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ENGINEERING PLANNING & DESIGN GRANT PROGRAM

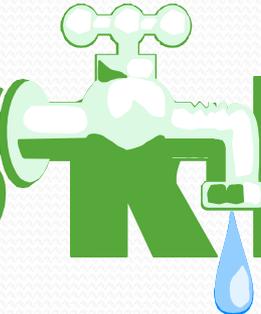
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- The DWSRF in the Water Quality Division of the DEQ has created a new Engineering Planning & Design Grant Program.
- Only for Drinking Water Projects.
- Approximately \$1,600,000 available for grants.
- This grant program is only eligible for small community drinking water systems. A small system will be defined as having a population of less than 10,000.



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- Engineering Reports, Environmental Information Documents, Plans and Specifications
- Studies, tests, and analyses necessary for meaningful engineering report
- July 1st, 2009 will be the effective date of the grant program.



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- Applications will be accepted each quarter. This will allow awarding a number of grants per quarter.
- The deadline for each quarter is as follows:
 - September 30, 2009
 - December 31, 2009
 - March 31, 2010
 - June 30, 2010



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- A maximum grant amount will be set, but the amount has not been decided upon.
- The DEQ will maintain a Grant Project Priority List which ranks projects using the DWSRF priority ranking system.



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- The priority for the use of grant funds will be given to projects that:
 - Address the most serious risk to human health
 - Are necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996
 - Assist systems most in need, on a per household basis



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- Applicants under a Consent Order receive additional points.



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- If a system has been on the Grant Project Priority List for four (4) quarters and never received a grant, the DEQ will send a letter advising them that they will need to apply again to be placed on the list.



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- The engineering firm will determine the necessary studies, tests, analyses, etc., that need to be conducted to write a meaningful Engineering Report. The DEQ shall pre-approve the studies, tests, analyses, etc.



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- Step 1
- Complete the Application Form for Engineering Planning & Design Grant [Application.docx](#)
- Step 2
- Submit application to
 - Brad Cook, Capacity Development Coordinator, DWSRF-Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677



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Step 3

- PWS District Engineer will rank the application using the DWSRF Priority Point System

Step 4

- Application will be placed on the Grant Project Priority List



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- Step 5
- DEQ will select several of the highest ranked projects each quarter to award grants
- Step 6
- A letter awarding the grant and an agreement will be mailed within two weeks after the end of each quarter



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Step 7

- If the applicant has no consulting engineer under contract, they may
 - Conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting engineer or
 - Select from a roster of pre-qualified engineers maintained by DEQ.



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Step 8

- \$5000 retainer will be paid to the Consulting Engineer upon signing Engineering Contract



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- Step 9
- The Consulting Engineer will prepare an approvable Engineering Report in accordance to FACT and submit to DEQ.
- Step 10
- The Consulting Engineer will contact the DEQ for pre-approval of all studies, tests, analyses, etc. necessary to prepare a meaningful engineering report

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Step 11

- An environmental review shall be completed.

Step 12

- The Consulting Engineer will submit plans and specifications to the DEQ for review and permit.



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- The applicant will apply for funding to construct the project. Funding agencies at the conference today include the following:
 - DEQ
 - OWRB
 - USDA Rural Development
 - DOC
 - IHS
 - CRG
 - COGS



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Contact DEQ on or after July 1, 2009 for Grant Application Form.

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Questions?