



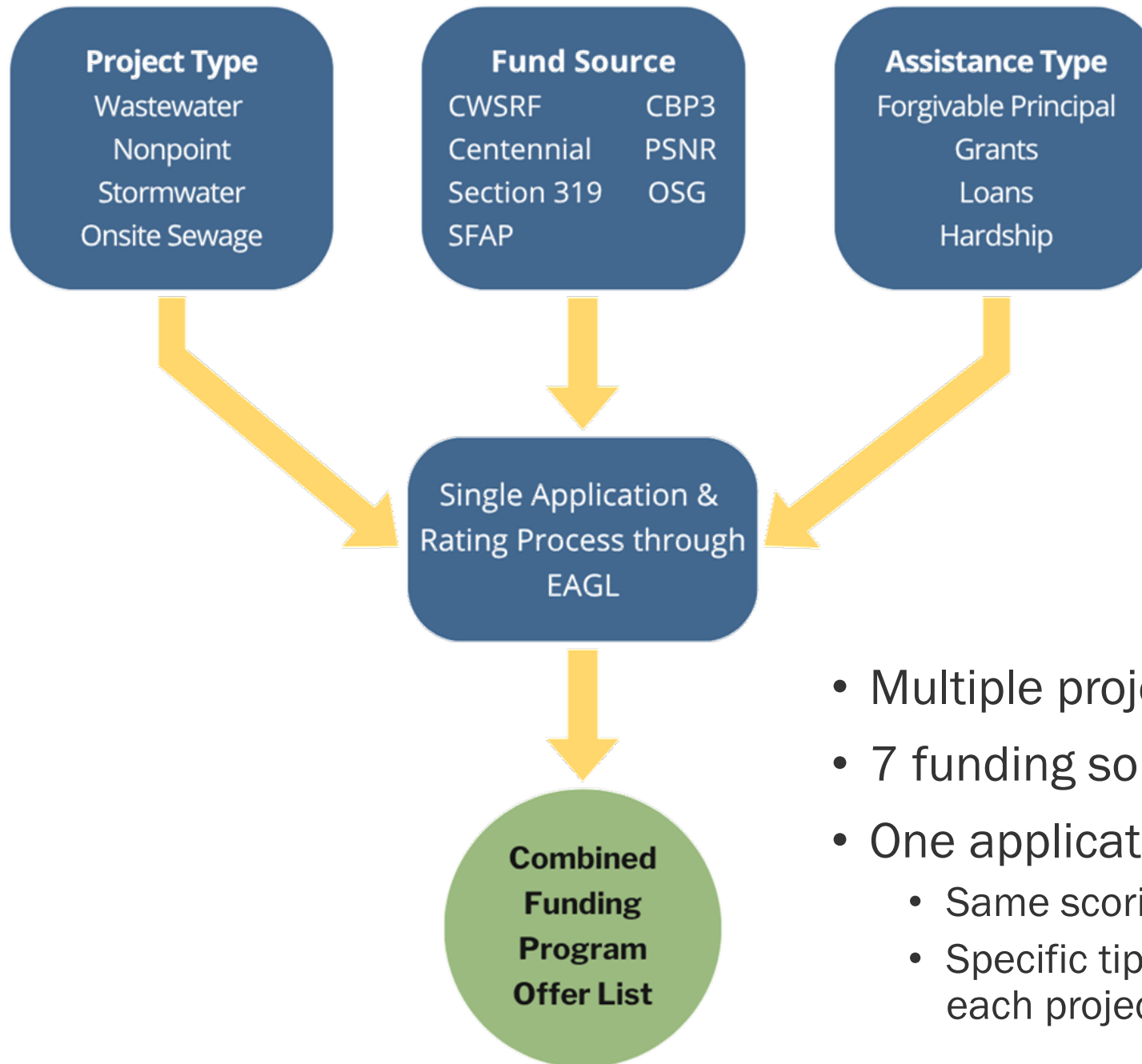
# Water Quality Combined Funding Program State Fiscal Year 2027 Applicant Workshops

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# Agenda

- 1** Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC)
  - Funding details, eligible applicants, general requirements
- 2** Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL)
  - Registering and applying through EAGL
- 3** Break
- 4** Wastewater/Stormwater/Nonpoint & OSS Specifics
  - Funding guidelines and overview of changes
  - Prerequisite requirements and guidance for projects
  - Tips for writing a successful application with question-by-question discussion

# Water Quality Combined Funding Program



- Multiple project types
- 7 funding sources
- One application and offer list
  - Same scoring criteria
  - Specific tips and guidance for each project type

# Ecology simplifies it for you!

- Ecology will figure out which fund sources and how much can be offered to your project
- Some projects may be offered a mix of different sources in a single “funding package”



# Funding Source Estimates for SFY27

Fund Source	Estimate	Source	Fund Type
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) (includes BIL)	\$73.3 M	Federal and State	Standard Loan
CWSRF (includes BIL)	\$26.7 M	Federal and State	Forgivable Loan
CWSRF Emerging Contaminants (BIL funds)	\$3.7 M	Federal	Forgivable Loan
Clean Water Centennial Program (Centennial)	\$20 M	State	Grant
Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP)	\$30 M	State	Grant
Clean Water Act Section 319 (Section 319)	\$1.7 M	Federal	Grant
Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Grants (OSG)	\$764 K	Federal	Grant
Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3)	\$3 M	State	Grant
<b>*NEW*</b> Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program (PSNR)	\$9.3 M	State	Grant
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$168.5 M</b>		

# Eligible Applicants by Fund Source

Applicant	CWSRF/ OSG	Centennial	SFAP	Section 319	CBP3	PSNR*
Counties, cities/towns	X	X	X	X	X	X
Federally recognized Tribes	X	X		X		
Institutions of higher education	X	X		X		
Quasi-municipal corporations (including port, conservation, irrigation, health, sewer districts)	X	X		X		X
Port districts			X			
Nonprofit organizations				X		
State Agencies**						X

**All of these entities can submit an application,  
Ecology will take care of identifying the fund source**

# Project Types

- Wastewater facilities
- Stormwater facilities
- Stormwater activities
- Nonpoint source activities
- Onsite sewage systems

**Eligible projects and project components will be discussed in depth after the EAGL overview**

Planning

Design

Construction

Implementation

# Stormwater or Nonpoint?

Project type is based on the project components proposed

## Nonpoint

- Projects that restore natural conditions
  - Riparian, wetland, and in-stream restoration, including in urban areas
  - Riparian restoration must meet buffer width requirements, even in urban areas
- Nonprofits are only eligible for nonpoint.
  - Nonprofits may partner with an eligible applicant for stormwater funding.

## Stormwater Facility

- Urban runoff treatment and/or flow control
  - Gray or green infrastructure
  - Must be in Ecology's Stormwater Management Manuals
- Includes engineered treatment wetlands
- Riparian forest and vegetated buffers are considered Nonpoint

**Prerequisites differ, see Chapter 2 of the Funding Guidelines.  
Call us if you are unsure, we are happy to help.**

# Ineligible Projects

- Non-clean water projects and project components (e.g., roads, bridges, drinking water systems)
- Water quantity projects
- Project solely for flood control
- Exclusively industrial projects, except:
  - Publicly-owned industrial wastewater treatment facility reducing the burden on a municipal wastewater treatment facility (CWSRF-only)
  - Publicly-owned industrial stormwater facility (SFAP-only)
- Operation, maintenance, and repair costs
  - Some exceptions will be discussed later

## What is the maximum award?

There are some general limits and set asides to help distribute funding.

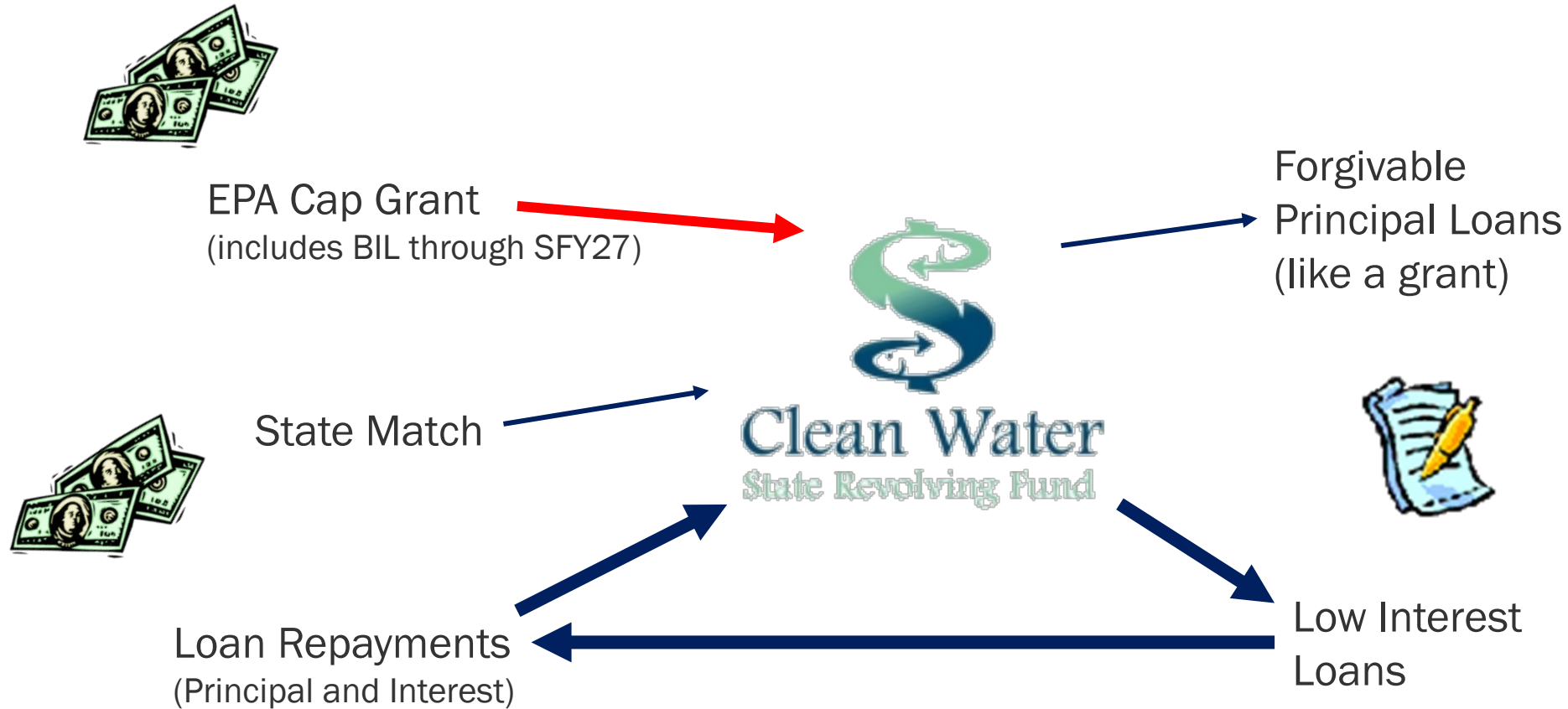
- Nonpoint
  - Up to \$500k grant per project
  - Up to \$10M CWSRF loan per applicant
- Stormwater
  - Up to \$10M SFAP grant per applicant
  - Up to \$37.7M CWSRF loan per applicant
- Wastewater
  - Up to \$37.7M CWSRF loan per applicant
  - Up to \$350,000 PSNR grant per eligible facility
- Wastewater construction hardship
  - Up to \$5M of combined grant and forgivable loan per project

# Hardship

- Wastewater and Stormwater projects may be eligible
  - CWSRF preconstruction hardship and SFAP hardship is pre-determined based on population and MHI
  - See Appendix M in the funding guidelines.
- Does not apply to nonpoint or OSS projects



# Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)



All project categories have projects and project components eligible for CWSRF loan funding

# Interest Rates

Loan Term	Interest Rate for Most Projects	Interest Rate for OSS and Nonpoint Projects
5 Years	1.2%	0.8%
20 Years	2.5%	1.6%
30 Years	3.3%	2.5%

- Rates based on average market rate for tax-exempt municipal bonds
- Wastewater Construction projects may be eligible for a lower interest rate due to Hardship (0 - 2.5%)



# Build America, Buy America (BABA)

- Applies to all federal funding
  - OSG, CWSRF Equivalency and Emerging Contaminants projects, Section 319, and Centennial-match (nonpoint)
- In addition to American Iron and Steel Requirements
- The following products used in the project must be produced in the United States:
  - Iron and steel
  - Manufactured products
  - Construction materials



**Ecology is here to help and address applicability case-by-case.**

# Green Project Reserve (GPR)

- Must be willing to accept a CWSRF loan, and meet EPA's criteria for:
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Water Efficiency
  - Environmentally Innovative
- May receive up to 25% forgivable principal loan



# Important Dates

**APPLICATIONS  
DUE BEFORE 5pm  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**March - July**

**July - September**

Workshops: 7/22 - 7/24/25  
Application Submittal: 7/22 - 9/3/25

**September - December**

Evaluation, Rating and Ranking:  
9/4 - 12/23/25

**January - February**

Draft Offer List Published by: 1/31/26  
Public Comment: 2/1-3/3/26

**June - July**

Final Offer List Published: 7/1/26

**July - January**

Must be signed by 1/31/27  
Costs may be eligible as of 7/1/26

**Next 1-5 years**

Work starts no later than May 2027  
Work continues through  
June 2029 (activities) or June 2031 (facilities)



# Funding Guidelines

You don't need to read all 300 pages!

- Start with the “How to Use This Document” on page 11
  - Focus on the info that related to your project type.
- Chapter 4 will help you prepare your application.
- The later session for each project type will guide you

[Link to SFY27 Funding Guidelines](#)



## **State Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Guidelines Water Quality Combined Funding Program**

**Centennial Clean Water Program**

**Clean Water Act Section 319 Program**

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

**Stormwater Financial Assistance Program**

**Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program**

**Stormwater Community-Based Public-Private Partnership Program**

**Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program**

**Water Quality Program**

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# Summary of General Changes from FY26

- For SFY2027 only - prerequisite documents and landowner acknowledgements may be submitted after an EAGL application, until October 10, 2025.
  - Wastewater applicants will email delayed prerequisite documents to the applicant's Ecology Wastewater Permit Manger.
  - Stormwater and Nonpoint applicants will email delayed prerequisite documents to Karen Izumoto at karen.izumoto@ecy.wa.gov.
- “Land acquisition for right-of-way expansion using eminent domain” is removed from Table 3: Ineligible Projects and Components for All Funding Sources.

**Changes specific to today's project type will be covered after the EAGL demo**

# Questions?

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