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## Illinois EPA Invests \$112.7 Million in Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects in First Half of FY25

*\$9.9 Million in Loan Forgiveness Granted to Loan Recipients*

SPRINGFIELD –Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Acting Director James Jennings announced the investment of more than \$112 million through water infrastructure loans to local governments and water districts for the first half of Fiscal Year 2025 (July – December 2024). The Illinois EPA State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program provides low-interest loans which fund wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water projects. Included in these investments is more than \$9.9 million in loan forgiveness, provided to those recipients meeting the loan rules for either the Small Community Rate or Hardship Rate.

“Illinois EPA is proud to operate a robust State Revolving Fund that allows us to partner with local governments in meeting the challenges of aging and deteriorating water infrastructure,” **said Acting Director Jennings**. “Our drinking water and wastewater loan programs provide our communities and water districts with vital funding needed to repair and replace the outdated or failing equipment.”

Illinois EPA’s SRF includes two loan programs, the Water Pollution Control Loan Program which funds both wastewater and stormwater projects, and the Public Water Supply Loan Program for drinking water projects. Both programs provide funding at a low interest rate of just 1.87 percent for State FY25. These SRF programs receive federal capitalization funding annually, which is combined with state matching funds, interest earnings, repayment money, and periodic bond sale proceeds, to form a multiple source of financing for these infrastructure projects.

A complete list of FY25 first and second quarter loan recipients is attached. For more information about Illinois EPA’s SRF, visit <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/state-revolving-fund.html>.

July - December 2024 Loans (FY25-Q1 & Q2)+C1:G10

<u>County</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal Forgiveness</u>
Champaign	Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District	The District will increase flow for the southwest treatment plant (SWP). The current SWP has equipment that is approaching the end of its reliable service life or needs upgrading. Increasing the SWP capacity is needed to properly remove nitrogenous compounds from wastewater.	\$43,084,944	
Christian	City of Assumption	The City will construct a new water treatment plant that will house high service pumps, pressure filters, ion-exchange softening units, anion exchange units and a chemical feed system. The current filter and softener at the existing plant are nearing the end of their design life and need to be replaced.	\$4,005,518	\$2,843,918
Cook	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	The District will rehabilitate existing railings, install mechanical mixers, rehabilitate concrete slabs and structures, and miscellaneous associated piping, electrical equipment, and related appurtenances at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant.	\$55,358,345	
Cumberland	City of Neoga	The City will replace watermains, as well as all associated hydrants, meters, service lines, and appurtenances. Construction is being funded with a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Development Block Grant. Illinois EPA is funding costs associated with engineering and legal services.	\$117,500	
Knox	Village of Yates City	The Village will drill a new public water supply well. The Village will receive \$999,028 in disadvantaged community principal forgiveness and \$408,054 in One Well Critical Review principal forgiveness to cover the entirety of the loan.	\$1,407,082	\$1,407,082
Macoupin	Otter Lake Water Commission	The Commission will replace the water transmission main between Auburn and Pawnee with new watermain. The water transmission main will be constructed between Auburn and Pawnee on the north side of State Rt. 104.	\$3,921,461	\$2,784,237
Madison	Village of Maryville	The Village will install watermain and related appurtenances. The proposed improvements will allow the Village to improve aging system infrastructure while continuing to provide drinking water to customers.	\$640,000	

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Piatt and Douglas	Village of Atwood	The Village will rehabilitate, upgrade, and complete general improvements at the existing wastewater treatment plant. A new storage shed will also be constructed. Additionally, sewer lining with cured-in-place pipe-lining of sanitary sewers will be completed.	\$1,910,259	\$567,078
Shelby	Village of Strasburg	The Village will upgrade the existing lagoon including excavation to a further depth, installation of an aeration system, and rerouting the influent and effluent piping. Additional construction includes installation of a lift station, force main to transport sewer flows from Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD 5A to the Village's wastewater treatment plant. The Village will receive \$672,005 in affordability criteria principal forgiveness, \$815,092 in Wastewater Treatment Facility Consolidation principal forgiveness, and \$815,092 in Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance Solution principal forgiveness to cover the entirety of the loan.	\$2,302,189	\$2,302,189
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$112,747,297</b>	<b>\$9,904,503</b>

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