

FUNDING PROFILE

PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority
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PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT PROGRAM



SUMMARY

The PA Small Water and Sewer Grant program provides grants to construct, repair, or improve water, wastewater or stormwater systems, including green infrastructure.

- Created by Section 1774.1-A of the Financial Code (2016)
- Administered by PA Commonwealth Financing Authority (agency of PA Department of Conservation & Economic Development)
- Annual program funding (2022-23): \$105.6 million
- Total program funding since inception: \$241.4 million
- Funding Source: State Budget (American Rescue Plant Act)

FEATURES

Focuses on smaller projects -- between \$30,000 and \$500,000.

Projects must comply with local, regional or county planning. Potential applicants should work with their local planning commissions.

Can be used for combining water or waste water systems to regional systems; no physical connection required.

Focuses on cost-effective projects that show economic development and/or more efficient service to customers.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Any municipality or municipal authority in PA, provided the grant applicant owns or will own the project.

Eligible Costs

Project costs: labor, equipment and materials

Associated costs including acquisition of land, permits, inspection costs, bonds and insurance

Engineering and design costs (up to 10% of the grant);
Administrative costs (up to 2% of grant)

Match: 15% minimum match; can come from any source including PENNVEST

HELPFUL TIPS

Project readiness is a focus for selection. Pre-planning will make an application more successful.

Applicants may submit more than one grant; multiple grants have been awarded to the same entity.

There is a focus on return on investment and improving local economies.

CFA charges a \$100 nonrefundable application fee.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via PA DCED online Single Application.

Contact: Greg Welker or Brian Eckert, PA DCED at 717-787-6245 or ra-dcedsitedvpt@pa.gov.

Annual period: October 1 - December 21, 2022

Link to website with application: [PA Small Water and Sewer](#)



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