



State of Rhode Island Water Resources Board

RI Division of Statewide Planning

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Application for WQPC Funds Project Eligibility Determination

I. Program Purpose

The purpose of the program is to protect the quality and safety of the public drinking water supply and together with the Water Supply System Management Planning Program meet the policies and objectives of Public Drinking Water Supply Act of 1997 (RI Gen. Laws § 46-15.3) as declared by the legislature (§ 46-15.3-1.1(a)):

1) Water is vital to life and comprises an invaluable natural resource which is not to be abused by any segment of the state's population or its economy. It is the policy of this state to restore, enhance, and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of its waters to protect public health;

(2) That Rhode Island has abundant supplies of surface and groundwater and an average level of precipitation adequate to replenish these supplies under normal conditions, and that these supplies are sufficient in quantity and quality to meet the present needs of the people and economy of this state, but that sources of drinking water are not always located where they are needed, are subject to contamination making them unfit for drinking purposes, may be used for purposes not requiring water suitable for drinking, and may not be adequate to meet all future needs;

(3) The waters of this state are a critical renewable resource which must be protected to insure the availability of safe and potable drinking water for present and future needs;

(4) That systematic management of the state's drinking water supplies is essential to the proper conservation, development, utilization, and protection of this finite natural resource, if the present and future needs of the state are to be met on a continuing and sustainable basis;

(5) It is a paramount policy of the state to protect the purity of present and future drinking water supplies by protecting aquifers, recharge areas, and watersheds;

(6) It is the policy of the state to restore and maintain the quality of its waters to a quality consistent with its use for drinking supplies and other designated beneficial uses without treatment as feasible;

(7) Development of land areas near to supplies of drinking water and related construction can threaten the quality of those supplies and, therefore, can endanger public health; thus, it is necessary to take immediate and continuing steps to protect the watersheds of surface waters and the reservoirs and recharge areas of ground waters from land uses and activities which may degrade the quality of public drinking water;

(8) Protection of water quality is necessary from the collection source through the point of delivery to the ultimate consumer;

II. Application Purpose

The purpose of this application is to certify projects that are deemed eligible for funding for land acquisition, improvements in land or water quality improvement projects as further defined in the Water Resources Board Regulations (Part 7-Water Quality Protection Charges).

III. Application Instructions

Please fill out one application for each requested project and attach all requested information.

The application is available online at www.wrb.ri.gov and may be submitted via email (Hector.Barreras@doa.ri.gov) or in hard copy (1 copy) with an electronic version to:

Rhode Island Water Resources Board
c/o RI Division of Statewide Planning
235 Promenade Street, Suite 230
Providence, RI 02908

IV. Contact Information

Supplier: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Rhode Island ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

V. Applicant's Certification/Signature

I hereby attest that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

VI. Project Type

A. Land Projects that are Eligible for the 55% minimum requirement

Land Acquisition

- ☐ Fee Simple
- ☐ Other – Please describe: _____

Purchase of Rights in Land

- ☐ Conservation easement
- ☐ Development rights
- ☐ Other – Please describe: _____

Protected Land Maintenance/Administration

- ☐ Maintenance - Please describe: _____
- ☐ Other - Please describe: _____

Reimbursement of Cost to Prepare Water Supply System Management Plans (up to 40%)*

- ☐ Plan in Progress
- ☐ Signed commitment to complete an overdue plan within the three-year agreement with the RI Infrastructure Bank*

*Note: For plans in progress and overdue plans attach the total cost estimate, funding request and the timeline for preparing the WSSMP.

Land or rights in land purchased on or after March 1, 2015 are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the Water Quality Protection Charges regulations.

B. Physical Improvement Projects that are Eligible for the 45% maximum requirement*

Please select from the Water Quality Improvement Eligible Project List:

- ☐ Construction of barrier to spills, retaining berms and drainage diversions for contamination protection
- ☐ Well redevelopment/replacement or wellhead protection plan
- ☐ Security of system land, system infrastructure and security planning
- ☐ New water treatment facility for chemical and environmental protection
- ☐ Corrosion control study/installation of a corrosion control system
- ☐ Cleaning, lining, or replacements of existing water mains (with no increase in main size) & for bacteria prevention
- ☐ Construction of an iron/manganese sequestering system to correct water discoloration
- ☐ Reactivation of well using ultraviolet disinfection
- ☐ Reestablishment of an emergency/permanent interconnection
- ☐ Water tank rehabilitation, retrofitting and painting
- ☐ Installation of a treatment system to address elevated disinfection byproduct concentrations
- ☐ Information technology – water quality and watershed aspects
- ☐ Other (Please describe)_____ (Requires Board approval)

* Note: No funds shall be used to extend service lines, to expand system capacity, or fund projects that are considered routine maintenance. Physical improvement projects are also subject to review and approval by Rhode Island Department of Health's Center for Drinking Water Quality.

VII. Project Description and Statement of Project Benefit

Please attach a detailed description of the project being proposed. The description must include, but is not limited to, the project location, purpose, timeline and a narrative review of each of the factors included in RI Gen. Laws § 46-15.3-11 (c) (1)-(9).

Describe the project benefits including a detailed description of how the project protects quality and safety of public drinking water and/or source water and why it is important.

Describe why the project is NOT considered routine maintenance or "customarily applied water supply improvements" (Physical Improvement Projects only)

VIII. Project Budget

Attach a project budget that lists all funding sources and total funding necessary to complete the project

IX. Required Information

The following documentation is required for all proposed land acquisition projects:

- ☐ Location map that includes the WHPA boundary
- ☐ Supplier time schedule showing anticipated time to acquire
- ☐ Appraisal that establishes the property fair market value
- ☐ Purchase and Sale contract fully executed by supplier and land seller
- ☐ Survey – Class 1 stamped by a Professional Land Surveyor showing property bounds, and any deletions, easements, rights-of-way, and encumbrances
- ☐ Metes and Bounds description
- ☐ Proof of Title Insurance
- ☐ Proposed deed or conservation easement that ensures protection in accordance with [490-RICR-00-00-7](#), Part 7.7 A (3) f.
- ☐ If requested by the Board – an environmental site assessment

Attach all supporting documentation for Physical Improvement Projects.

X. Additional Certifications by the Applicant

- ☐ The Water Supply System Management Plan has not expired
- ☐ There is a current Water Quality Protection component of the WSSMP
- ☐ Adequate funds are committed to complete the project
- ☐ Attach a Certified Resolution or other similar document from the governing body authorizing the project(s)

XI. Optional Information

Please attach any additional information to help in the review of this application.

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XII. Final Eligibility Determination

☐ **APPROVED**

☐ **DENIED**

Reason for Denial:

General Manager, Water Resources Board

Date