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Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials, Consulting Engineers, and Interested Citizens

**Re: Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)
Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2022 (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)**

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) is pleased to announce the WPCLF Program Year 2022 (PY2022) call for nominations and invite you to submit projects for financial assistance. It is anticipated sufficient loan funds will be available to award all eligible projects that are ready to proceed within PY2022 with a continued focus on nutrient reduction, unsewered areas, and regionalization. In addition, we anticipate administering approximately \$35 million in principal forgiveness funds. These funds will be awarded to eligible projects based on a competitive ranking system and readiness-to-proceed further described in the WPCLF Program Management Plan (PMP). A readiness-to-proceed reference document is available along with the nomination materials at <https://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>.

All project nominations must be submitted to Ohio EPA DEFA by **September 3, 2021**. Planning and design projects as well as nutrient reduction (NRD) projects may be nominated at any time during the program year. Please note, to ensure timely review and award, we highly recommend submittal prior to the September 3 deadline of nominations for planning, design, or NRD projects requesting a loan award in the first quarter of PY2022 (Jan-Mar).

To be considered for WPCLF funding in PY2022, all nominations must be received no later than September 3, 2021. The nomination form and instructions are available at <http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>. Nomination submissions will be accepted via email to defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

As a reminder, for those entities with potential Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) projects, the deadline for nomination submission is August 15, 2021. More details and supporting documents, including the nomination form, are available at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/wrrsp>.

Thank you for your continuing interest in improving Ohio's water resources. If you have questions, please contact our office at defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rouch, Chief

Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance