

CORPS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM (CWIFP)

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WHAT IS CWIFP?

The Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) is

USACE'S



Federal loan program

MISSION STATEMENT

CWIFP enables local investment in infrastructure projects that enhance community resilience to flooding, promote economic prosperity, and improve environmental quality.

Authorized by the **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)** in WRRDA 2014

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS?



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CWIFP ELIGIBILITY

Funding Available for:

Safety project(s) to **maintain, upgrade and repair** dam(s) identified in the National Inventory of Dams owned by **non-Federal entities**.

PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS MUST BE TO



REDUCE
flood damage

and/or



RESTORE
aquatic ecosystems

and/or



IMPROVE
navigation

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Dam replacements and repairs
- Seismic retrofits
- Sediment removal
- Spillway capacity increase
- Dam erosion protection
- Gate replacement

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CWIFP ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE BORROWERS

- **Any non-Federal entity** (Local, State, Tribal government, Private corporations, State revolving fund programs)
- Multiple entities may apply for a single project under a joint application

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Development-phase activities
- Construction, reconstruction, rehab, and replacement activities
- Issuance and financing costs during construction

CWIFP can provide credit assistance of up to **49%** of total project costs and up to **80%** of total project costs for projects that serve **economically disadvantaged communities**

CWIFP ELIGIBILITY

Expansion to Levees

In the **2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act** Congress has provided CWIFP funding for projects to **construct, maintain, upgrade, and repair non-Federal levees**.

Types of Projects

New levee projects and/or **repairs to existing levees** including levee system features such as pump stations. Standard **CWIFP eligibility requirements would still apply**.

Steps to Implementation

USACE will provide additional guidance soon on path and timing to making funds available.

MINIMUM ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Projects must:

Be **CREDITWORTHY**

- Must have an investment-grade rating on the CWIFP loan and other project debt obligations

Be **TECHNICALLY SOUND**

- Must meet all applicable engineering, safety, and other technical standards

Be **ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED**

- Anticipated benefits will exceed the costs

Be **ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE**

- Must satisfy all necessary environmental requirements, including requirements associated with the Corps Programmatic Environmental Assessment prepared for this rule under NEPA

Be **\$20 MILLION OR MORE**

- Total project cost. Can combine multiple projects.

Comply with **APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**

- NEPA, Davis-Bacon, American Iron and Steel, Buy American, and all federal cross-cutters

Receive **PUBLIC SPONSORSHIP** if undertaken by a private entity

CWIFP BENEFITS

Low interest rates

Rates are equal to U.S. Treasury rates and are not impacted by borrower credit or loan structure.

No interest rate risk

Rates are locked at the time of loan closing and fixed for the life of the loan.

No negative carry

Interest accrues only once funds have been disbursed.

Subordination

CWIFP may take a subordinate position in payment priority.

CWIFP BENEFITS

Customized repayment schedules

Repayment schedules can be structured to match anticipated cash flows over the life of the loan.

Long repayment periods

Repayment periods of up to 35 years after completion of construction

Deferred payments

Payments can be deferred through the construction period up to 5 years after completion of the project.

No prepayment penalty

Loans can be prepaid at any time without penalty.



You can couple CWIFP financing with federal grants.

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CWIFP BENEFITS

EXAMPLES

OTHER
ALTERNATIVES
A-Rated



\$100M
CWIFP loan



\$25M SAVINGS

SUBORDINATE



1.20X
COVERAGE



15% MORE
INVESTMENT

INTEREST LOCK



RATES
RAISE **2%**



\$80M SAVINGS

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION & PROJECT INVITATION



Once a NOFA is published; eligible applicants will prepare and submit their **preliminary application** in CWIFP's online application portal.

The preliminary application will be reviewed for eligibility and scored based on selection criteria.

Only projects with a high likelihood of reaching loan close will be selected.

Following review of the preliminary applications, CWIFP will invite select applicants to submit a **full application**.

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FULL APPLICATION REVIEW, NEGOTIATION, & CLOSING



Once invited to apply, applicants will have up to one year to submit a completed application.

CWIFP will perform a financial, technical, and legal review of the full applications, will propose terms and conditions, and will negotiate a term sheet and loan agreement with the applicant.

Upon final agreement of the loan terms and documents, CWIFP will schedule the loan closing and execute the loan agreement with OMB's approval.

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CONTACT US

Website: www.usace.army.mil/CWIFP

CWIFP will meet with all prospective borrowers interested in discussing the program.

Send requests to CWIFP@usace.army.mil.