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**Subject:** media inquiry - WIFIA

Maryellen,

**On behalf of Tricia:**

**On background:**

**How many applications did the EPA receive for 2018? Was this more or less than 2017? If you cannot disclose this yet, do you know when it might be available?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a number of letters of interest from prospective borrowers responding to the 2018 Notice of Funding Availability. The Agency is currently evaluating submitted letters of interest and will release a list of all eligible projects later this month. Through this competitive process, EPA will select projects it intends to finance and invite them to continue the application process this fall.

**How much money will be available in 2018?**

In April 2018, EPA announced the availability of additional WIFIA funding that could provide as much as \$5.5 billion in loans, which could leverage over \$11 billion in water infrastructure projects. The 2018 WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) highlights the importance of protecting public health, including reducing exposure to lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems and updating the nation's aging infrastructure.

**How is the approval process for 2017 applications going? It looks like there are a few still outstanding. When do you think that will be done? How will it not being complete impact 2018?**

With our loan to the Orange County Water District, EPA has closed four loans and issued over \$1 billion in WIFIA credit assistance this year. Information on the status of the 2017 selected projects is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-financing-requests#selectedprojects>.

**Finally are there any best practices you've learned so far about what utilities are benefiting the most/are the most interested/are the best prepared to apply for WIFIA?**

Because the WIFIA program can lend to many different types of borrowers for a wide range of water infrastructure projects, many different types of borrowers can benefit from the program's low, fixed interest rate and flexible terms. Prospective borrowers can prepare to apply to WIFIA by attending our information sessions and/or webinars or reaching out to the program with questions.

More information on eligibilities are available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/learn-about-wifia-program#overview> and more information on benefits is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/learn-about-wifia-program#benefits>. Information about upcoming information sessions and webinars is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-resources#information>.

For more information about the WIFIA program, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>

**From:** Maryellen Tighe [mailto: ] **Ex. 6**

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 2:59 PM

**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

**Subject:** media inquiry - WIFIA

Hi Tricia,

I am working on an article about the 2018 WIFIA applications as the deadline was yesterday. I have a few questions regarding the 2018 process and the wrap up of the 2017 process.

1. How many applications did the EPA receive for 2018? Was this more or less than 2017? If you cannot disclose this yet, do you know when it might be available?
2. How much money will be available in 2018?
3. How is the approval process for 2017 applications going? It looks like there are a few still outstanding. When do you think that will be done? How will it not being complete impact 2018?
4. Finally are there any best practices you've learned so far about what utilities are benefiting the most/are the most interested/are the best prepared to apply for WIFIA?

Thank you as always for your help and hope you're having a nice week.

Best,  
Maryellen

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