



TDEC Response to Comments on Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan for Emerging Contaminants for State Fiscal Year 2023

General Statements/Policy

Comment: Regarding the Clean Water Grant, one of the first slides said “No match required for this capitalization”, however almost at the end there is a slide about the disadvantage communities and there is a matching rates for grants associated with ATPI in a range of 15% to 25%, my question is if there is a different between this?

Response: The EPA does not require a State match for the Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grant funds. State Match is funding (usually a percentage of the overall grant allocation) that the State is required to pay/match in order to receive the grant allocation. In relation to available project funds/grants, the EPA gives the State discretion to structure the grant program to best support the needs of the State.

Comment: It appears that that several states use CWSRF funds for land conservation projects that protect and/or enhance water quality. From the short-term goals listed in your IUP, it appears that TN may be open to that possibility as well.

Response: The SRF does offer funding for projects involving water quality improvement, conservation, efficiency, and reuse. The [SRF webpage](#) offers a good deal of information, resources and technical assistance in several different forms and we encourage all interested parties to visit the link provided above. Regarding the Emerging Contaminants IUP and funding criteria, a projects purpose would need to of addressing emerging contaminant issues that meet the criteria outlined in the IUP.