



## Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

### Emerging Contaminants Clean Water

### Letter of Interest and Rating Form

#### Fiscal Year 2025

### Section I. Project Information

This funding is intended to address emerging contaminants in wastewater with a preference for addressing per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in accordance with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Emerging contaminants are substances and microorganisms either manufactured or naturally occurring that pose risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. These substances are found in personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, and microplastics. Projects that address contaminants with water quality criteria established by the EPA, except for PFAS, are not eligible for this funding but are eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Provide complete and accurate answers to receive the highest possible rating for your project. When possible, DEQ recommends working closely with your engineering consultant to complete this form. If you would like help completing this form, please contact DEQ at [grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov) to discuss technical assistance opportunities.

#### A. System Identification

System Name:		
System Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Is the system located wholly within incorporated city limits?		Yes    No
What City?	County:	
System Phone:	System Email:	
Population Served:	Owner's Name:	
Owner's Phone:	System Ownership:	For Profit    Not-for-Profit
Name/Title of System contact (if different from owner):		
Contact's Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact's Phone:	Contact's Email:	
Do you have a predesignated, licensed, designated responsible charge operator for your system as described in the "Wastewater Rules" ( <a href="#">IDAPA 58.01.16.203.</a> )? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span>		
Name: _____ License Number: _____		
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the facility has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit, wastewater (WW) reuse permit, or a subsurface discharge permit, the permit number(s) must be provided.</i>		
NPDES/IPDES Permit	WW Reuse Permit	Subsurface Permit
_____	_____	_____

<b>B. Project Readiness</b>	
Determine your community's readiness for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding assistance by answering the following questions:	
1.	Is your system current with all payments of fines, State Revolving Fund loans, penalties or fee assessments due to the DEQ? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span>
2.	Is the DEQ-approved wastewater facility plan (planning document) and State Environmental Review Process (SERP) for your community less than five years old? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span> Date of approval: <b>OR</b> Is your community already in the process of developing a new planning document and SERP that will be completed and submitted to the DEQ for approval by December 31, 2025? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span> <b>OR</b> Are you proposing this loan to finance a planning document and environmental determination? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span>
3.	Is the primary purpose of the project to address emerging contaminants? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span>
<b>If NO to questions 1, 2 or 3, do not complete or submit this form to DEQ.</b> You need to do some planning work. If you are interested in receiving a wastewater planning grant, fill out the Wastewater Planning Grant Letter of Interest (LOI) form.	
<b>If YES to questions 1, 2 and 3, Complete all applicable sections of this form.</b>	
4.	When will your project be ready to begin design? _____
5.	When will your project be ready to begin construction? _____ Provide a brief explanation of the project timeline:
6.	Was the planning document funded by the system or by an agency other than DEQ? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span> Provide a brief explanation of the project timeline:
<b>If YES,</b> the planning document may need modifications to meet SRF Program requirements. See Outline and Checklist for Planning Document found in the Customer Handbook at <a href="http://www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF">www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF</a> .	

7.	Has a final environmental determination been issued? <span style="float: right;">Yes    No</span>	
	<b>IF YES</b> , provide the environmental document title (if separate from the planning document), date submitted to the DEQ, and DEQ environmental determination date:	
	Title: _____	
	Submittal Date: _____	Determination date: _____
<b>C. Project Costs</b>		
1.	Project funding requested from DEQ's Emerging Contaminant Funds:	\$ _____
	Project funding from other sources:	\$ _____
	Estimated total project cost:	\$ _____
2.	Briefly describe or attach indicators or actions reflecting the community's interest or readiness to proceed on this project (e.g., minutes from public hearings):	
3.	If you have already contacted an engineer about your project, indicate your status and provide contact information for the engineer (or firm):	
	Discussed with engineer	Obtained quote from engineer      Signed contract with engineer
	Engineer: _____	
	Address: _____	
	City: _____	State: _____      Zip: _____
	Phone: _____	Fax: _____
	Email: _____	

**Continue to Section II. Integrated Priority Rating System**

## Section II. Integrated Priority Rating System

Answer the questions below and provide the requested documentation. Applicants or their consultants are encouraged to contact DEQ before the submittal deadline for assistance in answering the questions. **Rating will be done on the basis of the answers and documentation provided.**

### A. Project Description

1.	The system has voluntarily conducted water quality testing to determine the level of emerging contaminants identified in question II.A.2. <i>20 points</i> Description:
2.	The project will reduce or eliminate emerging contaminants from entering surface water or groundwater. <i>10 points</i> Description:
3.	The project will address the following emerging contaminants: <i>5 points each</i>
a.	Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) such as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
b.	Pharmaceuticals and personal care products.
c.	Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs).
d.	Other, such as nanomaterials. Describe:
<b>Please provide documentation of the results for your system.</b>	

### B. Affordability / Disadvantaged Status

[IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.f. Affordability](#). Points shall be given when current system user charges exceed state affordability guidelines. Up to 10 points

Provide information for Section II.F. If you qualify as a disadvantaged community, you will receive 10 points.

1.	How many equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) connections does your system serve? _____
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		ii.	Provide evidence of a declining population such as comparing current census data to previous census data or using the population percent change from the U.S. Census QuickFacts.
<b>Label attached documents as “Section II.F, part number(s)”.</b>			
<b>Note:</b> <i>If the annual residential user rates do not exceed 2% of the community’s MHI, but exceed 1.5% of the community’s MHI, you can still qualify if the community’s unemployment rate exceeds the statewide average and the community’s population is decreasing.</i>			

**Continue to Section III. Authorized Submitter**

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Are you willing to allow us to share your LOI with other federal funding agencies?		Yes	No
<b>I understand that if awarded funding, costs incurred prior to the award are not eligible for reimbursement unless a written request and justification are submitted to and approved by DEQ.</b>			
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided here is valid and correct:			
Submitter Name:		Title:	
Company:		Date:	
If the submitter is different from the system contact, does the submitter have the authority to submit this LOI on behalf of the system contact?		N/A	Yes No

**Attach to your Clean Water Letter of Interest (if applicable)**

**AND**

**Return completed form by January 12, 2024, to:**

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