

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides additional funding for new programs to be administered through KIA's Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan programs. Through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) there are 2 new programs which will provide funding to projects that address Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) and Emerging Contaminants (EC). Through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) there is 1 new program which will provide funding to projects that address Emerging Contaminants (EC).

All new programs must be SRF eligible and will follow all SRF processes, including but limited to participation in the Call for Projects, invitations in rank order from a project priority list, Davis-Bacon wage determinations and a NEPA-like environmental review process.

KIA and the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) are planning to execute the new programs alongside the base SRF programs. These new programs will use the framework below. Additional information will be released as details unfold.

- The FY 2023 Intended Use Plan (IUP) to be released in Spring 2022 will include information to allow utilities to get ready for the new programs, along with the SRF base program information.
- The Call for Projects is usually in the range September to mid-December and projects are submitted through the WRIS system.
- The projects will go to DOW for ranking and project review to produce the ranked list of eligible projects.
- In the spring of 2023 KIA will begin invitations from that ranked project list from DOW.
- Upon acceptance of the invitations, applicants will get their application material used to apply for SRF funding with KIA.
- KIA will request all of the application documents, begin internal process of assigning projects to analysts, beginning project analysis, and making presentations to the KIA board for awards.

Within this framework there are some details that KIA nor DOW know a timeframe for quite yet:

- To produce the ranked list mentioned above, KY DOW needs the implementation guidance from US EPA, which the US EPA released in March 2022.
- DOW will use the implementation guidance to formulate ranking criteria and project scoring guidance with a public participation process.
- Once finalized, the ranking criteria and scoring guidance will be available for the Call for Projects in Fall of 2022.