

New Hampshire Implementation -American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Program Title: **Safe Drinking Water Act**

Short Description: Loan (grant) funds for municipal drinking water projects.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$2,000,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$19,500,000

Granting Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Managing Agency: N.H. Department of Environmental Services

Status: Application submitted in March. DES must finalize an Intended Use Plan and hold a public hearing before EPA will make grant award. Most likely grant will be provided to DES in April, 2009.

Award Criteria: Not yet announced.

Time Line for use: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602

Details: ARRA - page 55.

DES is developing a priority system to evaluate pre-applications submitted on February 27 for award to municipalities.

<http://des.nh.gov/recovery/index.htm>

“Each state shall use not less than 50 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to provide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or grants or any combination of these. To the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications, not less than 20 percent of the funds appropriated herein for the Revolving Funds shall be for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities.” ARRA, at 55.

All information is the best available as of 5/7/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.