

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA  
FOR  
FUNDING UNDER THE STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)  
and STATE AID GRANT (SAG) PROGRAMS**

In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) as amended, New Hampshire RSA 486 and New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq., the following project costs are eligible/ineligible under both the SRF and SAG programs.

In order for wastewater facilities, municipal unlined landfills, and incinerators to be deemed eligible for SRF and/or SAG funds, they must first be proven the most cost-effective alternative based on present worth analysis.

**SRF AND SAG WASTEWATER ENGINEERING PROJECTS**

**ELIGIBLE**

- Land acquisition integral to treatment process, including spray irrigation (with buffer area), other forms of effluent disposal, and for land disposal of sludge and septage
- Land lease for land disposal of sludge and septage if for 10 years and if funds are placed in escrow for lease only
- Conventional wastewater treatment facility with 20-year life
- Innovative/alternative wastewater treatment facility with 20-year life
- Community subsurface disposal system or STEP system from septic tank to collector or disposal system where community retains easement to tank
- Interceptor<sup>1</sup> with 50-year life
- Collector<sup>2</sup> only if remediating documented public health threat, groundwater contamination, or nuisance condition
- Service connection from eligible collector or interceptor to property or easement line
- Pump station associated with eligible collection system
- Correction of excessive infiltration/inflow

**INELIGIBLE**

- Land acquisition not integral to treatment process (including land under WWTF sites)
- Easements and ROWs
- Individual septic system unless related to community-wide solution
- Collector which does not remediate documented problems
- Service connection from property or easement line to building

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<sup>1</sup>Per Env-Wq 502.16 An interceptor sewer means a sewer designed to collect wastewater from collector sewers and transport it to a wastewater treatment facility.

<sup>2</sup>Per Env-Wq 502.04 A collector sewer means lateral sewers primarily installed to collect wastewater directly from individual building sewers or private property.

**ELIGIBLE**

- For separation of combined sewers, either a sanitary sewer or a storm drain, or both if the existing combined sewer is inadequate for future service. (For SAG eligibility, construction of storm drains must eliminate CSO structure and will only be eligible at such future date that the CSO structure has been abandoned.)
- CSO treatment or abatement
- Rehabilitation or replacement of eligible collectors or interceptors
- Septage receiving, treatment, and land application facilities
- I/I correction when shown to be cost effective for any interceptor or collector sewer
- Sludge composting, land application, sludge incineration and ash disposal, sludge monofill, and sludge processing equipment and facilities
- Vehicles directly related to treatment process (sludge hauling, septage hauling if STEP process) or for maintenance of eligible sewers
- Computers and software directly related to process control, analysis, maintenance of records, data management and reporting functions
- Cost of restoring streets and ROW's to original condition. When the full road width will be reconstructed or upgraded, one half the costs are eligible
- Facility planning
- Infiltration/inflow study, sewer system evaluation study
- Consulting engineer design fees<sup>3</sup>
- Construction phase engineering fees<sup>3</sup>
- Value engineering fees
- Environmental/archaeological consulting fees
- Costs of preparation of applications and permits required by federal, state, or local regulations or procedures

**INELIGIBLE**

- Vehicles for personnel transportation or non-sewer related use
- Computers and software not directly related to process control (used for billing, general office use)
- Pavement beyond the limits of sewer construction
- Fines/penalties due to violations of or failure to comply with state or federal laws and regulations

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<sup>3</sup>Ratio is applied where ineligible portions are involved.

**ELIGIBLE**

- Costs of complying with procurement requirements
- Costs of meeting specific state and federal statutory procedures
- O&M manual and plan of operation development costs
- Start-up services, including staff training, laboratory and QA/QC procedures, maintenance, and records management
- Subsurface investigations, soil borings, groundwater monitoring during design
- Costs to mitigate direct adverse physical impacts due to WWTF or pump station per NEPA requirements, including site screening landscaping (trees, shrubs)
- Costs of laboratory equipment and benches and 1-year supply of chemicals to conduct tests for plant operation
- Office furnishings not to exceed allowance of \$5,000
- Costs of shop equipment installed at WWTF necessary for plant operation or shown cost effective over contract services
- Hand tools not to exceed allowance of \$5,000
- Special tools required for specific equipment maintenance
- Portion of collection system maintenance and safety equipment used for interceptors and eligible collector maintenance
- Cost of mobile equipment necessary for WWTF operation or equipment maintenance, including portable stand-by generators, emergency pumps, and critical replacement parts
- Municipal utility relocation to avoid interferences
- Safety equipment (boat for lagoons, emergency showers, gas air packs, etc.)
- Textbooks and other printed materials used for proper O&M of facility
- Other items deemed reasonable, necessary, and allocable to the project

**INELIGIBLE**

- Legal Costs
- Fiscal Costs
- Costs of solutions to aesthetic problems
- Site maintenance equipment (lawn mowers, snow blowers)
- Portion of collection system maintenance equipment used for ineligible collector maintenance
- Costs outside the scope of the approved project

**The following are deemed eligible costs under the SRF but ineligible cost under the SAG program:**

**ELIGIBLE (SRF)**

- Cadastral and engineering survey costs
- Administrative costs directly related to SRF loan requiring additional time over standard work hours or additional personnel (time records required to support eligibility)
- Non-Point Source stormwater management measures implemented as specified in Env-Wq 1508 (e.g., stormwater ponds, infiltration practices, vegetated buffers, etc.) that do not have a direct discharge to surface water
- Clean Water Act §319 Non-Point Source Plan and §320 Estuary Management Plan (33 USC §1329 and §1330, respectively) projects

**INELIGIBLE (SAG)**

- Cadastral survey costs
- Administrative costs
- Storm sewers
- Non-Point Source projects not part of §319 and §320 Plans

## **SRF AND SAG UNLINED MUNICIPAL LANDFILL CLOSURE PROJECTS**

### **ELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Pre-closure hydrogeological evaluations
- Pre-closure engineering investigation
- Construction design
- Closure construction
- Construction supervision

### **INELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Costs not specifically attributable to an unlined municipal landfill closure project
- Maintenance and upkeep after construction is complete
- Land acquisition, except for land which is necessary to the physical elements of closure
- Meals and lodging
- Finance or interest charges as a result of delinquent payments
- Legal costs
- Fiscal costs, such as employee benefits, social security, etc.

**The following are deemed eligible costs under the SRF but ineligible cost under the SAG programs:**

### **ELIGIBLE (SRF)**

- Transfer/material handling/recycling station construction
- Administrative costs directly related to SRF loan requiring additional time over standard work hours or additional personnel (time records required to support eligibility)

### **INELIGIBLE (SAG)**

- Transfer/material handling/recycling station construction
- Administrative costs, such as day-to-day business operations
- Preparation of grant Application

## **SAG ONLY INCINERATOR CLOSURE PROJECTS**

### **ELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Pre-closure hydrogeological evaluations
- Pre-closure engineering investigation
- Construction design
- Closure construction
- Construction supervision

### **INELIGIBLE COSTS**

- Costs not specifically attributable to an unlined municipal landfill closure project
- Maintenance and upkeep after construction is complete
- Land acquisition, except for land which is necessary to the physical elements of closure
- Meals and lodging
- Finance or interest charges as a result of delinquent payments
- Legal costs
- Fiscal costs, such as employee benefits, social security, etc.