

Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP)

2025 Application for Funding

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program (WTFAP) provides grant funding to Iowa communities for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. Awards are determined annually by a committee consisting of representatives from the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS).

Priority consideration for funding is given to:

- **Disadvantaged Communities seeking financial assistance for the installation or upgrade of wastewater or drinking water treatment facilities**
- **Projects whose completion will provide significant improvement to water quality in the watershed**
- **Communities employing alternative wastewater treatment technology pursuant to Iowa Code [455B.199C](#)**
- **Communities where sewer or water rates highest as a percentage of community's median household income**
- **Communities employing technology to address the goals of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy**
- **Communities whose drinking water supply is a source water on the impaired waters list**
- **Communities whose project will improve waters on the impaired waters list**

More information can be found at iowafinance.com.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

We are prepared to award approximately \$8 million available to eligible projects for the 2025 funding round. The maximum grant award is limited to \$500,000.

Applications are due Monday, November 3, 2025. Awards will be announced in late 2025.

Applications may be submitted via email or mail:

waterquality@iowafinance.com

or

Iowa Finance Authority
Attn: Water Quality
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50315

Because grants are awarded annually and funds are limited,

- 1) WTFAP grant awards are limited to \$500,000 annually**
- 2) WTFAP grant awards are limited to \$500,000 in total per project**
- 3) WTFAP applicants must commit to start construction before September of 2026**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____
Contact Person/Title: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____
County: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Please complete the following information about the Project.

Project Priority Category *(select all that apply)*

1. Disadvantaged Community installing or upgrading wastewater or drinking water treatment facilities
2. Project provides significant improvement to water quality in the watershed upon completion
3. Project employs alternative wastewater treatment technology pursuant to Iowa Code [455B.199C](#)
4. Sewer or water utility rates are more than 2% of the community's median household income
5. Project employs technology to address the goals of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy
6. Drinking water supply is a source water on the impaired waters list
7. Project improves water(s) on the impaired waters list
8. None of the above (If none of the above, the project is not eligible)

Project Description

Please briefly describe the project and why it is necessary in simple, easily understood terminology (2-5 sentences)

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Project Status – Choose One That Best Describes Project Readiness

1. Engineer hired (planning phase)
2. Preliminary Engineering Report of Final Plan Developed
3. Construction Permit Issued
4. Construction Permit Issued and Construction Contracts Awarded
5. Construction Started

Project Cost and Funding Breakdown

Expense Type	Amount
Administrative	
Financial and Legal	
Planning & Design	
Engineering Construction Fees	
Construction Contract #1	
Construction Contract #2	
Material or Equipment (not part of contract 1 or 2)	
Total Project Costs	

Funding Source	Amount
2025 WTFAP Request (Required)	
Previous WTFAP Award	
CDBG	
USDA – Grant	
USDA – Loan	
SRF Loan	
Local Funds	
Congressional Earmark	
Total Sources of Funds	

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SYSTEM INFORMATION

Please provide operating and financial information about the Utility System.

Select System:

Wastewater

Drinking Water

Annual Usage (Gallons/year):

Population Served by System:

Median Household Income:

Click [here](#) to look up Median Household Income.

User Rates

Average Expected Monthly Bill for **Residential** Ratepayers

Not Including Requested 2025 WTFAP Funds

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Yes	No
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Have ordinances related to increasing rates been adopted for financing this project?

Connections and Annual Revenue by Type

	Number of Connections	Annual Revenue	Percent of System Usage
Residential			
Commercial			
Industrial			
Other			
Unmetered			
Total Revenue:			

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Financial Information

Expenditures for FY 2025

Operation and Maintenance	
Repairs	
Capital Improvement Fund	
Other – <i>Specify</i> :	
Total Expenditures:	

Fund Balances

Total Fund Balance	Amount Restricted	Amount Unrestricted

Existing System Debt

Revenue Bonds (<i>list below</i>)	Current Balance	Interest Rate	Year Issued	Maturity Date	Annual Payment (P & I)
Other Debt Payable from System Revenues					
Totals:					

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Please provide information about the professional consultants assigned to the Project.

Project Engineer

Firm Name: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Municipal Advisor/Financial Consultant (if applicable)

Firm Name: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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Complete this section if you are applying for assistance under any of the following priority areas 2, 6 or 7:

Identify the watershed and/or waterbody the project will improve:

Identify the current impaired use/s and cause/s of the impairment/s to the waterbody the project improves:

Briefly describe how the project will improve water quality in the watershed or address the specific impairment/s to the waterbody:

Discuss project location, land ownership and plans for acquiring properties or easements, if applicable.

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Complete this section if you are applying for assistance under priority area 3:

Please note that in addition to Iowa Code 455B.199C, “alternative technology” could also mean a commonly used technology that has been proven effective and reliable for its intended purpose but is not included in the [Iowa Wastewater Facilities Design Standards](#).

Explain the alternative wastewater treatment technology being used:

Please include documentation with this application demonstrating that the alternative wastewater technology has been approved by DNR pursuant to Iowa Code 455B.199C

Complete this section if you are applying for assistance under the following priority area 5:

Explain the technology being used and how it reduces nutrients to help address the goals of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy:

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2025 Application for Funding – Minority Impact Statement

Pursuant to [Chapter 8](#) of the Iowa Code, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa which are due beginning January 1, 2009 shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the State's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

Please choose a statement below that pertains to this grant application. Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement.

- 1. The proposed project funded by this grant could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on minority persons.**

Briefly describe the positive impact expected from this project:

Indicate which group(s) are expected to be impacted:

Women
Blacks
Latinos

Persons with a Disability
American Indians
Pacific Islanders

Asians
Alaskan Native Americans
Other

- 2. The proposed project funded by this grant could have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on minority persons.**

Briefly describe the negative impact expected from this project:

Indicate which group(s) are expected to be impacted:

Women
Blacks
Latinos

Persons with a Disability
American Indians
Pacific Islanders

Asians
Alaskan Native Americans
Other

Present the rationale for the existence of the proposed project:

Provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted:

- 3. The proposed project funded by this grant is not expected to have a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons. Briefly present the rationale for determining no impact:**

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Attestation of Truthfulness

The undersigned is duly authorized to apply for this grant on behalf of the Applicant. The Applicant declares under penalty of law that all facts given, and information attached are true and correct. The Applicant authorizes Iowa Finance Authority to verify all information.

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

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