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Summary: Hosted by the Community Assistance Team at the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), this webinar discusses water infrastructure funding in New York State. Experts from the EFC and agency partners discuss the application process, requirements, and tips to access funding for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

Timestamp	Notes & Summary
0:00	<p>Introduction & Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Revolving Funds 2. EFC & DOH Funding Opportunities 3. Community Assistance Teams 4. DEC Funding Opportunities 5. DOS Funding Opportunities 6. HCR Funding Opportunities
0:41	<p>Environmental Facilities Corporation is New York’s Infrastructure bank and provides funding for water infrastructure projects. The EFC manages both the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which provide low-cost capital with short- and long-term financing with varied interest rates.</p> <p>Short term financing is available up to 5-year terms, and long term financing is available up to 30-year terms.</p>
2:59	<p>Funding Opportunities Overview</p> <p>Infrastructure & Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) • State Revolving Funds • Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) • Intermunicipal Grant (IMG) <p>Resilience, Innovation & Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) • Green Innovation Grant (GIGP) • Cybersecurity Grants (SECURE)
4:03	<p>State Revolving Funds</p> <p>State Revolving Funds, or SRFs, operate on a revolving basis. Each year, funds are loaned to communities, and as the principal is repaid the money cycles back into the program to support new water quality improvement projects. Seed money is provided by the EPA and New York State which is combined with repayments and bond proceeds.</p>

	<p>Intended Use Plan (IUP) is prepared annually to describe how funds will be administered. Each project is ranked and scored based on water quality and public health impacts</p>
7:22	<p>Eligible Projects</p> <p>CWSRF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing and upgrading wastewater treatment plants • Correcting combine and sanitary sewer overflows • Protection water bodies from runoff pollution <p>DWSRF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing and upgrading water treatment facilities • Installing or replacing water distribution lines • Rehab or developing new sources to replace contaminated water supplies • Replacing or constructing finished water storage tanks.
11:26	<p>Engineering Report</p> <p>Each SRF program has its own Engineering Report Outline, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project background and history, including a description of the problem • Alternatives analysis • Project objectives including Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Green Infrastructure. • Consideration of future climate impacts • Discussion of security and cybersecurity
12:19	<p>DWSRF Funding Pools</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) 2. Emerging Contaminants (EC) 3. General Supplemental (GS)
13:30	<p>Funding Opportunities Overview</p>
14:18	<p>Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)</p> <p>Funding for hardship communities to pay for the initial planning of eligible CWSRF projects. Mid-Hudson communities with a Median Household Income of \$110,000 or less are eligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awards of up to \$100,000 for inflow and infiltration studies required by enforcement action • Grant awards of up to \$50,000 for all other projects
15:17	<p>Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA)</p> <p>Provides competitive grants to help communities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Water Projects: grants of 25% of the costs up to \$25M • Drinking Water Projects: grants of 70% of cost up to \$5M

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging Contaminants Projects: grants of 70%, with no cap.
16:46	<p>Intermunicipal Grants (IMG) Available for clean water and drinking water projects undertaken jointly by multiple municipalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants of 40% of costs, up to \$30M Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) required
17:56	<p>Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) Grants for flood prone communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May fund up to 90% of eligible project costs Minimum award of \$1M Maximum award of \$10M
18:45	<p>Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) Grants to support green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, and environmental innovation projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May fund up to 90% of eligible project costs Maximum project award of \$3M
19:38	<p>Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement (SECURE) Program Assessment Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate written cybersecurity risk assessment report Identify needs and next steps to comply with relevant DEC, DOH, or DPS regulations Grants of costs up to \$50,000 <p>Implementation Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement technical and administrative controls to protect system confidentiality, integrity, and availability Strengthen resilience and incident response capabilities for IT, OT, ICS and SCADA systems Grants of costs up to \$100,000
23:39	<p>Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) Competitive reimbursement grant program funding projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly improve water quality or habitat Promote flood risk reduction, restoration, and enhanced flood and climate resiliency Protect a drinking water source <p>Maximum awards differ by project type and ranges from \$100,000 to \$15M. 25% match is based on award amount, not total project cost.</p> <p>Eligible Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wastewater treatment improvement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-agricultural nonpoint source abatement and control • Land acquisition for source water protection • Salt storage and road salt reduction • Dam safety repair/rehabilitation and dam removal • Vacuum trucks in MS4 areas • Aquatic Connectivity • Marine district habitat restoration • Fish and wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement
28:25	<p>Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Eligible Practices :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of decentralized WWTP in areas with failing treatment • Green infrastructure practices • Stormwater retrofits • Streambank and shoreline stabilization • Riparian buffers • In-waterbody control for nutrients • Bathing beach restoration • Stream culvert repair and replacement • Nonpoint source program. <p>Required match of 25%</p>
31:36	<p>Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning & MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG) Grants help pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning reports for nonpoint source projects • Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) mapping <p>Up to \$3M available. 10% match requirement</p> <p>And at the end of the mapping, the intention is to produce a summary report as well as the map product that can help meet permit regulation or permit requirements. Applicants are encouraged to cooperate with other regulated MS4 operators and mapping must meet MS3 mapping requirements.</p>
37:45	<p>Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Program LGE is to assist local governments develop and implement new opportunities for savings and modernize service delivery; inform local government officials and boards. Typically available in the fall and typically sees \$8M available.</p>

	<p>Planning Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20,000 per municipality, per project • Maximum of \$100,000 for a project • 50% State Funds / 50% Local funds <p>Implementation Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capped at \$250,000 per municipality, per project • Maximum of \$1.25M for a project • 90% State Funds / 10% Local Funds <p>Functions identified as posing unique challenges and opportunities for local governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology Services (ITS) and Cybersecurity • Emergency Services • Multi-municipal or countywide code enforcement and planning • Water and wastewater management • Climate change mitigation <p>Citizens Reorganization and Empowerment Grant (CREG) is available for water and sewer district consolidation with municipalities.</p>
<p>43:51</p>	<p>Citizens Reorganization and Empowerment Grant (CREG) Available for district consolidation and dissolution with a maximum award of \$100,000 per project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 maximum for a study • \$50,000 maximum for implementation
<p>45:41</p>	<p>Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) NBRC is a federal grant program that is administered through the Department of State and the mission is to catalyze community vitality and economic prosperity in the North Border Region, with flexible funding and strategic support. The vision of NBRC is to preserve heritage industries. Funding is available for planning and implementation.</p> <p>NBRC Investment Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transportation ○ Water & Sewer ○ Telecommunications ○ Renewable and alternative energy • Workforce, Entrepreneurship, and Business Development • Basic health care for distressed area • Conservation, tourism, and recreation for economic development

	Grants are reimbursements of previously paid and eligible expenses with up to 80% federal funding per project.
52:44	<p>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Federally funded program to support historically distressed areas of the Appalachian Region. The only 14 New York counties eligible for this program are along the Southern Tier.</p>
57:15	<p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administered through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal. This program's goal is to support people and not just fund infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Eligible Projects Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Infrastructure • Economic Development • Community Planning • Infrastructure Support of Existing Housing • Accessibility Modifications • Safety & Preparedness • Senior Facilities • Imminent Threat <p>Where CDBG is often the best fit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic conversions and laterals • Wells and septic replacement • Connections to public systems • Manufactured and mobile home parks <p>Submitted projects are scored using the following categories and weights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need – 20% • Impact – 20% • Administrative Capacity – 30% • Commitment & Readiness – 30% <p>A list of eligible communities is available through the Office of Community Renewal website.</p>
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