



NEXT STEPS: EC-SDC GRANT PROGRAM



Interested Applicants for the Emerging Contaminants- Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

Pre-Application

1. Review the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#) to verify your eligibility.
 - Are you the owner of an Other-Than-Municipal Community (OTM) or nonprofit Non-Transient Non-Community (NN) public water system?
 - Do you have PFAS or manganese contamination at the levels described in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#)?
2. Review program requirements in the [EC-SDC Grant Announcement](#), including applicable federal requirements.
3. Reach out for technical assistance. This is recommended but not required.
 - [Wisconsin Rural Community Assistance Program](#)
 - [Wisconsin Rural Water Association](#)
 - [Delta Institute](#)
 - [Great Lakes Environmental Infrastructure Center](#)
 - [Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center](#)
4. Develop your project.
 - Identify the scope of your project.
 - Develop feasible actions to address PFAS and/or manganese contamination.
 - Develop a cost estimate.
 - Apply for applicable Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) [water permits](#).
 - If needed, work with your DNR field representative, a [licensed well contractor](#) and/or an engineer.
 - Submit your project plans for the [DNR plan review](#) (if applicable) as soon as possible as it may take 90 days or longer to receive DNR approval.
5. Prepare your application materials.
 - Get a free Unique Entity ID (UEI) through [SAM.gov](#) if you do not have one. It may take up to two months. A UEI is required to complete the grant application. You can get a UEI without registering.
 - Track pre-award expenses on eligible activities and include in application materials.
 - Complete the required forms:
 - [EC-SDC Grant Application \(Form 8700-029\)](#) with required attachments
 - [Environmental Review Form \(Form 8700-022\)](#)
 - [W-9 Form](#)
 - NNs only: [IRS Tax-Exempt Affirmation Letter](#), unless government owned

**Application
Deadline:
June 30, 2025**

Plan Reviews

Plan review may be needed for your project and is a separate process from the grant application materials. If required, approved plan reviews must be completed to receive final award funding. Plan reviews may take 90 days or longer in certain circumstances. It is recommended to submit for a plan review **as soon as possible**, even if grant application materials are not yet submitted. Public water systems should determine whether their project is required to undergo plan review.

- **Other-Than-Municipal Community Public Water Systems (OTM):** Plan review by the DNR Public Water Engineering Section is required for OTMs carrying out certain activities including installing a water treatment device, abandoning a well, drilling a new well and connecting to a public water supply per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 811 and ch. NR 108.
- **Nonprofit Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems (NN):** Plan review by the DNR Public Water Engineering Section is required for NNs installing PFAS treatment devices and for schools filling and sealing, reconstructing or drilling a new well, per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 812. Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) plan review approval is required for NNs installing all other water treatment devices and for plumbing product approval per Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 812.

IF PLAN REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

- **New Change for NN Treatment:** The DNR now reviews plans and specifications for NN PFAS and manganese water treatment systems. NNs installing treatment should submit plans and specifications to Benjamin.Mand@wisconsin.gov.
- All other [DNR Public Water System Plan Review](#) submittals should follow **engineering report and plans and specifications** submittal requirements. Please submit to DNRPublicWaterPlanReview@Wisconsin.gov.

Federal Requirements & Resources

- [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\)](#)
 - Projects with total costs below \$250,000 may be eligible for a BABA Small Project Waiver.
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\)](#)
 - Interested in training? EPA offers [Completion of MBE WBE Utilization Report EPA Form 5700-52A Training](#).
- [Environmental Reviews](#)
 - Environmental reviews are part of the application approval process, and the DNR will inform applicants on the status of their review.
- [Suspension and Debarment Regulations](#)
 - Grantees must ensure all contractors and agents are not suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in federal assistance programs by checking [SAM.Gov](#).

Questions?

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