
ME0000640	MSAD 40 UNION ELEM-MIDDLE SCH	UNION	NTNC	424
ME0017874	MSAD 41 BROWNVILLE ELEM SCHOOL	LAGRANGE	NTNC	157
ME0000335	MSAD 41 MARION C COOK SCHOOL	LAGRANGE	NTNC	50
ME0017998	MSAD 44 WOODSTOCK ELEM SCHOOL	BETHEL	NTNC	105
ME0000004	MSAD 49 ALBION ELEM SCHOOL	FAIRFIELD	NTNC	231
ME0094433	MSAD 52 ALTERNATIVE/ADMIN SCH	TURNER	NTNC	46

ME0000279	MSAD 52 GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL	TURNER	NTNC	451
ME0000639	MSAD 52 LEAVITT AREA HIGH SCH	TURNER	NTNC	678
ME0000340	MSAD 52 LEEDS CENTRAL SCHOOL	TURNER	NTNC	262
ME0003116	MSAD 52 TRIPP MIDDLE SCHOOL	TURNER	NTNC	389
ME0009731	MSAD 52 TURNER ELEM SCHOOL	TURNER	NTNC	200
ME0094059	MSAD 52 TURNER PRIMARY SCHOOL	TURNER	NTNC	286
ME0000156	MSAD 54 CANAAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SKOWHEGAN	NTNC	223
ME0000046	MSAD 55 BALDWIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	HIRAM	NTNC	100
ME0018559	MSAD 57 LINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WATERBORO	NTNC	430
ME0012826	MSAD 57 LYMAN ELEM SCHOOL	WATERBORO	NTNC	391
ME0000585	MSAD 57 SHAPLEIGH MEM SCHOOL	WATERBORO	NTNC	210
ME0112825	MSAD 57 WATERBORO ELEM SCHOOL	WATERBORO	NTNC	465
ME0013542	MSAD 60 HANSON ELEM SCHOOL	NORTH BERWICK	NTNC	380
ME0017265	MSAD 60 KNOWLTON SCHOOL	NORTH BERWICK	NTNC	375
ME0000337	MSAD 60 LEBANON ELEM SCHOOL	NORTH BERWICK	NTNC	180
ME0000087	MSAD 60 NOBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL	NORTH BERWICK	NTNC	608
ME0016686	MSAD 61 CROOKED RIVER SCHOOL	BRIDGTON	NTNC	25
ME0094717	MSAD 61 LAKE REGION HIGH- ESB	BRIDGTON	NTNC	60
ME0003837	MSAD 61 LAKE REGION HIGH SCH	BRIDGTON	NTNC	700
ME0016804	MSAD 61 LAKE REGION MIDDLE SCH	BRIDGTON	NTNC	400
ME0000583	MSAD 61 SEBAGO ELEM SCHOOL	BRIDGTON	NTNC	100
ME0094457	MSAD 61 SONGO LOCKS ELEM SCH	BRIDGTON	NTNC	478
ME0000303	MSAD 63 HOLBROOK SCHOOL	HOLDEN	NTNC	284
ME0000302	MSAD 63 HOLDEN SCHOOL	HOLDEN	NTNC	213
ME0000107	MSAD 64 BRADFORD ELEM SCHOOL	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	90
ME0015528	MSAD 64 CENTRAL MID & HI SCH	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	768
ME0000313	MSAD 64 HUDSON ELEM SCHOOL	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	53
ME0000322	MSAD 64 KENDUSKEAG ELEM SCHOOL	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	150
ME0000181	MSAD 64 MORISON MEM SCHOOL	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	218
ME0000613	MSAD 64 STETSON ELEM SCHOOL	EAST CORINTH	NTNC	60
ME0000301	MSAD 70 HODGDON ELEM SCHOOL	HODGDON	NTNC	390
ME0093837	MSAD 70 HODGDON HIGH SCHOOL	HODGDON	NTNC	187
ME0000195	MSAD 72 DENMARK VILLAGE SCHOOL	FRYEBURG	NTNC	125
ME0000386	MSAD 72 NEW SUNCOOK SCHOOL	FRYEBURG	NTNC	260
ME0094742	MSAD 75 BOWDOIN CENTRAL SCHOOL	TOPSHAM	NTNC	270
ME0000289	MSAD 75 HARPSWELL ISLAND SCH	TOPSHAM	NTNC	135
ME0093118	MSAD 76 SWANS ISLAND SCHOOL	MOUNT DESERT	NTNC	33
ME0093803	MSU 103 BEALS ELEM SCHOOL	JONESPORT	NTNC	53
ME0013480	MSU 103 JONESPORT ELEM/JBHS	JONESPORT	NTNC	232
ME0093810	MSU 107 PRINCETON ELEM SCHOOL	PRINCETON	NTNC	150
ME0094461	MSU 122 NEW SWEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WOODLAND	NTNC	98
ME0000709	MSU 122 WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WOODLAND	NTNC	219
ME0000011	MSU 69 APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL	HOPE	NTNC	178
ME0094573	MSU 69 LINCOLNVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL	HOPE	NTNC	305
ME0094509	MSU 76 BROOKLIN NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DEER ISLE	NTNC	100
ME0094707	MSU 76 DEER ISLE/STONINGTON K-8 SCHOOL	DEER ISLE	NTNC	264
ME0009262	MSU 76 DEER ISLE-STONINGTON JR/SR HS	DEER ISLE	NTNC	200
ME0094407	MSU 76 SEDGWICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DEER ISLE	NTNC	130
ME0093819	MSU 92 BEECH HILL SCHOOL	OTIS	NTNC	110
ME0000099	MSU 93 BLUE HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	316
ME0000123	MSU 93 BROOKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	84
ME0000485	MSU 93 PENOBSCOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	74

ME0000424	MSU 98 MT DESERT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL	MOUNT DESERT	NTNC	725
ME0000559	MT ABRAM HIGH SCHOOL	SALEM TOWNSHIP	NTNC	265
ME0091055	NARRAGUAGUS ESTATES	CHERRYFIELD	C	97
ME0004591	NEZINSCOT VILLAGE	AUBURN	C	40
ME0007378	NICHOLS TRAILER PARK	SHELBURNE	C	75
ME0092293	NORTHEASTERN ESTATES	STANDISH	C	40
ME0005840	NORTHERN SPRING PARK	POLAND	C	75
ME0008164	OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	LYMAN	C	95
ME0108164	OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION-2	LYMAN	C	95
ME0092361	OQUOSSOC STANDARD WATER SYSTEM	OQUOSSOC	C	35
ME0092382	OSGOOD FARM HOMES	EASTON	C	42
ME0025566	OSSIPEE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	CORNISH	NTNC	75
ME0000477	PALMYRA COMMUNITY CENTER	PALMYRA	NTNC	150
ME0004600	PEJEPSCOT SCHOOL-TOPSHAM	TOPSHAM	NTNC	35
ME0002093	PEMAQUID VILLAS MHP	WESTBROOK	C	43
ME0091750	PERSISTENCE SENIORS HOUSING	ORONO	C	60
ME0003990	PHEASANT HILL MHP	WELLS	C	35
ME0004250	PINE RIDGE VILLAGE	SOUTH PARIS	C	93
ME0094005	PINE TREE ACADEMY	FREEPORT	NTNC	147
ME0006203	PINE VILLAGE	PRESQUE ISLE	C	80
ME0091270	PINELAND CENTER CAMPUS MSAD 15	NEW GLOUCESTER	NTNC	1230
ME0006513	PINES MOBILE HOME PARK LLC	WISCASSET	C	50
ME0092475	PINETREE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	WELLS	C	40
ME0008855	PINEWOOD ACRES TRAILER PARK	BOWDOIN	C	95
ME0002782	PINEWOOD MOBILE HOME COURT INC	WELLS	C	100
ME0095560	PIPER STREAM MOBILE HOME PARK	SWANVILLE	C	75
ME0092270	PLYMOUTH WATER DISTRICT	PLYMOUTH	C	90
ME0094908	POLAND SPRING ACADEMY	POLAND	NTNC	100
ME0005847	POLAND TRAILER PARK - POLAND	AUBURN	C	68
ME0090373	POLYOTS MOBILE HOME PARK	CORINTH	C	73
ME0095510	POND & POND TRAILER PARK	NAPLES	C	68
ME0090815	POND ACRES LLC	SCARBOROUGH	C	63
ME0092388	PRINCETON WATER DISTRICT	PRINCETON	C	50
ME0094729	RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WINDHAM	NTNC	280
ME0092307	RAYMOND WOODS TOWNHOUSES	SCITUATE	C	50
ME0092100	READFIELD CORNER WATER ASSOCIATION	WINTHROP	C	54
ME0095691	RIVERS BEND MOBILE HOME PARK	CARIBOU	C	35
ME0092383	ROSEWOOD ESTATES	FORT KENT	C	40
ME0095600	ROUND STONE MOBILE HOME PARK	CASCO	C	70
ME0000488	RSU 01 PHIPPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BATH	NTNC	205
ME0000419	RSU 03 MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	105
ME0000122	RSU 03 MORSE MEMORIAL SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	216
ME0100629	RSU 03 MT VIEW SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	1100
ME0000637	RSU 03 TROY CENTRAL SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	100
ME0000641	RSU 03 UNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	160
ME0000361	RSU 03 WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL	UNITY	NTNC	182
ME0094672	RSU 04 CARRIE RICKER SCHOOL	WALES	NTNC	310
ME0000377	RSU 04 LIBBY TOZIER SCHOOL	WALES	NTNC	217
ME0009683	RSU 04 OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL	WALES	NTNC	593
ME0009679	RSU 05 DURHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FREEPORT	NTNC	463
ME0008643	RSU 05 POWNAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FREEPORT	NTNC	185
ME0092345	RSU 10 DIRIGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DIXFIELD	NTNC	181

ME0000623	RSU 10 HARTFORD-SUMNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DIXFIELD	NTNC	385
ME0000476	RSU 12 PALERMO CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	PALERMO	NTNC	188
ME0000596	RSU 12 SOMERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SOMERVILLE	NTNC	55
ME0000687	RSU 12 WHITEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SOMERVILLE	NTNC	265
ME0000697	RSU 12 WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WINDSOR	NTNC	340
ME0094763	RSU 13 CUSHING K-4 COMMUNITY SCHOOL	ROCKLAND	NTNC	300
ME0000605	RSU 13 GILFORD BUTLER SCHOOL	ROCKLAND	NTNC	93
ME0000428	RSU 15 MEMORIAL SCHOOL	GRAY	NTNC	248
ME0000083	RSU 18 BELGRADE CENTRAL SCHOOL	OAKLAND	NTNC	334
ME0000175	RSU 18 CHINA MIDDLE SCHOOL	OAKLAND	NTNC	253
ME0093874	RSU 18 CHINA PRIMARY SCHOOL	OAKLAND	NTNC	324
ME0000587	RSU 18 JAMES H BEAN SCHOOL	OAKLAND	NTNC	360
ME0000222	RSU 19 ETNA-DIXMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	NEWPORT	NTNC	355
ME0000556	RSU 19 ST ALBANS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	NEWPORT	NTNC	148
ME0000579	RSU 20 AMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BELFAST	NTNC	138
ME0000625	RSU 20 KERMIT S NICKERSON SCHOOL	BELFAST	NTNC	100
ME0108180	RSU 23 DAYTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	SACO	NTNC	190
ME0009846	RSU 24 MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	350
ME0000211	RSU 24 CAVE HILL SCHOOL	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	80
ME0000614	RSU 24 ELLA LEWIS SCHOOL	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	120
ME0000288	RSU 24 HANCOCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL	ELLSWORTH	NTNC	240
ME0092395	RSU 24 PENINSULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SULLIVAN	NTNC	220
ME0094408	RSU 34 ALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	OLD TOWN	NTNC	50
ME0094637	RSU 35 MARSHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	ELIOT	NTNC	784
ME0000216	RSU 35 MARSHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELIOT	NTNC	719
ME0009728	RSU 38 MARANACOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	READFIELD	NTNC	832
ME0008636	RSU 38 MT VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	READFIELD	NTNC	170
ME0000530	RSU 38 READFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	READFIELD	NTNC	240
ME0193827	RSU 38 WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	READFIELD	NTNC	79
ME0000611	RSU 50 KATAHDIN ELEMENTARY	DYER BROOK	NTNC	210
ME0011158	RSU 50 KATAHDIN HIGH SCHOOL	DYER BROOK	NTNC	239
ME0000380	RSU 73 LIVERMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LIVERMORE FALLS	NTNC	539
ME0092339	SANDY CREEK HOUSING	PORTLAND	C	45
ME0095570	SANDY STREAM PARK	ELLSWORTH	C	88
ME0091860	SANDY STREAM VILLAGE	GARDINER	C	39
ME0091416	SCARBOROUGH GARDENS	GORHAM	C	45
ME0094404	SCHOOL AROUND US	ARUNDEL	NTNC	25
ME0092190	SCHOOL STREET VILLAGE	GARDINER	C	38
ME0095190	SEVEN TREE MANOR	UNION	C	37
ME0094554	SHEEPSHOT VALLEY CHILDRENS HOUSE	WISCASSET	NTNC	50
ME0015106	SHERWOOD FOREST MHP	BUCKSPORT	C	68
ME0095250	SNOW POND RESIDENTIAL CARE CTR	OAKLAND	C	33
ME0095280	SOMERSET RESIDENTIAL CARE CTR	MADISON	C	37
ME0095656	SOUTH SLOPE ESTATES MHP	CARMEL	C	100
ME0009401	SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMM SCHOOL	DYER BROOK	NTNC	500
ME0092301	SPRING ROCK PARK	LEEDS	C	50
ME0003639	SPRINGBROOK MOBILE HOME COURT	WALES	C	35
ME0094488	SPURWINK SCHOOL INC - CASCO	PORTLAND	NTNC	32
ME0094695	SPURWINK SCHOOL INC - CHELSEA	PORTLAND	NTNC	95
ME0094708	SPURWINK SCHOOL INC - CORNVILLE	PORTLAND	NTNC	28
ME0094489	SPURWINK SCHOOL INC - LIMERICK	PORTLAND	NTNC	40
ME0016537	SPURWINK SCHOOL-BRUNSWICK	PORTLAND	NTNC	25

ME0091840	ST AGATHA HOUSING	FORT KENT	C	30
ME0091390	ST FRANCIS WATER DISTRICT	ST FRANCIS	C	80
ME0093829	ST JOHN VALLEY VOC/TECH CTR	FRENCHVILLE	NTNC	200
ME0092362	STANDISH BAPTIST CHURCH	STANDISH	NTNC	73
ME0091500	STARKS WATER DISTRICT	STARKS	C	55
ME0094794	STEPPING STONES/MONTESSORI SCH	AUGUSTA	NTNC	30
ME0092120	STONINGTON MANOR	STONINGTON	C	33
ME0095701	STREETS MOBILE HOME PARK	OLD TOWN	C	53
ME0005645	STRICTLY MOBILE HOMES INC	HAMPDEN	C	70
ME0092291	SUMMER HAVEN APARTMENTS	READFIELD	C	55
ME0092354	SUMMIT ACHIEVEMENT	STOW	NTNC	38
ME0090615	SUNNY GABLES- GLENBURN HOUSING	BANGOR	C	74
ME0002421	SUNNY SLOPE TRAILER PARK	CARIBOU	C	68
ME0095070	SUNRISE CARE FACILITY	JONESPORT	C	26
ME0095525	SUNRISE HILL ESTATES	BARRINGTON	C	100
ME0007940	SUNSET GARDENS TRAILER PARK INC	LEWISTON	C	73
ME0000624	SURRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BLUE HILL	NTNC	110
ME0007154	SWEET FERN TRAILER PK INC	BANGOR	C	90
ME0095010	THE MEADOWS	GREENE	C	49
ME0092323	THE OLD MARSH CONDOMINIUM	TYNGSBORO	C	63
ME0091400	THE SANDY POINT WATER COMPANY	STOCKTON SPRINGS	C	88
ME0093831	THOMAS KELLEY APARTMENTS	CHERRYFIELD	C	35
ME0008251	THREE RIVERS M H COMMUNITY	BROWNVILLE	C	63
ME0092318	TIDAL BROOK DEVELOPMENT	FREEPORT	C	35
ME0094762	TIDEWATER SCHOOL	ELIOT	NTNC	70
ME0094622	TISSUES COUNTRY ESTATE	ATHENS	NTNC	31
ME0007968	TK MOBILE HOME & RV PARK	KANNAPOLIS	C	55
ME0095685	TOGUS POND MOBILE HOME PARK	AUGUSTA	C	53
ME0008921	TOWN & COUNTRY TRAILER PARK	BANGOR	C	98
ME0095660	TOWN AND COUNTRY WAYS MHP	BENTON	C	75
ME0092298	TOWN HALL APTS - LAGRANGE	LAGRANGE	C	60
ME0094804	TOWN OF MINOT	MINOT	NTNC	330
ME0091373	TOWNE CENTER-RIDGEWOOD APARTMENTS	BANGOR	C	60
ME0012848	TRENTON SCHOOL	TRENTON	NTNC	130
ME0092150	TURNER SQUARE APARTMENTS	TURNER	C	63
ME0003660	TWIN PINES ESTATES #1	HOLLIS CENTER	C	75
ME0103660	TWIN PINES ESTATES #2	HOLLIS CENTER	C	50
ME0098262	UM DARLING MARINE CTR #1	WALPOLE	NTNC	35
ME0298262	UM DARLING MARINE CTR #3	WALPOLE	NTNC	36
ME0100642	UNITY COLLEGE #100642	UNITY	NTNC	200
ME0300642	UNITY COLLEGE #300642	UNITY	NTNC	231
ME0000642	UNITY COLLEGE #642	UNITY	NTNC	25
ME0091830	US CG JONESPORT - STATION	WEST JONESPORT	C	25
ME0009003	VIGNEAULTS MOBILE HOME PARK	ALTON	C	53
ME0095170	VOLMER COUNTRY LIVING CENTER	VASSALBORO	C	36
ME0009181	WALDO COUNTY TECHNICAL CENTER	WALDO	NTNC	305
ME0109306	WASHINGTON ACADEMY #1	EAST MACHIAS	NTNC	351
ME0009306	WASHINGTON ACADEMY #2	EAST MACHIAS	NTNC	351
ME0209306	WASHINGTON ACADEMY #3	EAST MACHIAS	NTNC	120
ME0109196	WASHINGTON CNTY COMM COLLEGE #2	CALAIS	NTNC	120
ME0009196	WASHINGTON CNTY COMM COLLEGE #3	CALAIS	NTNC	400
ME0209196	WASHINGTON CNTY COMM COLLEGE #4	CALAIS	NTNC	50