



CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT

Office of Drinking Water

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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FUNDING BASICS

Summary

- Application reopens February 1, 2024
- **Applications accepted year-round**
- \$50,000 maximum award per project
- May submit multiple applications for different projects
- 100% Grant
- Work cannot begin until grant agreement is signed
- Agreements signed within 6 months of application review
- Complete project within 2 years of signing agreement

Eligible Entities

- Cities and Towns
- Counties
- Public Utility Districts
- Water/Sewer Districts
- Not-for-profit Organizations – including homeowners associations
- Tribal Communities, if not-for-profit
- Approved Satellite Management Agencies

Eligible Project Activities

- Feasibility Study
- Water System Plan – development or update or amendment
- Small Water System Management Program – development or update
- Engineering Design
- Connection Fees
- Community Engagement

Feasibility Study Evaluation Report Requirements

- Compare consolidation versus not consolidating
 - Construction costs for projects needed during next 20 years
 - Operations and maintenance over 20 years
 - Asset inventory
 - Cost of a second source if a single source water system
 - Board evaluation of the system to be acquired
 - Number of board members and rate of vacancy
 - Estimated time each board member spends overseeing the system
 - Board's ability to manage a multi-year infrastructure project and communicate with water users
 - Ability to take on debt
 - Ability to apply for funding and manage funding
 - Manage water rate increases



REQUIRED ONLINE ACCOUNTS

Washington Loan Tracker (WALT)

- Must contact Sara Herrera to be registered with WALT – water system or water system representative. Each person must be registered who wants access.
- Must have a [Secure Access Washington](#) (SAW) account to apply
- [WALT External User Guide 331-614](#) (PDF)

System for Award Management or SAM.gov

- Go to SAM.gov – you must REGISTER to apply for federal funding
- If new, click Get Started to register your entity.
- If your entity is registered, click Renew Entity. You will need the expiration date.
- If unsure of status, click Check Entity Status.
- Follow instructions in the [SAM.gov Video: Get a Unique Entity ID article](#).
- To watch the video, click on “[get your Unique Entity ID](#)”.
- It can take 4 weeks to get a Unique Entity Identifier assigned.
Required before you sign a contract. **NOT required for the application.**



Scoring

Risk Categories

Five Risk Categories

- Risk Category 1 – 42 Points – address microbial contamination event or microbial compliance issues.
- Risk Category 2 – 34 Points – address primary inorganic chemical contamination exceeding a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), Treatment Technique (TT) or Action Level (AL), or State Action Level (SAL).
- Risk Category 3 – 26 Points – address a primary chemical risk, a sanitary survey significant deficiency, install disinfection treatment, lead component or lead service line removal, or exceed an EPA chemical Health Advisory (HA).
- Risk Category 4 – 18 Points – address a secondary MCL, resilience, seawater intrusion risk, a sanitary survey finding, or the system exceeds 75 percent of nitrate or arsenic MCL.
- Risk Category 5 – 10 Points – address infrastructure sustainability.



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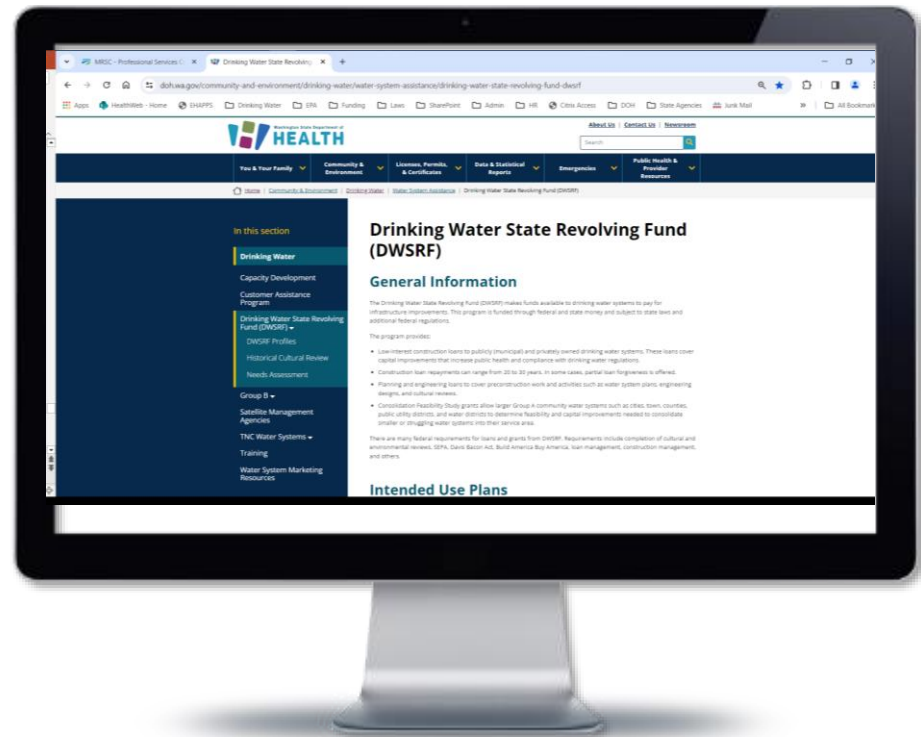
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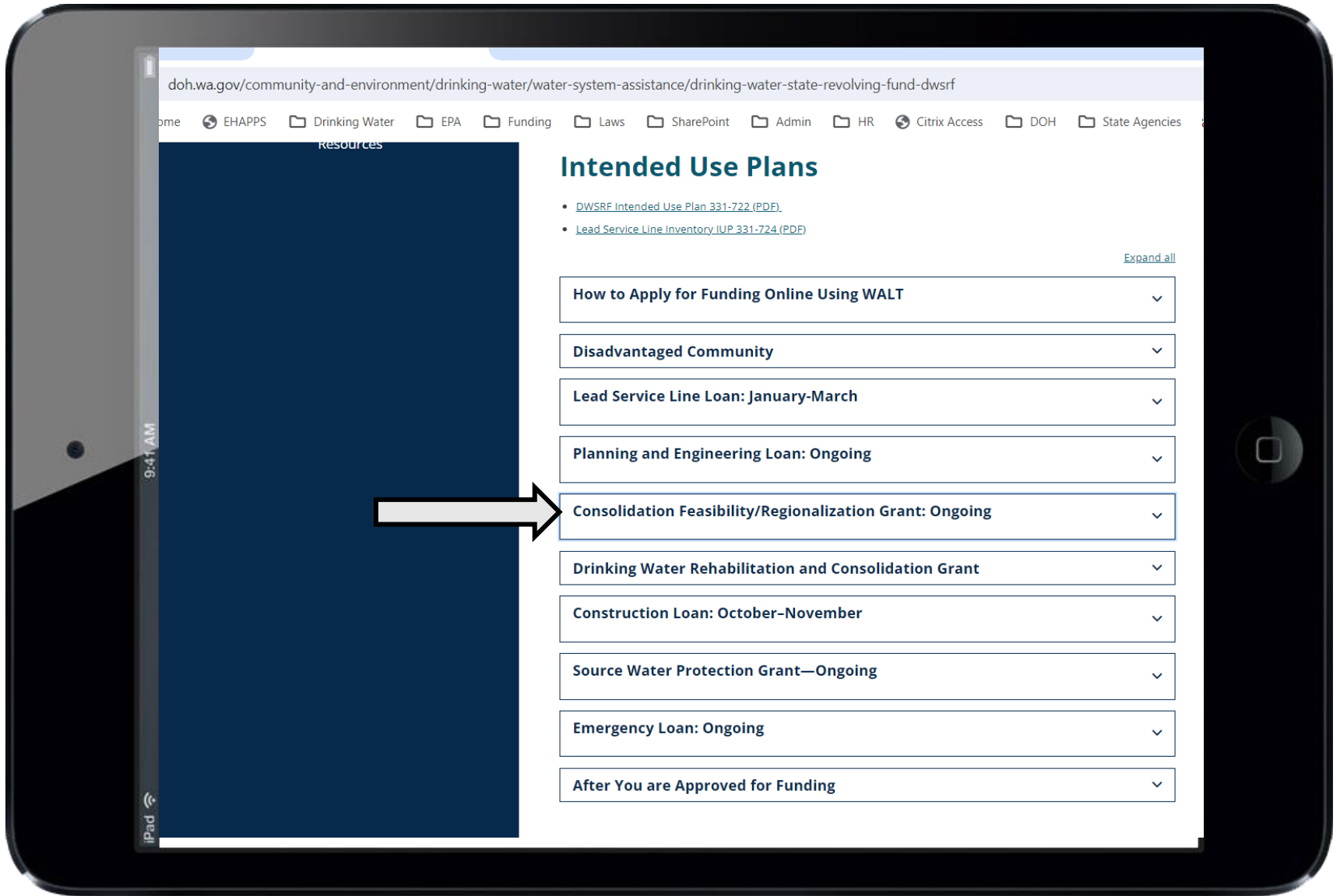


RESOURCES

www.doh.wa.gov/dwsrf

Available funding
Guidelines posted
WALT guidance
Contacts
Resources

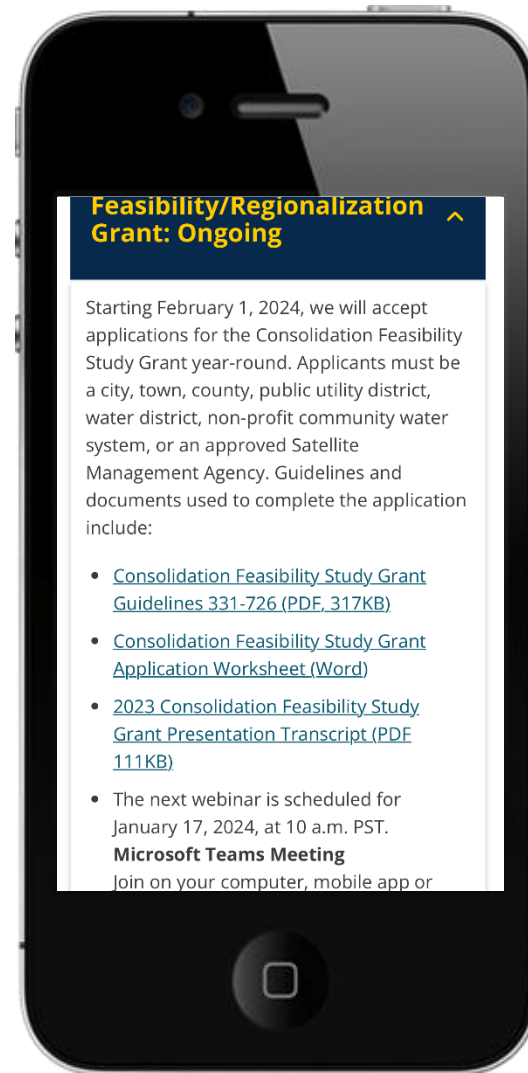




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Guidelines

Link to webinars including
question and answer sessions





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