SRF 101 for WISPr
Vermont’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund
WHAT IS THE SRF?

- Federal Grant
  - Annual EPA appropriation
  - Minus administrative allowance (CW) and set-asides (DW)
- State Match
  - 20% of federal grant
- Revolving funds
  - Loan repayments
- Investment interest
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (WISPr)

- Traditional CWSRF projects are the ‘sponsoring’ project
- Sponsored projects can be municipally owned and maintained or owned and maintained by a private non-profit (public-private partnership)
- One loan for both sponsored and host project
  - Sponsored project forgiven via reduced admin fee on overall project
SPONSORING PROJECTS

- Any CWSRF funded municipal project
  - Municipal Wastewater Treatment
  - Decentralized Wastewater
  - Stormwater
PROJECTS THAT CAN BE SPONSORED

WHAT ARE NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS?

- Wetland restoration
- Floodplain/stream restoration
- River corridor/conservation easement
- Woody buffer planting
- Lake shoreland retrofit, erosion repair using LakeWise principles
- Dam removal

If it’s ERP eligible, it’s WISPr eligible*

*except stormwater projects
HOW DOES IT WORK?

- NRP submits CWIP application 3x year; NRP is vetted by ERP
- All vetted ERPs are automatically on the ‘hopper list’
- All ERPs that complete design are automatically on the ‘match-ready list’
- Once NRP is match-ready a municipality will be identified for matching
  - SRF will do the matching
- Non-profit receives loan from VEDA for project
- Municipality receives a loan for their project plus 10%
- NRP does not need to be identified prior to municipal loan being issued
HOW DOES IT WORK?

- NRP implements concurrently with Municipal project
- Non-profit submits invoices to WIFP for disbursement
- NRP must complete within a year of Municipal project completing
- Once NRP is complete, loan is transferred to Municipal loan
- Once Municipal project is complete repayment schedule is drafted so the NRP is forgiven
  - Sponsoring loan will receive a 0.1% administrative fee reduction in addition to the fee reduction to account for the sponsored project
- WISPr can be used as a non-federal match where necessary
- WISPr projects do not need to meet most federal crosscutters
INTERIM FINANCING

- Provide funding for all natural resource restoration, agricultural water quality and forestry conservation projects
- $20M reserved off FFY19 PPL
  - $10M for privates at 1%; 5 year
  - $10M for municipalities at 0%; 5 year
- Repayment begins 1 year after loan execution
- Depressed repayment amount for first 4 years; balloon payment in fifth year
- Projects do not need to be identified at drafting of PPL
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