

REPORT CARD

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds in Great Lakes States

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund allows water systems to apply for loans and grants to keep drinking water safe, accessible, and affordable. Congress passed an infrastructure bill in 2021 that triples these funds for 5 years with record benefits for disadvantaged communities.

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Data is current as of 2/16/24 and was collected from the states' most recent SRF policies from fiscal years 2024 or 2025. See page 2 for category details.



	IL	IN	MI	MN	NY	PA	OH	WI
Application Assistance	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
Policy Update Type	LAW	ANNUAL	LAW	LAW & RULE	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	ANNUAL
Environmental Justice	IMPROVING	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Small Population Bias	IMPROVING	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
Governance & Asset Protections for Regionalization	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Transparency	IMPROVING	IMPROVING	IMPROVING	POOR	IMPROVING	POOR	POOR	POOR

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

Application Assistance

In addition to the required Small System Technical Assistance for systems of 10,000 people or less, is there a grant program or other technical assistance to help disadvantaged communities apply to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)?

Policy Update Type

How does the State update the scoring and “disadvantaged community” definitions? Law changes are the hardest with little public input. Rule and code changes are less challenging, but can take years. An annual process within the responsible agency or department and a public comment process is recommended.

Environmental Justice

Is the concept of legacy pollution and environmental racism addressed in the state's DWSRF program?

Small Population Bias

Does the state use population benchmarks to exclude mid-to-large sized communities from subsidies or project prioritization?

Governance & Asset Protections with Regionalization

If the state program incentivizes regionalization and consolidation projects by offering points for these processes, are there existing legal protections for equitable financial, property, and governance management?

Transparency

Are scoring mechanisms, project plans, and DAC designations published?