Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is a federal loan program administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for drinking water infrastructure projects.

Projects that can be funded through the DWSRF:

- Correcting system deficiencies including water quality, capacity, pressure, and water loss
- Providing new or existing service to other water systems through consolidation projects
- Implementing security measures such as fencing, surveillance equipment, backflow prevention devices, and enhanced filtration/disinfection treatment
- Maintaining compliance with existing or proposed standards and regulations
- Rehabilitating or replacing aging infrastructure
- Rehabilitating or developing sources to replace contaminated sources of drinking water, including replacing contaminated private wells with public water supply
- Installing or upgrading treatment facilities to improve drinking water quality
- Installing or upgrading storage facilities to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering system
- Installing or replacing transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination
- Renewable energy projects, which are part of a larger project, such as wind, solar, geothermal, and micro-hydroelectric that provide power to the utility
- Projects at a utility-owned facility that construct pervious pavement, biorentention, green roofs, rainwater harvesting/cisterns, gray water use, xeriscaping, landscape conversion programs, and moisture and rain sensing irrigation equipment
- Distribution system leak detection equipment—portable or permanent
- Storage tank replacement/rehabilitation to reduce water loss
- Energy efficient retrofits, upgrades, or new pumping systems and treatment processes
- Constructing U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings or renovating an existing building owned by the utility

Water conservation projects that can be funded through the DWSRF:

- Installing or retrofitting water efficient devices, such as plumbing fixtures and appliances
- Incentive programs to conserve water such as rebates for water efficient fixtures
- Installing water meters in a previously unmetered areas
- Replacing broken/malfunctioning water meters or upgrading existing water meters with automatic meter reading (AMR) and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) systems
- Recycling and water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources
- Pipe replacement or rehabilitation to reduce water loss and prevent water main breaks

