



## The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Impacts on Illinois EPA Programs and Communities in Illinois

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the economic recovery package recently signed by President Obama, includes significant funding for several loan programs currently administered by the Illinois EPA. This fact sheet is intended to update potential loan applicants and other interested parties on the Illinois EPA's process for distribution of the funding base.

Wastewater Infrastructure Program	
<b>How much money will Illinois receive?</b>	Illinois will receive \$180 million for wastewater infrastructure projects. "Stimulus" funding is limited to 50% of project or \$10 million cap, whichever is less. The remainder of the project is eligible for funding through the regular loan program (while stimulus funds last the regular loan program rate will be 0%). No single loan applicant can obtain more than \$10 million.
<b>Who is eligible for funding?</b>	Eligible applicants include local government units, primarily cities, villages and sanitary districts, with the following types of projects: construction of new wastewater collection and treatment facilities, or upgrade and expansion of existing facilities; replacement, rehabilitation or extension of collection systems and interceptors; and separation of combined sewers or upgrades to combined systems to eliminate overflows, surcharging or flooding.
<b>How do I get a project on the funding list?</b>	Applicants seeking financial assistance must first file a pre-application with the Illinois EPA no later than March 31, 2009. The pre-application is available at <a href="http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html">www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html</a> . All projects included on the current FY09 Illinois EPA priority lists will be automatically included on the economic recovery program funding list; however a new pre-application should be filed to be included on the FY2010 priority list. The distribution of funds will be governed primarily by readiness to proceed. All projects included on the economic recovery program funding list <u>must have a construction start date during calendar year 2009</u> . Loan applicants should concentrate their efforts on projects that are "bid-ready", or projects that lend themselves to an accelerated schedule for planning and design. All loan applicants must fully complete all financial assistance application elements before the Agency can make an award. <u>A pre-application is not sufficient to secure financial assistance under the program.</u>
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Drinking Water Infrastructure Program	
<b>How much money will Illinois receive?</b>	Illinois will receive \$80 million for drinking water projects. "Stimulus" funding is limited to 50% of project or \$5 million cap, whichever is less. The remainder of the project eligible for funding through the regular loan program (while stimulus funds last the regular loan program rate will be 0%). No single loan applicant can obtain more than \$5 million.
<b>Who is eligible for funding?</b>	Eligible applicants include local government units, primarily cities, villages and water districts, and certain classes of privately-owned community water supplies with the following types of projects: upgrade or replacement of existing facilities to bring them into compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State Environmental Protection Act; construction of new distribution and/or treatment systems; replacement of wells; and renovation of treatment and/or distribution facilities that have reached the end of their useful life, or have inadequate capacity.
<b>How do I get a project on the funding list?</b>	Applicants seeking financial assistance must first file a pre-application with the Illinois EPA no later than March 31, 2009. The pre-application is available at <a href="http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html">www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance/economic-stimulus/index.html</a> . All projects included on the current FY09 Illinois EPA priority lists will be automatically included on the economic recovery program funding list; however a new pre-application should be filed to be included on the FY2010 priority list. The distribution of funds will be governed primarily by readiness to proceed. All projects included on the economic recovery program funding list <u>must have a construction start date during calendar year 2009</u> . Loan applicants should concentrate their efforts on projects that are "bid-ready", or projects that lend themselves to an accelerated schedule for planning and design. All loan applicants must fully complete all financial assistance application elements before the Agency can make an award. <u>A pre-application is not sufficient to secure financial assistance under the program.</u>
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Brownfields Redevelopment Program	
<b>How much money will Illinois receive?</b>	Illinois anticipates receiving \$4 million to fund cleanup activities and \$1 million for assessment grants.
<b>Who is eligible for funding?</b>	The Municipal Brownfields Redevelopment Grant Program provides funding to local municipalities to investigate and clean up brownfields properties. The Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Loan Program is a revolving low-interest loan program that provides funds to municipalities and the private sector for the environmental cleanup of brownfields sites.
<b>How do I get a project on the funding list?</b>	Illinois will develop a priority funding list that identifies shovel-ready sites with potential for job development. Priority will be given to projects already working within state programs and services. Illinois has many brownfields projects that have completed the investigation phases under our brownfields municipal grant program and are waiting funding for remediation activities. Additional projects may be considered.
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Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program	
<b>How much money will Illinois receive?</b>	Illinois anticipates receiving \$8 million to address leaking underground storage tanks.
<b>Who is eligible for funding?</b>	Illinois EPA will use remediation contractors to investigate and perform clean-up at sites that have been identified by a municipality as potential for redevelopment where there is a known or suspected release and where there is no responsible party available to conduct the clean-up.
<b>How do I get a project on the funding list?</b>	Illinois EPA will start with the list of sites that have been included in the Municipal Brownfields Redevelopment Grant Program. Projects not currently identified in a brownfields grant may also be considered.
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Diesel Emission Reduction Act	
<b>How much money will Illinois receive?</b>	Illinois will receive between \$6 to \$12 million for clean diesel projects.
<b>Who is eligible for funding?</b>	State environmental agency, local government, or environmental organization are eligible to apply for clean diesel fleet projects that reduce diesel emissions, such as retrofitting school buses, replacing engines and vehicles, and anti-idling programs. Funding will be provided for diesel oxidation catalysts, particulate filters, auxiliary power units, direct fired heaters, closed crankcase ventilation systems, diesel multi-stage filters, engine replacements, and new diesel hybrid trucks and buses.
<b>How do I get a project on the funding list?</b>	The Illinois EPA will accept project applications for trucks and buses, and off-road equipment. The application is available at <a href="http://www.illinoisgreenfleets.org">www.illinoisgreenfleets.org</a> .
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