

## **Municipal Water & Sewer Grant**

The Municipal Sewer and Water Grant Program aims to provide funding to Cumberland County municipalities to support local sewer and water infrastructure needs. Goals of County ARPA Funding is to support and prioritize projects that would provide the greatest public benefit within our community.

Water and sewer infrastructure investments marked one of the six ways that funds could be used for recovery and to address climate change impacts. Guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury identified drinking water infrastructure projects as eligible if they met the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) projects eligibility criteria. All projects must be deemed necessary investments. Necessary Investments are defined by Treasury if it is:

1. Responsive to an identified need to achieve or maintain an adequate minimum level of service, which may include a reasonable projection of increased need, whether due to population growth or otherwise,
2. A cost-effective means for meeting that need, taking into account available alternatives, and
3. For investments in infrastructure that supply drinking water in order to meet projected population growth, projected to be sustainable over its estimated useful life.

Along with certain additional projects, including a wider set of lead remediation and storm water infrastructure projects and aid for residential wells. The final rule permits use for certain dam and reservoir restoration projects and certain drinking water projects to support population growth. The nature of these additional uses is such that additional factors must be met.

### **Funding**

The maximum SLFRF allocated to this program \$3,500,000. Max per Municipality \$1,500,000

### **Timing of Applications**

Applications will be accepted beginning following Commissioners approval. All applications must be submitted by no later than 4:00pm on January 13, 2023 and must be in the form

prescribed by Cumberland County. Cumberland County reserves the exclusive right to determine whether an application meets the requirements of the Program

The following are types of projects that are eligible under this program:

- A. Improvements to enable systems to comply with drinking water regulations
- B. Infrastructure capital improvements, including the installation and replacement of failing treatment and distribution systems
- C. Consolidation of existing drinking water systems
- D. Construct, improve, and repair wastewater treatment plants
- E. Control non-point sources of pollution
- F. Improve resilience of infrastructure to severe weather events
- G. Create green infrastructure
- H. Protect waterbodies from pollution
- I. Construction of publicly owned treatment works
- J. Projects pursuant to implementation of a nonpoint source pollution management program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA)
- K. Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage
- L. Management and treatment of stormwater or subsurface drainage water
- M. Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures
- N. Development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under the CWA
- O. Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in the CWA
- P. Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned treatment works
- Q. Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water
- R. Security of publicly owned treatment works