

I-JOBS Water Quality Fund Application for Communities > 10,000

The I-JOBS bill (SF 376) allocated \$55 million to a new Water Quality Financial Assistance Program administered by IFA. The bill states that \$35 million will go to communities with populations less than 10,000 for water quality and wastewater projects. The remaining \$20 million will go to communities with populations over 10,000 for water or wastewater projects.

The following is a brief overview of the program.

1. Every grant recipient also receives a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan. Therefore, the projects must be eligible for SRF. ([Information about the SRF.](#))
2. All projects will be prioritized based on the environmental benefit of the project. This ensures that grants go to those projects with the most impact on water quality. The scores are the same as those used for SRF projects.
3. There are two funds:
 - a. One for communities with < 10,000 population consisting of \$35 million
 - b. One for communities with a population > 10,000 consisting of \$20 million
4. The population *served by the system* will determine population for choosing the appropriate fund. A county or rural water system can apply on behalf of an unincorporated area or a small town. Population will be based on the community served, not the entire population of the county or all customers of the rural water system.
5. For the larger community fund:
 - a. Projects must be eligible for SRF (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, etc.)
 - b. No affordability criteria – just the environmental scoring
6. **Applications for the Large Community Fund are due in the IFA offices by 4:30pm on Friday October 30, 2009**

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