

**January 1, 2014**

**Drinking Water Construction Funding Workshops**

VDH will offer funding informational meetings at six locations throughout the state. Attendance is on a first come basis and is limited to 50 people at each location.

Material will focus on Drinking Water Construction funding available through VDH. The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Program and the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund (WSAG) Program will be discussed. You will be asked for your specific suggestions and opinions.

You will be advised on program updates and then guided through program criteria, program applications, and the project scheduling steps needed for smooth project implementation.

If you plan to attend, please return the form below by February 3, 2014 so we may properly plan the meeting. You may mail it to Theresa Hewlett at the above address or fax at 804/864-7521. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Hewlett at 804/864-7501.

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I (we) wish to attend the meeting indicated below: **NOTE THAT THE CHESTERFIELD WORKSHOP IS IN THE AFTERNOON!!**

- Danville**      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Pittsylvania/Danville Health District's Auditorium, 326 Taylor Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Danville, VA.**
- Abingdon**      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Southwest VA Higher Education Center, Room 240, Abingdon, VA**
- Lexington**      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Virginia Military Institute's Preston Library, Turman Room, Lexington, VA**
- Chesterfield**      **1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2014 at the Chesterfield County Health Department's Multi-purpose Room, 9501 Lucy Corr Circle, Chesterfield, VA.**
- Suffolk Area**      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Town of Windsor's Municipal Building Counsel Chamber, 8 East Windsor Blvd., Windsor, VA. (Isle of Wight County)**
- Culpeper**      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the County of Culpeper's Board of Supervisors Room (rear entrance to Administration Bldg. and 3-hr. parking across the street), 302 North Main Street, Culpeper, VA**

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) in my party as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone/email/FAX</b>	<b>Representing</b>
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**DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUNDS**

We are pleased to announce several opportunities for funding drinking water infrastructure. ALL applications may be submitted year round; however, VDH will conduct two rounds of evaluations for offers on **April 1, 2014** and **September 2, 2014**. Applications postmarked/received after either due date will be considered for funding in the following round. Funding is made possible by our Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund (WSAG) Program (if funds are available). We anticipate a funding level of \$20 million. Our **FY 2015** DWSRF Intended Use Plan will be developed using your input on these issues.

**(1) Construction Funds**

Private and public owners of community waterworks and nonprofit noncommunity waterworks are eligible to apply for construction funds. VDH makes selections based on criteria described in the DWSRF Program Design Manual, such as existing public health problems, noncompliance, affordability, regionalization, the availability of matching funds, etc. Readiness to proceed with construction is a key element. A Preliminary Engineering Report must be submitted if required by VDH. An instruction packet and Construction Project Schedule are included.

**(2) Set-Aside Suggestion Forms**

Anyone has the opportunity to suggest new or continuing set-aside (nonconstruction) activities. Set-aside funds help VDH assist waterworks owners to prepare for future drinking water challenges and assure the sustainability of safe drinking water.

**(3) 1452(k) Source Water Protection Initiatives**

This provision allows VDH to loan money for activities to protect important drinking water resources. Loan funds are available to: (1) community and non-profit noncommunity waterworks to acquire land/conservation easements and (2) to community waterworks, only, to establish local, voluntary incentive-based protection measures.

**(4) Planning and Design Grants**

Private and public owners of community waterworks are eligible to apply for these grant funds. Grants can be up to \$50,000 per project for small, financially stressed, community waterworks serving fewer than 10,000 persons. Eligible projects may include preliminary engineering planning, design of plans and specifications, performance of source water quality and quantity studies, drilling test wells to determine source feasibility, or other similar technical assistance projects. These funds could assist the waterworks owner in future submittals for construction funds.

The VDH's DWSRF Program Design Manual describes the features of the above opportunities for funding. After receiving the aforementioned public input, VDH will develop a draft Intended Use Plan for public review and comment. When developed the draft Intended Use Plan will describe specific details for use of the funds. A public meeting is planned and written comments will be accepted before we submit a final version to the USEPA for approval.

You may request applications, set-aside suggestion forms, Program Design Manuals and information from **Steven Pellei, PE, FCAP Director**, by calling (804) 864-7500, faxing (804) 864-7521, or writing to VDH - ODW, 109 Governor St., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Any comments can be directed to Mr. Pellei. The materials are also accessible on our web site:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/odw/financial/dwfundingprogramdetails.htm>

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**WATER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING**

The 1999 General Assembly created the Water Supply Assistance Grant Fund (WSAG) in Section 32.1-171.2 of the *Code of Virginia*. The purpose of the WSAG is to make grant funds available to localities and owners of waterworks to assist in the provision of drinking water.

**The Virginia Department of Health does not anticipate WSAG funds being made available at the present time. If WSAG funds are made available VDH will implement the following WSAG requirements.** Applicants use the same forms and follow the same guidelines and deadlines for the SRF Program.

**(1) Small Project Construction Grants**

Funding for small project construction may be available for projects whose total project cost does not exceed \$150,000. Eligible activities may include (but not be limited to): upgrade or construction of well or spring sources, waterlines, storage tanks, and treatment.

The applicant submits the current VDH construction application to VDH. To promote coordination of funding and streamline the process for applicants, grants are prioritized in accordance with rating criteria of the current DWSRF Program. For WSAG purposes only, up to thirty (30) extra points are added to the VDH rating criteria relative to the Stress Index rank. Preference is given to community waterworks. This priority system ensures that all eligible acute or chronic health/SDWA compliance projects are funded before any other eligible project.

**(2) Surface Water Development or Improvement Grants.**

Funding for community waterworks surface source water development or improvement activities. Your application cannot exceed \$200,000. The applicant submits the current construction application to VDH. In ranking of applications, preference is given to those that address problems of small, community waterworks with multi-jurisdictional support. Eligible activities may include: land purchase, options to purchase land, general site development costs, and dam upgrade and construction.

**(3) Planning and Design Grants**

Funding for waterworks planning and design needs. Your application cannot exceed \$50,000.

In ranking of applications, preference is given to those that address problems of small, community waterworks with multi-jurisdictional support. The applicant submits the current VDH planning and design application to VDH. To promote coordination of funding and streamline the process for applicants, grants are prioritized in accordance with rating criteria of the current DWSRF Program. For WSAG funding purposes only, up to fifty (50) extra points are added to the DWSRF rating criteria relative to the Stress Index rank.

Eligible activities may include (but not be limited to): Capacity building activities addressing regionalization or consolidation, performance of source water quality and quantity studies, drilling test wells to determine source feasibility, income surveys, preliminary engineering planning, design and preparation of plans and specifications, or other similar technical assistance projects.

The VDH's WSAG Program Guidelines describes the features of the above opportunities for funding. You may request the applications or Program Guidelines from **Steve Pellei, PE, FCAP Director**, by calling (804) 864-7500, faxing (804) 864-7521, or writing to VDH - ODW 109 Governor St., 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Richmond, VA 23219. The applications are also accessible on our web site:

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