

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY INFORMATION

| DATA FIELD | | | |
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| 1. AWARDING AGENCY NAME: | Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) | | |
| 2. AGENCY CONTACT: | Lanina Clark lanina.clark@illinois.gov (217)782-2027 | | |
| 3. ANNOUNCEMENT TYPE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of Previous Announcement | | |
| 4. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE INSTRUMENT: | Grant | | |
| 5. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: | 1 | | |
| 6. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TITLE: | Distribution System and Water Main Rehabilitation Project | | |
| 7. CSFA NUMBER: | 532-60-2715 | | |
| 8. CSFA POPULAR NAME: | Distribution System and Water Main Rehabilitation Project | | |
| 9. CFDA NUMBER(S): | N/A | | |
| 10. ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: | 1 Grant Award | | |
| 11. ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING: | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 12. AWARD RANGE: | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 13. SOURCE OF FUNDING: | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; border: none;"> Mark all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal or federal pass-through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding </td> <td style="width: 40%; border: none;"> Service Area: Pick One <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment/Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Government Services <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety </td> </tr> </table> | Mark all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal or federal pass-through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private / other funding | Service Area: Pick One <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment/Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Government Services <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
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| 14. COST SHARING OR MATCHING REQUIREMENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| 15. INDIRECT COSTS ALLOWED: RESTRICTIONS ON INDIRECT COSTS: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, provide the citation governing the restriction: Indirect Costs are not allowed for coverage by bond funds. Section 4 of 30 ILCS 425 the Build Illinois Bond Act lists specific types of direct costs allowable from those funds. Only the types of direct costs outlined in the Act may be covered via such bond funds. | | |
| 16. POSTED DATE: | March 14, 2023 | | |
| 17. APPLICATION RANGE: | March 14, 2023 through 1:00PM (CST) April 27, 2023 | | |
| 18. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION: | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Session Offered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </table> | Session Offered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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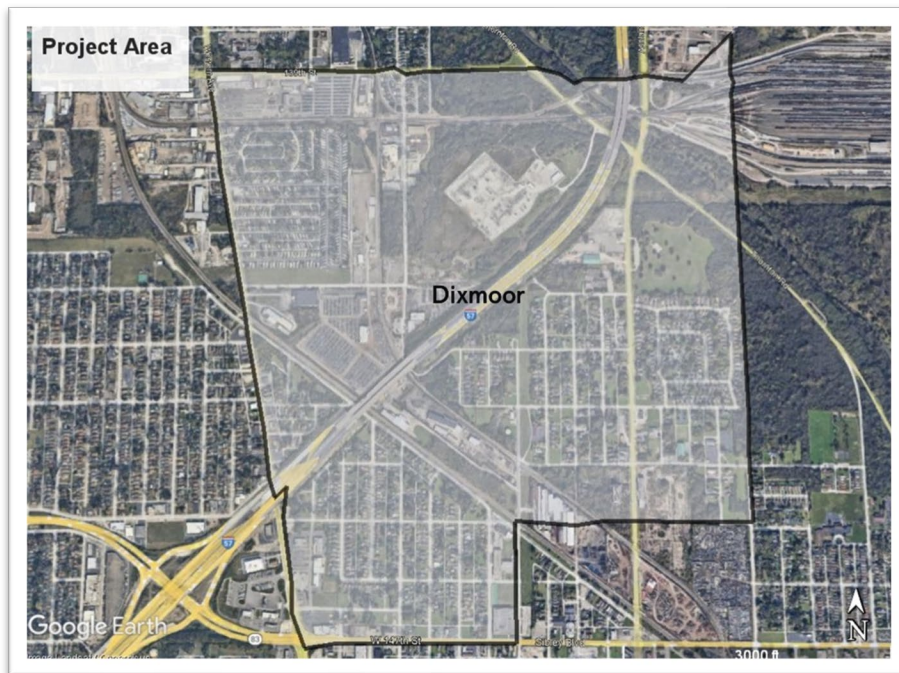
WATER MAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILED INFORMATION

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to advise potential applicants of the availability of the Water Main Distribution System Rehabilitation Project (Project) grant award.

The goal of this Project is to improve the quality of life of Illinoisans. The intent of this grant is to fund the rehabilitation of the water main distribution system to restore reliable potable water within the Village of Dixmoor. Eligible activities can include, but are not limited to, pump station upgrades and distribution system improvements, replacement of meters, installation of a permanent emergency interconnection, repairs to ground storage tanks, and construction of additional storage tanks to achieve adequate storage capacity within the Project Area seen below.



Applicants must be Local Government Units that have pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal. For areas where drinking water distribution are currently failing, grant funding for the rehabilitation of the water main distribution system of the Village of Dixmoor will be provided. Applications will be accepted until **1:00 p.m. (CST) on April 27, 2023**. All completed applications shall undergo a comprehensive review and be scored to determine priority. The grant will be awarded to the successful applicant within approximately 21 days of the application deadline.

IEPA will prioritize and select the project, according to the ranking criteria outlined in Section E.2 of this NOFO.

B. FUNDING INFORMATION

IEPA expects to release one grant award, up to **\$10 Million**. This grant award utilizes Build Illinois Bond Funds for the rehabilitation and/or restoration of drinking water collection and treatment facilities within the Project Area identified in Section A of this NOFO. Funding will be limited to a **maximum of \$10,000,000 per applicant**.

The IEPA may elect to partially fund an application by funding discrete portions or phases of the project scope of work. This could be due to ineligible project components identified within the application, or not enough grant funds being available to fully fund the entire project.

HOW GRANT FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED:

The grant allows for up to a 25/75 split among upfront and reimbursement award payments. The grantee and grantor will negotiate the final grant agreement to specify a payment schedule and conditions for upfront payment of up to 25% of the total grant award. The remaining grant award payments will be reimbursement. The grantee must perform the work and submit an Invoice for Disbursement Request complete with supporting documentation before the IEPA will disburse funds to the grantee for any approved eligible costs. Within 30 days after warrant (check) from the State Comptroller has been issued, the Grantee shall submit to the IEPA proof of payment for the project outlined in Section A of this NOFO. IEPA shall only make disbursements to the grantee and shall pay the grantee no more frequently than monthly.

NOTE: COSTS OF REPORTING EFFORTS RELATED TO ANY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIFORM GRANT AGREEMENT (UGA) CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be in good standing with the Secretary of the State. Eligible proposals will come from a local government unit within the State of Illinois, as defined in Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code Part 662 as follows:

Local Government Unit – *A county, municipality, township, municipal or county sewerage or utility authority, sanitary district, public water district, improvement authority or any other political subdivision whose primary purpose is to construct, own, operate and maintain wastewater treatment facilities, including storm water treatment systems, or public water supply facilities or both. [415 ILCS 5/19.2(g)]*

An entity shall not apply for a grant until the entity has registered and pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>. Applicants that do not meet this criterion will be deemed ineligible. Registration and pre-qualification are required **annually**. During GATA pre-qualification, verifications are performed including a check of the federal Debarred and Suspended list and status on the Illinois Stop Payment List. An automated email notification from the GATA Portal to the entity alerts them of ‘qualified’ status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., inactive Unique Entity ID (UEI), not in good standing with the Secretary of State). A federal Debarred and Suspended status cannot be remediated.

Eligible applicants include units of local government with jurisdiction to perform the project intent listed in Section A above.

APPLICANTS THAT ARE INELIGIBLE UNDER THIS NOFO:

- a. Private homeowners and/or business owners
- b. Local Government Units that are NOT detailed in the Project Area seen in Section A of this NOFO.
- c. Entities that have **NOT** satisfied the following GATA pre-qualification requirements:
 - i. Registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.SAM.gov)
 - ii. Have a valid Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number
 - iii. Completed an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) as the fiscal and administrative risk assessment for the current fiscal year – FY 2023 & 2024
 - iv. In good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State
 - v. Not currently debarred by the State of Illinois and/or federal government
 - vi. Not on the Federal Excluded Parties List
 - vii. Not on the Illinois Stop Payment List
 - viii. Not on the sanctioned party list of the Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services
 - ix. Not on the SAM.gov Exclusion List

2. ELIGIBLE FUNDING COSTS

Examples of eligible Project components/activities are provided below. The list is not all-inclusive, and inclusion of a component/activity does not equate to an automatic eligibility for funding under the NOFO.

Examples of eligible components/activities:

- a. Project components that are consistent with the intent of the NOFO as described in Section A such as:
 - i. Installation of pump station upgrades
 - ii. Purchase of emergency generator
 - iii. Replacement of meters
 - iv. Installation of a permanent emergency interconnection
 - v. Watermain replacements
 - vi. Water valves and fire hydrant replacements
- b. Professional and consultant services contracts necessary for planning, design, bidding, and construction of the Project meeting the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm Code 662.630.
- c. Project administrative costs, for activities such as quarterly and final reporting, outreach/education, and invoicing, etc.
 - i. Funding for administrative costs shall not exceed one (1) percent of the total project cost.

3. INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, TASKS, AND/OR COMPONENTS

Examples of ineligible activities, tasks, and components that shall not be funded through the Project are provided below. The list is not all-inclusive:

- a. Activities that do not cause the rehabilitation and/or restoration of the drinking water distribution system in the Project area shown in Section A of this NOFO
- b. Any activity or component that is in conflict with State/federal law, or State/federal permit, including activities required or anticipated to be required by United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR).
- c. Bonus or acceleration payments to contractors to meet contractual completion dates for construction; fees for failure to pay invoices on time, check overdrafts, etc.
- d. Mitigation costs
- e. Costs for food, drink, or entertainment
- f. Land acquisition costs
- g. Future growth or development projects

NOTE: Costs incurred prior to the fully executed agreement date of the signed Uniform Grant Agreement (UGA) or after the grant agreement term ends are ineligible.

4. PROJECT MATCH

The Project **DOES NOT** require a match, but additional funds may be necessary to complete the project as the grant amount may not be sufficient to complete the project.

5. INDIRECT COST

The grant **WILL NOT** compensate for the indirect costs, overhead, or administrative expenses directly incurred by the applicant associated with applying for this funding opportunity or the completion of the material inventory.

D. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applicants **shall not** apply for the Project until the applicant has pre-qualified through the GATA Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>.

All required application materials are provided at the end of this NOFO document in Appendices 1 through 5. Additionally, all application-related forms are available on the following IEPA website: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/financial-assistance.html>

1. CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION

A complete Project Application Packet must include the following:

- a. **NOFO APPENDIX 1: Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance**
- b. **NOFO APPENDIX 2: Uniform Grant Budget Template (UGBT)**

- i. The entire budget for all design engineering, construction activity, and construction observation/engineering should be provided, **with all worksheets completed.**
 - ii. **Please note, this program is utilizing State money and the FFATA Data Collection Form (Page 5 of 8) is not applicable and doesn't need to be completed.**
- c. **NOFO APPENDIX 3: A Distribution System & Water Main Rehabilitation Project Summary Worksheet.** The information provided within this worksheet, along with other submitted application materials, will be used to rank and prioritize applications in accordance with the scoring system contained within Section E.2 of this NOFO.
- d. **NOFO APPENDIX 4: The Programmatic Risk Assessment Questionnaire (PRAQ),** attached, also must be completed and submitted along with the application documents. This Risk Assessment evaluates the applicant's ability to successfully carry out the terms of the Project and assesses four risk categories: 1) quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards; 2) history of performance; 3) reports and findings from audits performed on prior awards; and 4) the applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on a grantee. Applicant must also provide a copy of their **Statement of Activities** from their most recent financial audit as part of this review. Please attach Statement of Activities to the completed PRAQ and submit along with the other required application submittals. Instructions for completing the PRAQ are provided on the form
- e. **NOFO APPENDIX 5: A completed Certifications and Assurances Acknowledgement Form.** This form is to assure the applicant's acknowledgement of the program requirements that will be listed within the executed UGA.
- f. An **Engineering Study**, or equivalent planning report, meeting the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm Code 662.320.
- g. **GATA PORTAL: The Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment Questionnaire** must be completed prior to the application submittal. This Questionnaire is located within the GATA Portal. The applicant must complete the Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment Questionnaire in the GATA Portal for **Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024.**

The IEPA requires applicants to use the forms provided in the GATA Portal. These forms are designed to allow the IEPA to obtain adequate information to properly evaluate the proposed project.

All Project forms that require a signature must be signed by persons authorized by the applicant organization to enter into formal contractual agreements.

Application submissions can be made either:

- a. By email using the EPA.LoanMgmt@illinois.gov. Include the phrase Water Main Distribution Rehabilitation Project and applicant name in the email subject line. (If application submittal materials require multiple emails, please label emails accordingly. For example: 1 of 2, 2 of 4, etc.) Contact the Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section at (217)782-2027 regarding potential firewall issues.

OR

- b. By mailing or delivering the application on a CD, USB, or paper copy directly to:

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| <p>US Postal Service Mailing Address:</p> <p>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water, #15 P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276</p> <p>Attention: Lanina Clark</p> | <p>Delivery Address:</p> <p>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water, #15 P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276</p> <p>Attention: Lanina Clark</p> |
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2. UNIQUE ENTITY ID (UEI) NUMBER AND SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 C.F.R. § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the federal or State awarding agency under 2 C.F.R. § 25.110(d)) is required to:

- a. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application (Register at: <https://www.sam.gov/>);
- b. Provide a valid UEI number in its application; and
- c. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal, federal pass-through, or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal or State awarding agency.

The IEPA **shall not** make a State award to an applicant unless the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with these requirements **by the application deadline**, the IEPA shall determine the applicant as not qualified to receive a State award. The IEPA shall use that determination as a basis to make a State award to another qualified applicant.

3. SUBMISSION DATES AND TIMES

Applications are accepted by the IEPA **until 1:00 p.m. (CST) on April 27, 2023**. The complete application must be received at IEPA's Springfield office by **1:00 p.m. (CST) on April 27, 2023** to be considered for funding under the Project.

The IEPA shall NOT extend the application deadline date. Incomplete and late applications shall:

- a. Be deemed incomplete,
- b. NOT be considered for funding,
- c. NOT be returned to the applicant, and
- d. Preclude the IEPA from making an award to the applicant.

The IEPA shall use the date of the email submittal, or the date-stamp applied by IEPA to mailed or hand-delivered applications when received, to determine whether an application has been submitted on or before the deadline.

E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. APPLICATION CRITERIA

If the answer to **any** of the following Administrative Criterion or GATA Pre-Qualification Criterion questions is **NO**, the application shall **NOT** be considered for funding.

REMINDER: If you have any questions regarding any of the application submittals, please contact either Lanina Clark lanina.clark@illinois.gov, Jillian Fowler jillian.fowler@illinois.gov, or Rachael Heaton rachael.heaton@illinois.gov for assistance.

NOTE: The table below is the exact scoring rubric the IEPA IFAS staff will be utilizing to review and score the application submittals.

| GATA PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERION | | YES | NO |
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| 1. | Did the applicant meet all of the following pre-qualification requirements through the GATA Grantee Portal, https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/ , by 1 p.m. April 27, 2023 ? | | |
| A. | Has a valid UEI number | | |
| B. | Has current SAM.gov account | | |
| C. | NOT on the SAM.gov Exclusion List | | |
| D. | NOT on the Federal Excluded Parties List | | |
| E. | Good standing with Illinois Secretary of State | | |
| F. | NOT listed on Illinois Stop Payment List | | |
| G. | NOT listed on Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list | | |
| H. | Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment Completed for Fiscal Year 2023 & 2024 | | |
| I. | NOT currently debarred by the State of Illinois and/or federal government | | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE CRITERION | | YES | NO |
| 2. | Application meets all Administrative Criterion below and is eligible for Merit-Based Review | | |
| A. | All application fields completed with the information requested and boxes checked, as applicable. | | |
| B. | Application was received by the IEPA by 1 p.m. April 27, 2023 . | | |
| C. | Included a Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance with completed signature block. | | |
| D. | Included a Uniform Grant Budget Template with all pages and completed signature block. | | |
| E. | Included an Engineering Study or equivalent planning report, meeting the requirements 35 Ill. Adm Code 662.320 | | |
| i. | Identifies a need for DW distribution & treatment: | | |
| ii. | Total project cost estimate (where applicable): PROJECT PLANNING: \$ _____ DESIGN ENGINEERING: \$ _____ CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING: \$ _____ OTHER (LEGAL, FINANCIAL, ETC): \$ _____ CONSTRUCTION: \$ _____ CONTINGENCY (10%): \$ _____ TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ _____ | | |
| iii. | Project Implementation Schedule: PERMITTING: _____ BID ADVERTISEMENT: _____ CONSTRUCTION START: _____ | | |

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| | CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE: | | |
| iv. | Map of project area clearly showing the geographical area to be served by the project: | | |
| F. | Programmatic Risk Assessment Questionnaire (PRAQ) Completed and Submitted | | |
| G. | Certifications and Assurances Acknowledgment Form Completed and Submitted | | |

2. CRITERIA, REVIEW, AND SELECTION

All applications shall be reviewed for completeness, technical merit, cost effectiveness, and adherence to the competitive grant evaluation criteria described in this NOFO. Applications found to be complete shall undergo a comprehensive, merit-based review performed in compliance with GATA Legislation 30 ILCS 708 and 2 CFR 200 Uniform Requirements. The merit-based review must evaluate the applications against the following criteria:

Applicants shall be awarded one (1) point for each of the following review criteria where the IEPA Bureau of Water, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section Staff answer “YES.” If any of the Review Criteria is not included or the IEPA Bureau of Water, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section Staff answer “NO” to any of the following Review Criteria, zero (0) points shall be awarded.

| REVIEW CRITERIA | YES/NO | PTS |
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| The proposed Project components/activities are consistent with the intent of the NOFO identified in Section A. | | |
| The proposed Project is to be completed within the Project Area as identified in Section A of this NOFO. | | |
| The Project has a prompt and appropriate implementation schedule for the completion of the Project. | | |
| Budget line items are justified within the Engineering Study as required in Section D(1)c of this NOFO. | | |
| Project costs are limited to eligible components and activities within the Project Area identified in Section A of this NOFO. | | |
| Applicant, or its consultant or partner, can successfully manage and complete the Project. | | |
| TOTAL: | | |

Grant funds will be awarded per this NOFO starting with the highest ranked (most points) applicant first. A maximum of **six (6) points** shall be awarded per application.

3. APPEAL PROCESS

An appeal process is available to applicants and other interested parties; however, appeals are limited to the IEPA evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the following address: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn: Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, Bureau of Water, 1021 N. Grand Avenue, Mail Code #15, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 and must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published by the IEPA on Grants.Illinois.gov. The written appeal shall include, at a minimum, the following: the name and address of the appealing party, identification of the grant, and a statement of reasons for the appeal. IEPA shall acknowledge receipt of an appeal within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the appeal was received.

When an appeal is received, the execution of all grant agreements that IEPA intends to make

under this NOFO shall be stayed until the appeal is resolved, unless the IEPA determines the needs of the State require moving forward with execution of the remaining grant agreements. The State need determination and rationale shall be documented in writing.

IEPA shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required. The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by IEPA within the time period set in the request. The Director of the IEPA may appoint one or more Appeal Review Officers (ARO) to consider the grant-related appeal and make a recommendation to the Director of the IEPA or designee for resolution. The ARO shall make a recommendation to the Director of the IEPA or designee as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information. In determining the appropriate recommendation, the ARO shall consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation on the IEPA. The IEPA shall resolve the appeal by means of written determination, which shall include, but not be limited to: review of the appeal, appeal determination, and rationale for the determination.

4. ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT AND STATE AWARD DATES

IEPA’s Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section shall present a summary of all applications received to the Chief of the Bureau of Water and the Director of the IEPA. This summary shall confirm that the NOFO was followed and will include the findings and recommendations of the Evaluation Panel, including application rank and funding recommendations.

| ACTION BY IEPA | ANTICIPATED DATE |
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| Notify applicants that their application was received. | Within 21 days of application deadline |
| Notify unsuccessful applicants their application was not selected for funding. | Within 60 days of application deadline |
| Send a "Notice of State Award" to selected applicants for signature. | May 2, 2023 |
| Send a grant agreement to selected applicants for signature. | June 6, 2023 |
| Provide a fully executed grant agreement to the grantee. | July 6, 2023 |

Please note these are the anticipated dates and may not be exact.

The IEPA shall send an e-mail to the applicant acknowledging receipt of the application. Applicants shall be notified, at this time, if their application was not considered for funding due to an incomplete or late application submittal or if they were not pre-qualified in the GATA Grantee Portal by the application deadline.

F. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. NOTICE OF STATE AWARD (NOSA)

The IEPA shall issue a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to the successful grant applicants. The NOSA shall specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the Fiscal and Administrative and Programmatic Risk Assessments. The NOSA must be accepted by an authorized representative before a grant agreement can be sent to the applicant. A NOSA is not an

authorization to begin project activities or incur costs.

NOTE: No costs can be incurred by the applicant until the UGA is signed by both the Grantor and Grantee.

Once all the final requirements have been completed, the grant agreement between the IEPA and the applicant shall be sent to the applicant to sign and return. Once the agreement is fully executed by the IEPA, a copy shall be returned to the applicant.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE, STATE, AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The terms and conditions of the award shall be specified in the NOSA and the grant agreement.

No grantee shall receive a grant or any other State or federal assistance that would provide more than 100% or more of the eligible project costs.

If the grantee is at any time offered any State, federal, or local grant or any other funding source, to assist in the payment of expenses for which the Project grant payment has been issued, the recipient shall reimburse the State of Illinois for any Project grant funds used to pay expenses or offered to be paid under another grant or funding source.

Each grantee must agree to comply with all applicable federal and State requirements. **This includes Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 C.F.R. § 200 and GATA.** These can have a significant impact on the costs and complexity of a project. LSLI Grant Program grantees will be expected to submit a completed and signed **Certifications and Assurances Acknowledgement Form** confirming that they will comply with all State and federal mandates. Certifications and Assurances Acknowledgement Form can be found in Appendix 5 of this NOFO or on the Illinois EPA website at the following link: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/financial-assistance.html>

3. REPORTING

All projects require quarterly reporting of progress and a final project evaluation and report. Quarterly progress reports shall include both a **PERIODIC FINANCIAL REPORT**, a **PERIODIC PERFORMANCE REPORT**, and a **BRIEF PROJECT NARRATIVE**. These reports shall be sent to the Illinois EPA's Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, #15
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: lanina.clark@illinois.gov - Lanina Clark
jillian.fowler@illinois.gov - Jillian Fowler
Rachael.heaton@illinois.gov - Rachael Heaton
Phone: (217) 782-2027 (Lanina Clark)

All Projects require a final project report. The grantee shall submit to the IEPA, by the date specified in the grant agreement, a report explaining the execution of the project and evaluating

the project's success. The report shall document the project tasks and summarize the findings, costs, and benefits of the project.

G. STATE AWARDING AGENCY CONTACT(S)

If you have any programmatic questions regarding the Project, this NOFO, or the application submittals, contact the IEPA's Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, #15
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: lanina.clark@illinois.gov - Lanina Clark
Jillian.fowler@illinois.gov - Jillian Fowler
Rachael.heaton@illinois.gov - Rachael Heaton
Phone: (217) 782-2027 (Lanina Clark)

If you have fiscal and administrative questions regarding the Uniform Grant Application, the Uniform Grant Budget Template, Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ), or pre-qualifying through the GATA Grantee Portal, contact the IEPA's Fiscal staff at:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Email: EPA.gata@illinois.gov
Phone: (217) 785-1724

H. OTHER INFORMATION

IEPA is not obligated to make any grant award as a result of this NOFO.

IEPA has the right to use (including, but not limited to, citing to, circulating, displaying, and reproducing) all products that result from the grantee receiving financial assistance under the grant agreement whether the product is developed by the grantee or a sub-grantee.