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Grant/Funding Resources

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) is providing brief descriptions and links to help Louisiana local government entities find common grants and other funding resources.

This document includes a variety of links to other entities' websites; therefore, we do not take responsibility for the accuracy of information found on these websites. Please note that each available program listed below has specific eligibility criteria beyond what we have included within the description and may not be applicable to all entities. Each entity should consider its actual funding needs in consultation with legal counsel when applying for funding.

Grant/Loan Descriptions and Links

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – The CDBG program helps communities provide a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities for their residents, particularly in low- to moderate-income areas. The block grants are awarded to the state annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the state's program awards and administers the funds to non-entitlement units of local government. Non-entitlement areas include those units of general local government which do not receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. The state develops funding priorities and criteria for selecting projects each year based on consultation with the local governments in an effort to identify the most essential needs of the residents. The program is administered by the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, and additional information can be found at:

https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx

Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) – CWEF provides funding to aid units of local government in rehabilitating, improving, and constructing projects for community water systems to provide safe, clean drinking water. The program is funded annually through the state's capital outlay construction program and is administered by the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development. Additional information can be found at:

https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/LGAP/about_lgap_and_cwef.aspx

Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) – LGAP is designed to fill the gaps where there are no federal or other state funds available to assist local governments with an identified high priority need. Priority is given to projects that resolve basic human health and safety needs, such as fire and police protection and sewer and water improvements. The program is funded annually

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program – This program provides financial assistance in the form of low interest loans to finance eligible projects, bringing them into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act. The program is funded through federal grants and match funds generated by the program's interest and loan repayments and is administered by the state Department of Environmental Quality. Interest and loan repayments provide a permanent source for funding in future Louisiana projects. Eligible projects include: construction of publically owned treatment works; implementation of a non-point source pollution management program; and implementation of an estuary improvement program. Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/clean-water-state-revolving-fund>

Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program – This program provides low-interest loans and technical assistance to public water systems in the state to assist them in complying with Federal and State drinking water regulations and to ensure that their customers are being provided with safe drinking water in order to protect the public health. The program is administered by the Louisiana Department of Health and is funded through Environmental Protection Agency capitalization grants which are matched each year with 20% state monies. Additional information can be found at:

<https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/430>

USDA Rural Development Programs - USDA Rural Development operates over fifty financial assistance programs for a variety of rural applications including water and water disposal, community facilities, and housing. Details on USDA programs can be found at:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services>