



Drinking Water Emergency Loan Fund

Purpose

The Ohio EPA Drinking Water Emergency Loan Fund (DWELF) provides emergency loans to owners or operators of public water systems for emergency remediation of a “threat of contamination.” This is defined as anything that prevents a public water system from supplying adequate quantities of safe, potable water to its existing water users.

Any Ohio water system with a valid license to operate that is able to document a threat of contamination is eligible to apply for funding.

Financial Assistance

Each state fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) the DWELF may finance \$200,000, interest free, to public water systems. A maximum of \$25,000 may be loaned out to the owner or operator of any single public water system. The owner or operator receiving a loan is required to repay the loan within 12 months. A financial background check for repayment purposes may be completed on a water system requesting a loan.

Prioritization of Loans

Loans are processed on a first come, first served basis. Because DWELF funds are limited, priority consideration is involved when requests for loans exceed the funds available. Public water systems that meet the following criteria may be given priority consideration.

- The public water system has no other source of potable drinking water.
- The public water system was not able to secure other sources of funding.

How to Apply

The following three documents need to be completed:

- DWELF Application Form
- Attachment A- Repayment Schedule
- W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

A DWELF application cannot be processed until forms are completed, signed and notarized. Applications may be obtained by calling Ohio EPA’s Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) at (614) 644-2782, or on our Web site at www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx.

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For More Information

Please contact Ohio EPA DDAGW Central Office at (614) 644-2752 or a district drinking water representative at the one of the numbers listed below:

Central District Office
(614) 728-3866

Northeast District Office
(330) 963-1178

Northwest District Office
(419) 373-4117

Southeast District Office
(740) 385-5207

Southwest District Office
(937) 285-6112