

FUNDING PROFILE:
PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority
COVID -19 ARPA

H2O PA WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY SEWER AND STORMWATER PROJECTS



SUMMARY

The H2O PA program provides grants for the construction, repair and expansion of drinking water supply, sewage disposal, and storm water systems.

- Established under the H2O Act of 2008
- Administered by PA Commonwealth Financing Authority (agency of PA Dept. of Conservation & Economic Dev.)
- Annual program funding: \$205.4 million (2022-23)
- Total program funding since 2008: \$1.026 Billion
- Funding Source: PA General Fund – American Rescue Plan Act (2022-23)

FEATURES

Single-year or multi-year grants for projects that cost at least \$500,000.

Grants shall not exceed total of \$20 million for any project.

At least 50% of grants to go toward projects that consolidate systems or for regional systems. Priority is also given to applicants subject to a federal or state court order, consent decree, or new permit discharge requirement.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Municipalities and Municipal Authorities

Eligible Costs

Construction, improvement, expansion, repair, or rehabilitation of all or part of a water supply system, sewage disposal system, and storm water system.

Also supports land acquisition and easements, security measures, engineering costs (up to 10% of grant), construction inspections, permit fees, and bonds/insurance.

Match: at least 50% of amount awarded; may come from other sources including PENNVEST.

HELPFUL TIPS

Applications are evaluated by CFA in conjunction with PA DCED, DEP and PENNVEST. Criteria include sustainability of system practices.

CFA charges a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Majority of past grants have focused on sewer and drinking water improvements.

HOW TO APPLY

Application period: October 1 – December 21, 2022.

Apply via online PA DCED Single Application for Assistance at www.esa.dced.state.pa.us. Program website: COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA.

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



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