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Drinking Water Section

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TO: Connecticut State Legislators Community and Non-Profit Non-Community Public Water Systems Municipal Chief Elected Officials Local Directors of Health

FROM: Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH, Commissioner

- DATE: November 4, 2019
- SUBJECT: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Public Hearing and Webinar Announcement for SFY 2020 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List

The Drinking Water Section will hold a Public Hearing/Open Forum in Conference Room A/B, 470 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund's (DWSRF) State Fiscal Year 2020 Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Priority List (PPL). The IUP and PPL are available for public review on the DWSRF website (www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf) along with details for parking and directions. A legal notice of this hearing announcement will also be published in the Hartford Courant and two minority newspapers. An Open Forum will be held immediately following the hearing to allow attendees to consult with DWSRF staff on regulatory requirements or project specific details.

In advance of the hearing, a webinar will held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. This webinar will provide a brief overview of the DWSRF Program as well as details of the SFY 2020 IUP that are expected to be of most interest to potential loan applicants. To register for this event please go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/417795029734265612. The DWSRF provides long term loans (up to 20 years) to public water systems for drinking water infrastructure improvements that provide public health protection, help to achieve compliance with drinking water regulations and are essential for resiliency and/or long term infrastructure sustainability. Interest rates are approximately half of the market rate and many projects qualify for partial subsidization. Extended loan terms (up to 40 years) and additional subsidization are available to qualifying disadvantaged communities. The information provided in the webinar is expected to be useful to new prospective borrowers and repeat borrowers alike.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to Cameron Walden, Supervising Sanitary Engineer, of the DWSRF Program at (860) 509-7333 or via email to <u>Cameron.Walden@ct.gov.</u>

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