



DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

To: Nebraska Communities, Natural Resources Districts, Consultants, Engineers
From: Lindsey Phillips, Section Supervisor, Financial Assistance Section *JAP*
Date: October 2017
Re: Annual "Needs Survey" for Clean Water (Wastewater) Projects
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Attached please find our annual "Needs Survey". We're asking you and every community in Nebraska about their Wastewater Infrastructure or Nonpoint Source Control (such as Watershed Improvement Projects) needs. Filling out this survey helps us to present the best possible information on state and national funding needs to decision makers, including our state legislature, the U.S. Congress, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Filling out this survey in no way commits you to undertaking a wastewater project or signing a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan.

The information you supply us will be used to develop the Intended Use Plan, which includes the potential publically-owned projects (as identified from the Needs Survey) across the state. We encourage you to seek assistance from your Engineer or Consultant. Facility planning grants can be funded from the Intended Use Plan, as well as infrastructure loans. For consideration of a clean water planning grant be sure to include it in the project description portion of the Needs Survey. Currently, the effective interest rate on 20-year loans from the CWSRF is 1.5% + 1% administration fee.

"Green Infrastructure": In the past, we have used ~20% of our annual capitalization grant to fund Green Infrastructure projects. Examples of Green Infrastructure projects include energy efficiency improvements, stormwater management or reuse, water efficiency (such as water consumption meters), or environmentally innovative activities. Portions of projects may qualify as Green Infrastructure. Currently, Green Infrastructure loans have an interest rate of 1.25% +1% administration fee to help encourage this concept.

Please fill out the enclosed form and ensure that it is post marked by December 31, 2017 to:

**Financial Assistance Section, NDEQ
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922**

Alternately, you may download the form from our web site, fill it out, a local representative must sign it, and mail it to the address as shown above, or email it to: NDEQ.SRF@Nebraska.gov.

Look for the form at <http://deq.ne.gov/> *click on "Publications & Forms" (green tab near top center), scroll down the list and *click on "Clean Water State Revolving Fund", *click on "Applications and Forms", then *click on "Clean Water SRF Needs Survey". The links to the documents will be in the green box near the top of the page.

Questions: Please contact Tara Sampson (Tara.Sampson@Nebraska.gov) at (402) 471-4266, or me (Lindsey.Phillips@Nebraska.gov) at (402) 471-4200.

Green Infrastructure information:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/publications/wpclp-green-project-reserve.pdf> (quick reference guide, 6 pages)
<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/publications/green-project-reserve-guidance.pdf> (20 page detailed guidance)