



GEFA Emerging Contaminants Funding



Clean Water State Revolving
Fund I/JA Emerging
Contaminants Funding
(EC CWSRF)



Drinking Water State
Revolving Fund I/JA Emerging
Contaminants Funding
(EC DWSRF)

Who is eligible for EC funding?

Both programs provide funding to local or county municipalities or authorities-operated Public Water Systems in the form of forgivable loans, grants, or a combination of both, for projects in which the primary purpose is to address emerging contaminants. Emerging Contaminant must be identified before applying for funding.

EC DWSRF requires GEFA to target 25% of funding for emerging contaminant projects and/or activities in small* or disadvantaged** communities.

*Small population of less than **25,000** individuals.

**A disadvantaged community is defined by a State's affordability criteria

What are examples of fundable contaminants?

EC CWSRF program:

Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
Pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs)
Microplastics
Antimicrobial-resistant Bacteria
6PPD-quinone
Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

EC DSWRF program:

Emerging contaminants refer to any chemical on EPA's Candidate Contaminant Lists, such as Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), perchlorate, manganese, and 1-4 dioxane.

****Not Eligible:** Projects for which the primary purpose is to address contaminant(s) with a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (with PFAS exception).

What are examples of eligible EC activities?

EC CWSRF

- Nonpoint source pollution control
- Wastewater treatment systems (decentralized & centralized)
- Stormwater management and treatment
- Biosolids treatment/disposal
- Groundwater and surface water protection and restoration
- Water reuse
- Landfill capping and leachate control
- Planning and design activities that lead to the construction of a capital project

EC DWSRF

- Drinking water treatment
- Drinking water transmission and distribution
- Drinking water sources
- Storage
- Consolidation of water systems
- Creation of new water systems
- Planning and design to address Emerging Contaminant(s)

****Not Eligible:** Operations and maintenance costs and/or routine compliance monitoring and testing.