



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PROGRAM UPDATE

August 2004

The final quarter of State Fiscal Year 2004 (ending June 30, 2004) included several milestones for the SRF Program. During this period, the SRF Program closed its first two nonpoint source loans and started and completed our review and funding of two categorically exempt projects. This newsletter will highlight these latest SRF Program accomplishments, as well as announce the first recipients of the SRF Programs' new planning and design grants.

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NONPOINT SOURCE LOANS BECOME A REALITY!

The SRF Program recently closed two loans that partially funded nonpoint source projects. The City of Evansville closed a \$63 Million loan to fund improvements to its treatment facilities. The City's loan also included over a \$1 Million to provide for the clean-up of a site formerly operated as a rail yard and on which cinder fill was placed for decades. The site is bounded on the south by Pigeon Creek, which receives drainage from the site and is an impaired stream. The City took advantage of the SRF Program's non-point source loan program, receiving a discounted interest rate which effectively provides more than \$500,000 to remediate the contaminated site.

The Town of Shirley also took advantage of a reduced SRF interest rate for its \$500,000 SRF Program Loan. Shirley's project involves the rehabilitation of an Interceptor Sewer and Lift Station and also includes the connection of five homes that have failing septic systems. The reduced SRF interest rate funded one-half of the Town's estimated \$50,000 cost to sewer these homes. The SRF Program looks forward to assisting more communities in addressing their nonpoint source pollution problems.

CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECTS SPEED THROUGH SRF PROCESS!

The City of Richmond and Town of Brookston recently completed the financing of their rehabilitation projects through the SRF Program. Both communities were able to start and complete the entire process in less than three months. Because each of their proposed projects are rehabilitation projects and have minimal environmental impact, they were determined to be "categorically exempt" from substantive environmental review by the SRF Program. This eliminated the need for a full environmental review and the submittal of a formal Preliminary Engineering Report. Each community was asked to only provide SRF with documents that had already been prepared in anticipation of their open market financings. In each case, only a couple of additional documents were necessary for SRF to complete its review and clear the way for an SRF financial closing.

PLANNING AND DESIGN GRANTS AWARDED!

Congratulations to the following communities who have accepted a \$25,000 Small System Technical Assistance Fund grant for State Fiscal Year 2005:

Drinking Water Projects:

Town of Hope
Town of Upland
City of Jonesboro
Town of Patriot
Town of Wolcottville
Town of Chalmers
Utilities, Inc.
Town of Pittsboro

Wastewater Projects:

Town of Reynolds
Town of Roann
Town of LaFontaine
Weiser Addition
(Morgan County)
Jennings County for
Hayden & Butlerville
Town of Hartsville

PROMOTIONS AND NEW STAFF

The SRF Program is pleased to announce the following promotions:

Dharmendra Parikshak has accepted the new environmental engineer 1 position that is responsible for technical oversight, support and training to the SRF engineering staff. In his new capacity, Dharmen serves as liaison to the Permits and Compliance Branches with emphasis on working with the wet weather section to review combined sewer overflow long term control plans. Dharmen's new duties are fortified by his sixteen years of SRF experience, keen awareness, and excellent problem-solving skills.

Shelley Love has accepted the new senior environmental manager 1 environmental coordinator position. Within the SRF Section, Shelley has worked as a facility plan reviewer, has overseen due diligence coordination, and most recently has coordinated loan

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disbursements and the requirements for land acquisition and MBE/WBE compliance. With over thirteen years of experience in the SRF Program, Shelley has great insight to the program that will add much value in her new capacity.

Amy Henninger has accepted the position of environmental manager 2 and is responsible for nonpoint source project management, coordination of EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant, and assistance with special projects and outreach. Amy comes to the SRF Program from IDEM's 319 Grant Program where she has served as a project manager for nonpoint source projects since August of 2000. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in environmental biology from Purdue. Amy's grant management skills coupled with her watershed planning approach will infuse the SRF Program with a broader perspective and assist communities in addressing their overall water quality goals.

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