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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
List of Substantive Changes included in the
Draft 2020 Intended Use Plan (IUP)
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The following information reflects substantive changes in the Draft 2020 DWSRF IUP from the previous 2019 IUP. Other minor changes have been made that are not included in this document. A complete version of the Draft 2020 DWSRF IUP can be found at <http://www.medwp.com>.

1. All appropriate sections have been updated to reflect the estimated 2020 Capitalization Grant which is expected to be approximately \$11,011,000. This amount will be adjusted to reflect the final approved Capitalization Grant amount after minor rescissions.
2. The total funds available for financial assistance as loans to Standard Projects and Disadvantaged Community PWS projects for the 2020 DWSRF Grant period is \$22,008,760. A detailed breakdown of these funds can be found in Attachments A, F, and G. The Maine Drinking Water Program reserves the right to obtain additional funds through bonds to offer blended bond packages to meet the demand for funds.
3. For each Capitalization Grant the State must provide documentation, at the time of the Capitalization Grant Application, that at least 20 percent of the total amount of that year's Grant is available as State Match. The required match for 2020 is estimated at \$2,202,200. The DWSRF State Match is expected to be available by June 30, 2020 from the Wholesale Liquor Contract.
4. As a part of this set-aside the Program will use \$200,000 to fund Capacity Development Grants. Grants up to \$20,000, but no more than 50 percent of the actual cost, will be made available to eligible PWSs for the solicitation of professional services for the completion of documents that could assist the PWS in becoming more viable.
5. The 2020 DWSRF appropriation is expected to include a proposal that requires a minimum 26% and a maximum 55% of the 2020 Capitalization Grant to be subsidies available for eligible recipient's, including Disadvantaged Community System's. Assistance subsidies in the form of principal forgiveness available to eligible Disadvantaged Communities will be distributed by a three (3) tier level system. The percentage of the Principal Forgiveness for Disadvantaged Communities may need to be adjusted from the baseline levels of 30, 50 and 70 percent based on the community's Medium Household Income and Residential Water User Rates as detailed in Section 8E. The 2020 DWSRF Draft Primary List includes 13 projects with 6 projects meeting the Disadvantaged Community criteria with a total subsidy amount of \$3,055,134 or 27.7% of the Capitalization Grant.

6. The 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau was used to obtain the State-wide Median Household Income (MHI) value which is \$53,024 to reflect the 2013-2017 data.
7. No change is expected from prior year DWSRF funding requirements. All construction project funding must adhere to various federal requirements including Davis-Bacon Wage Rates, MBE/WBE Reporting, and American Iron & Steel (AIS) Materials Requirements.
8. In Section 5A the following paragraphs remain:

Beginning in FFY 2018, the DWSRF Program has set a maximum loan limit for any public water systems of 5 million dollars for any given year. Any public water system with a project or combination of projects that exceeds this limit must find alternative funding for the balance of the project cost. However, the Program reserves the right to exceed this limit when sufficient funds are available to meet all project needs.

Multi-year projects may be funded over consecutive years if it is mutually agreed upon by the DWSRF Program and the applicant. The project will by-pass the consecutive year(s) ranking and receive funding on the Primary List.