



# NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER & GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND

*“to provide for the protection,  
preservation, and enhancement of the  
drinking water and groundwater  
resources of the state”*

**Business and Industry Association  
NHDES Environmental Regulatory Conference  
September 12, 2023**



# History of the Trust Fund

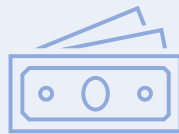


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State went to trial  
against ExxonMobil  
seeking damages for  
MtBE contamination

**2013**



State won \$236  
million in trial



Drinking Water and  
Groundwater Trust  
Fund in RSA 485-F to  
receive these funds  
and establish Advisory  
Commission

**2016**



Proceeds plus  
interest, totaling \$276  
million deposited into  
the Trust Fund

# MISSION

*“...to provide for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the drinking water and groundwater resources of the state”*



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***The uniqueness of the  
Drinking Water and  
Groundwater Trust Fund is  
that it can support a large  
variety of projects to  
provide clean and safe  
drinking water from the  
source to tap***

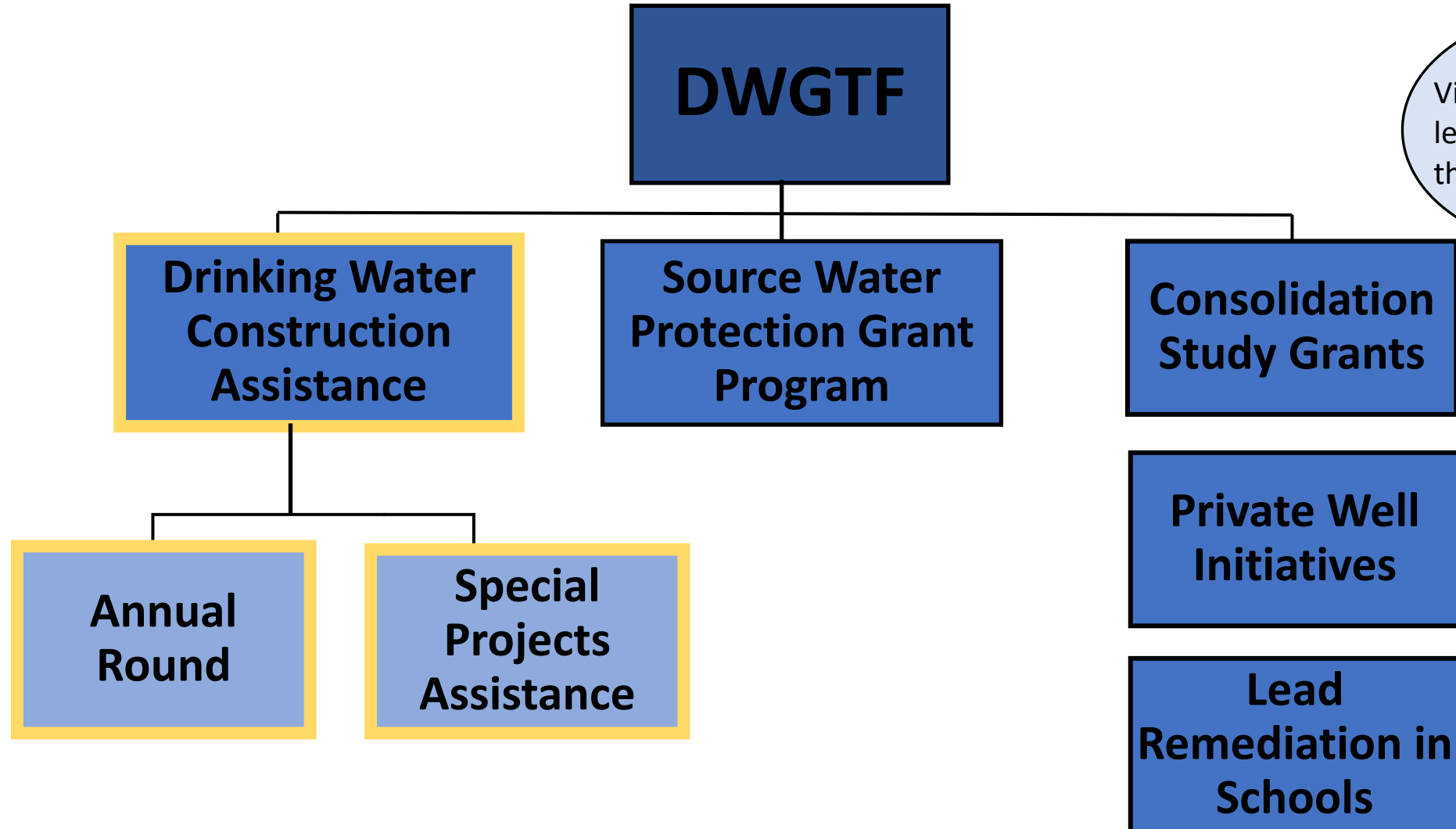




# Trust Fund Programs Covered in Today's Workshop



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Visit our [website](#) to learn more about these other programs

# Supporting Drinking Water Infrastructure since 2017



**\$103M Grants and \$66M Loans**

**111 Drinking Water infrastructure projects**  
across the state

**Leveraged \$151M in matching funds**

# Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance



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## What Projects are Eligible?



- Projects that are ready
- Applicants that have exhausted all other funding sources and stakeholder investment
- Infrastructure from source to tap to enable the State to meet present and future drinking water needs
- Improve water quality
- Increase the longevity of a system

## Who Can Apply?

- A State agency, board, or commission
- Any person or legal entity that owns a community water system or water distribution system
- Non-profit organizations that own a non-transient, non-community water system

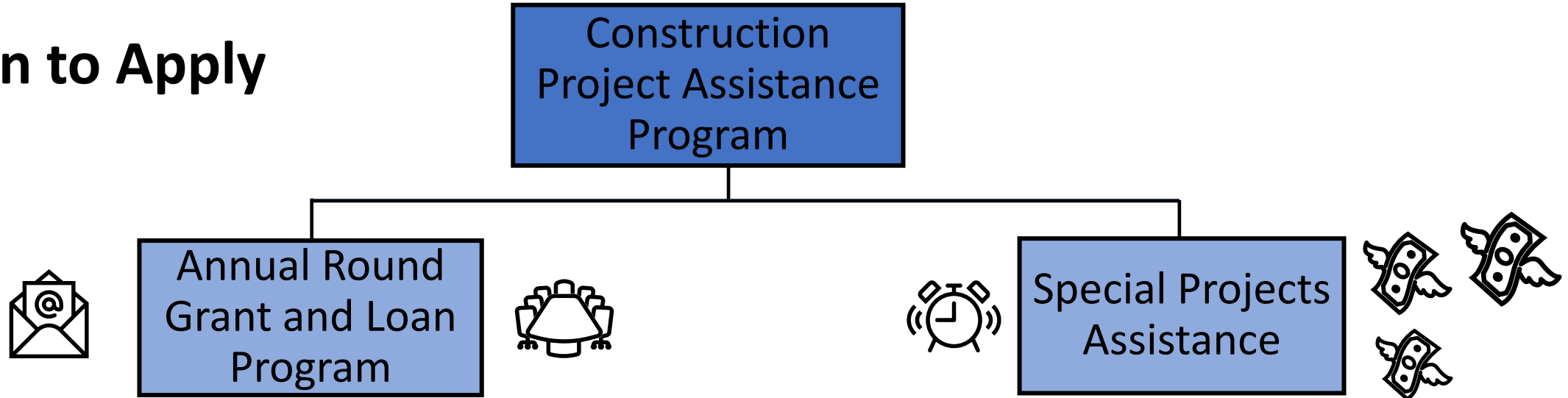


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## When to Apply



- **Summer** - Request for proposals
- **Fall** - Funding Applications due, Commission reviews and votes on award decisions
- **Winter** - Funding notifications to applicants

- **Anytime**
- **Eligibility Review** - DES reviews and submits to the Commission for consideration
- **Commission Evaluation** - additional information may be requested from applicant
- **Commission Vote** - Funding notification made to applicants

# Special Project Assistance



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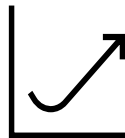
**1. Drinking Water Contamination**



**2. Time Criticality**



**3. Financial Hardship**



**4. Economic Growth**







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## Funding Priorities

- Projects with Leveraged Funding
- Project Readiness
- Highlight Core Criteria

What makes a project competitive for funds?

## Core Criteria

-  Removal, reduction, or mitigation of contamination
-  Interconnection or consolidation
-  Expansion projects of regional significance
-  Promotes economic development

## Other Criteria Considered

- ✓ Community Income
- ✓ Stakeholder investment in the water system (high Affordability Ind= water rates/MHI)
- ✓ Infrastructure upgrade to meet compliance
- ✓ Support long-term asset management
- ✓ Geographic distribution of projects

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## Guidance on Grant Requests

How much grant funds should I request?

*Projects that meet these criteria will be prioritized for grants*

- ✓ Addresses one of the core criteria
- ✓ Project is ready to receive funding and has long-term viability
- ✓ Serves NH primary residences
- ✓ ***What about Infrastructure Upgrades? Can projects that improve distribution systems, replace pumphouses, upgrade storage tanks, etc. receive a grant?***
  - ✓ Demonstrate financial hardship (MHI < \$83,449 or stakeholder investment Affordability Index > 1.5)

## Request what is Needed

- There is no minimum match requirement, but the Commission ***ranks projects higher*** that have secured or exhausted all other funding sources
- Justify that the project cannot be completed without grant assistance from the Trust Fund



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## Solicitation for applications

- Please visit the website to learn more and download the application

## NH DWG Trust Fund

A State of New Hampshire

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## Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance

The construction loan and grant program provides funding to projects that build and enhance drinking water infrastructure, improve water quality, or longevity of an existing drinking water system, and enable the State to meet present and future drinking water needs.

### Annual Funding Round

The Annual Drinking Water Construction Project Assistance Program provides loans and grants for infrastructure improvements to public drinking water systems. The Commission determines the annual funding allocations for each program in the spring of each year. Once the funding availability, timeline, and program details for the upcoming year are set by the Commission, the Department announces a request for proposals through outreach with water systems, a workshop with other funders, and the Department webpage. Applicants must submit a funding application by the deadline posted on the Department webpage with applicable Commission and Department rules. To be considered complete, the funding application must include the information described on the Department webpage by the Commission and published by the Department. Once all applications have been submitted and reviewed by the Department for completeness, the Department or a delegated Subcommittee, will review the applications and evaluate the merits of the projects based on:

#### Criteria considered by the Commission:

- Whether the proposed project results in the removal, reduction, or mitigation of contamination related to groundwater or drinking water
- Project readiness
- Leveraged the Trust Fund to the greatest extent possible by securing other available funding
- Consistency with the applicant's established long-term Asset Management Program
- Energy efficiency
- Water efficiency in ensuring a minimization of water loss
- Enhancement, acquisition, and/or protection of public drinking water sources

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## Solicitation for applications

- **New!** Electronic  
nForm

Form Version 1.0

✖ Applicant Information

✖ Technical Support and Engineering Contact(s)

○ Project Information

● Water System Information

✔ Project Justification and Objectives

○ Project Plan

○ Project Timeline

✔ Project Funding

✔ Attachments

✖ Review

Population Served by the Public Water System

Total # of Service Connections

Total # of Connections that Serve Primary Residences

Current Annual Water Rate (\$)

Projected Annual Water Rate (\$)

Median Household Income (\$ - MHI)

Current Affordability Index (AI) - Auto Calculated  
NaN



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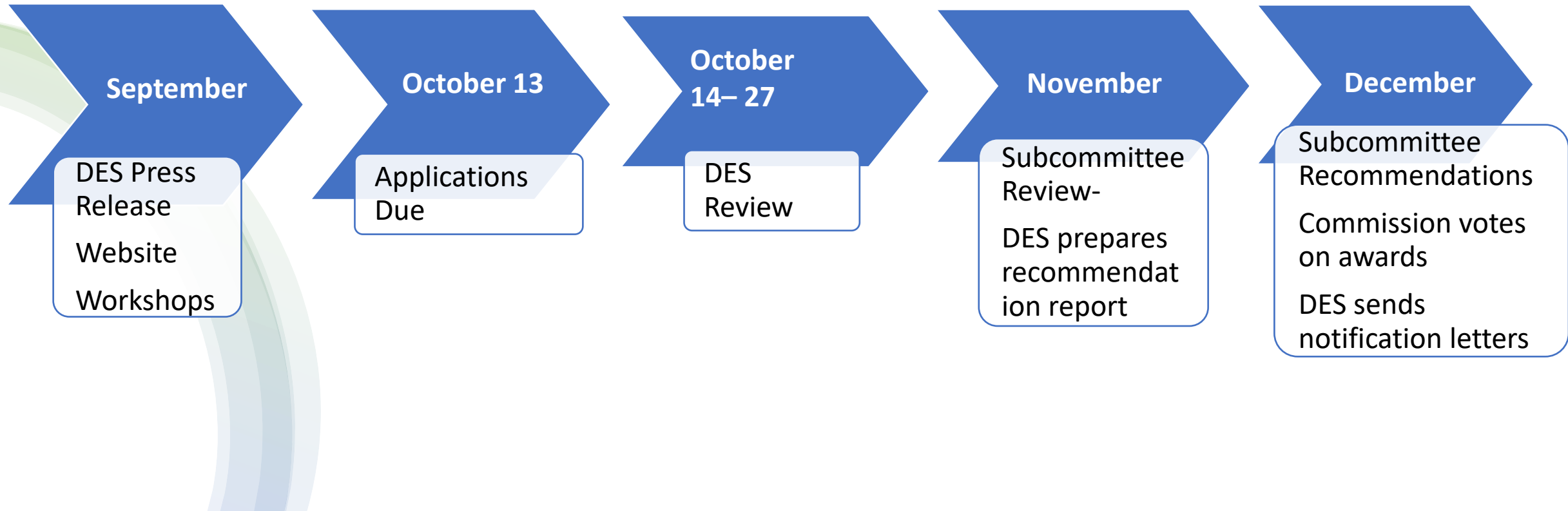
Funding Table

FUNDING SOURCE	APPLIED?	STATUS	GRANT (\$)	LOAN (\$)
PFAS Remediation Loan Fund	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
American Rescue Plan Act	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
USDA-Rural Development	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Community Development Block Grant	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Developer/ Private Entity Contribution	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Applicant Funds	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Congressionally Directed Spending	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Other	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
Other	Select... ▼	Select... ▼		
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## Funding Timeline





# Please Contact Us With Questions!



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