



Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Emerging Contaminants (EC) Program

The CWSRF-EC program assists communities by providing principal forgiveness to projects with the goal of reducing exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and other persistent organic pollutants, biological contaminants and microorganisms, compounds of pharmaceuticals and personal care products, nanomaterials, and microplastics/nanoplastics.

Eligible Applicants

- Wastewater treatment management agencies, including interstate agencies and water supply corporations that have been designated and approved as a management agency in the Texas Water Quality Management Plan.
- Cities, commissions, counties, districts, river authorities, and other public bodies created by or pursuant to state law that have authority to dispose of sewage, industrial waste, or other waste.
- Intermunicipal, interstate, and state agencies.
- Authorized American Indian tribal organizations.
- Private entities for nonpoint source projects or estuary projects only.

Eligible Projects

Planning, acquisition, design, and construction of projects for the primary purpose of addressing ECs (e.g, treatment and/or removal), including

- installation of technology for treatment at wastewater treatment facilities;
- potable and nonpotable reuse/reclamation projects that remove ECs;
- projects that trap and/or treat contaminants in stormwater;
- nonpoint source projects, including landfill runoff/leachate treatment and surface water protection projects.

Ineligible Projects

- Projects with a primary purpose that does not address emerging contaminants.
- Operation and maintenance activities, including monitoring—unless monitoring is an integral part of the planning and design of a capital project.
- Projects that address contaminants with established water quality criteria by EPA under Clean Water Act section 304(a), except for PFAS.

Benefits and Terms

- 100 percent principal forgiveness for all projects.
- Maximum funding limits per project may vary each funding cycle based on the total amount of funding available. See the current CWSRF-EC Intended Use Plan for these limits, if applicable.

Program Requirements

- Projects must be listed in the current CWSRF-EC Intended Use Plan.
- Project must address a documented emerging contaminant.
- Meet Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) wage rate requirements.
- Meet Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements.
- Perform a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-type environmental review.
- Meet Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requirements.
- Submit current financial audits for your entity with the financial assistance application.

For specific questions about the program, please contact CWSRF@twdb.texas.gov. Detailed information is also available at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/EC.