

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Accepting Proposals for SAFE Grants

Proposals due by August 15, 2019

DOVER – The Delaware Division of Public Health’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is currently accepting project proposals from public drinking water systems for Safety Assessments and Feasibility Evaluations (SAFE) grants. Proposals must be received by August 15, 2019.

Eligible projects include arc flash/electrical studies, chemical handling and feed systems/practices, confined space entry issues, air quality/adequate ventilation, video monitoring for personnel, safety feature integration with supervisory control and data acquisition, and flood or climate change studies.

For funding consideration, SAFE grant proposals must identify water operator safety improvements and support projects and activities that focus on improving safety for drinking water operators and their work sites.

Grant applications of up to \$50,000 will be considered with a one-to-one cash match requirement for small public drinking water systems (populations under 10,000) and up to \$100,000 for medium and large public drinking water systems (populations over 10,000). There is an annual cumulative grant award cap of \$300,000 for this pilot year. Grant interest and success will determine funding for future years.

Projects will be recommended for funding by the Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory Council through a competitive grant process. The SAFE Grant is funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Contact Heather Warren, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, at 302-744-4739, to request an

application.

A person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-disabled can call the DPH phone number above by using TTY services. Dial 7-1-1 or 800-232-5460 to type your conversation to a relay operator, who reads your conversation to a hearing person at DPH. The relay operator types the hearing person's spoken words back to the TTY user. To learn more about TTY availability in Delaware, visit <http://delawarerelay.com>.

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services is committed to improving the quality of the lives of Delaware's citizens by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting vulnerable populations. DPH, a division of DHSS, urges Delawareans to make healthier choices with the 5-2-1 Almost None campaign: eat 5 or more fruits and vegetables each day, have no more than 2 hours of recreational screen time each day (includes TV, computer, gaming), get 1 or more hours of physical activity each day, and drink almost no sugary beverages.