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Executive Summary

This report provides the General Assembly with an annual summary of loan awards made during the prior and current fiscal years from the Vermont Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pollution Control Revolving Fund, also referred to as the Clean Water State Revolving fund (CWSRF). The purpose is to report on and seek legislative approval for all the types of projects for which awards are proposed to be made from the funds for the balance of the current and subsequent fiscal year.

This report includes four tables summarizing loan awards and project types financed through the CWSRF as follows:

- Table 1: Consists of loan awards made during SFY2025.
- Table 2: Consists of loan awards as of 12/11/2025 for SFY2026.
- Table 3: Consists of a listing of the remaining projects anticipated to be funded in SFY2026, which may change due to projects being removed or dollar amounts adjusted before finalization.
- Table 4: Consists of a summary of loan awards projected for the period SFY2025 – SFY2026.
- Table 5: Consists of a description of the types of projects eligible to receive funding through the CWSRF.

Key Takeaways

- In SFY2025: 50 loans were awarded totaling \$42.8 MM, of which 48 are for municipal borrowers and two are for private borrowers.
- In SFY2026: 11 loans have been awarded to date totaling \$16.6 MM, all to municipal borrowers. A total of approximately \$95 MM is available for pending projects. The total pending loan amount shown in Table 3 is \$39 MM.

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- If all current pending loans proceed to award in SFY2026, the two-year total will be \$98.5 MM for 79 projects.

Discussion of Eligible Project Types

Act 185 of 2018 expanded eligibility of the CWSRF to a broader array than previously allowed for nonpoint source pollution control projects and to private entities. This expanded eligibility is captured under the term Clean Water Project, which is defined in state statute at 24 V.S.A. §4752(11) and is included below along with two other relevant statutory terms. These definitions provide the basis for making CWSRF project eligibility determinations.

"Clean water project" means water pollution abatement and control facilities, as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 1571, and such equipment, conveyances, structural or nonstructural facilities, and natural resources projects that are needed for and appurtenant to the prevention, management, treatment, storage, or disposal of stormwater, sewage, or waste, or that provide water quality benefits, including a wastewater treatment facility, combined sewer separation facilities, an indirect discharge system, a wastewater system, flood resiliency work related to a structural facility, or a groundwater protection project.

"Water pollution abatement and control facilities" means such equipment, conveyances, and structural or nonstructural facilities owned or operated by a municipality that are needed for and appurtenant to the prevention, management, treatment, storage, or disposal of stormwater, sewage, or waste, including a wastewater treatment facility, combined sewer separation facilities, an indirect discharge system, a wastewater system, flood resiliency work related to a structural facility, or a groundwater protection project.

"Natural resources project" means a project to protect, conserve, or restore natural resources, including the acquisition of easements and land, for the purpose of providing water quality benefits.

Summaries of Loan Awards and Eligible Project Types

Tables 1 through 5, as follows, summarize recent Vermont Clean Water SRF loan activity and eligible project types. The Vermont Clean Water SRF Program provides funding for planning, design and construction, referred to as Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3 loans, respectively. In the tables below, the loan step is indicated in the suffix of the Loan Number. For example, RF1-362-1.1, is a planning, or Step 1 loan: The "-1." Indicates it is a Step 1 Loan. The ".1" indicates the initial Step 1 loan was amended.

The following abbreviations are used in the Project Descriptions.

CSO - Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement

LTCP -Long Term Treatment Control Plan

NPS - Non-Point Source (soils-based wastewater systems)

PER – Preliminary Engineering Report

PS – Pump Station

SW - Stormwater

WWTF – Wastewater Treatment Facility

Table 1**Clean Water SRF Projects Funded During State Fiscal Year 2025**

Award Date	Loan Number	Loan Recipient	Project Description	Loan Amount
07/15/2024	RF1-212-3.0	Winooski, City of	Main Street Revitalization	950,000
07/26/2024	RF1-296-2.0	Burke, Town of	West Burke Community Wastewater System	125,000
08/07/2024	RF1-358-3.0	Fairlee, Town of	Lake Morey - ALUM Treatment Project	816,176
08/21/2024	RF1-362-1.1	Richmond, Town of	WWTF Evaluation and PER	76,700
08/22/2024	RF1-353-2.0	South Burlington, City of	Airport Pkwy WWTF Biosolids Project	124,100
08/26/2024	RF1-266-3.1	Woodstock, Town of	South Woodstock WWTF Upgrade	251,024
09/03/2024	RF1-271-2.0	Hartford, Town of	CSO LTCP	18,700
09/06/2024	RF1-326-2.0	Chester, Town of	Asset Management and I&I study	92,000
10/07/2024	RF1-256-1.1	Fairfax, Town of	Fairfax Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade	12,700
10/09/2024	RF1-364-1.0	Johnson, Village of	WWTF Relocation Study	56,200
10/10/2024	RF1-264-2.0	Shelburne, Town of	Consolidation of Wastewater Treatment Facilities	1,409,800
10/16/2024	RF1-298-1.0	Saint Johnsbury, Town of	WWTF Sludge Management	155,060
10/23/2024	RF1-376-1.0	Northfield, Town of	Route 12 Sewer Main	40,600
10/29/2024	RF1-254-1.1	Burlington, City of	Industrial Pollution Pretreatment Planning	15,738
10/30/2024	RF1-373-1.0	Sherburne Fire District No. 1	WWTF Refurbishment	49,500
11/06/2024	RF1-377-1.0	Chester, Town of	WWTF Refurbishment	85,000
11/07/2024	RF1-355-2.0	Morrisville, Village of	Jersey Heights Pump Station	72,000

11/12/2024	RF1-250-3.0	Swanton, Village of	Swanton Wastewater Treatment Facility	7,246,002
11/14/2024	RF1-375-1.0	Essex Junction, City of	River, Maple, and West Street PS Upgrade Study	12,900
11/18/2024	RF1-333-2.0	Rutland, City of	Meadow Street Sewer Separation	103,100
12/09/2024	RF1-374-1.0	Chelsea, Town of	WWTF Upgrade	39,000
12/10/2024	RF1-372-1.0	Springfield, Town of	Main St. Sewer Project	45,000
12/11/2024	RF1-240-3.0	Montpelier, City of	State St. CSO Project	398,185
12/11/2024	RF1-379-1.0	Montpelier, City of	Pump Station #4 Refurbishment	54,890
12/11/2024	RF1-380-1.0	Montpelier, City of	Pump Station 1 Refurbishment	49,510
12/12/2024	RF1-255-2.0	Vergennes, City of	WWTF Upgrade	510,000
12/13/2024	RF1-343-2.0	Town of Essex	Center Road Sewer Forcemain	99,700
01/13/2025	RF1-324-3.0	Saint Albans, City of	CSO Off-Line Storage	228,100
01/27/2025	RF1-382-2.0	Montgomery, Town of	Town of Montgomery Center Wastewater Infrastructure Project	200,000
01/30/2025	RF1-274-3.0	Bolton Valley Community Water and Sewer, LLC	BVCWS Wastewater System Upgrade	7,251,277
01/30/2025	RF1-283-2.0	Berlin, Town of	Hospital Hill Sewer Refurbishment	98,030
02/01/2025	RF1-243-3.1	Milton Mobile Home Cooperative	Milton MHP Infrastructure Project	250,000
02/04/2025	RF1-247-3.0	Burlington, City of	WWTPs Upgrades Project	14,484,780
02/11/2025	RF1-370-1.0	Barre, City of	Rate and Intermunicipal Agreement Study	151,600
02/11/2025	RF1-371-1.0	Barre, City of	Collection System Evaluation	216,500
02/28/2025	RF1-239-1.4	Pownal, Town of	Pownal Landfill Remediation	168,801
03/03/2025	RF1-383-1.0	Burlington, City of	Stormwater Outfalls Project - Group I	97,100
03/18/2025	RF1-329-1.0	Town of Shoreham	Wastewater Facility Improvements	78,920

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03/27/2025	RF1-325-2.0	Proctor, Town of	WWTF Upgrade Study	172,550
04/08/2025	RF1-356-2.0	Barre, City of	WWTF Headworks Refurbishment	339,300
04/08/2025	RF1-387-1.1	Richmond, Town of	Bridge St Pump Station and Force Main Upgrade	78,508
04/14/2025	RF1-215-3.2	Saint Johnsbury, Town of	Pleasant St Gilman Rd CSO Project	572,400
04/15/2025	RF1-366-2.0	West Rutland, Town of	WWTF Upgrade Project	61,100
04/17/2025	RF1-279-2.0	Burlington, City of	Pump Stations Phase II (Next 9 Pump Stations)	782,767
04/21/2025	RF1-386-1.0	Westfield, Town of	Community Wastewater Project	125,000
04/24/2025	RF1-226-3.0	Colchester, Town of	Malletts Bay Sewer Project	3,476,007
04/24/2025	RF1-347-2.0	Colchester, Town of	Malletts Bay Sewer Project Phase 2	474,600
04/30/2025	RF1-294-2.0	Vergennes, City of	Vergennes Collection System Improvements and Long Term Control Plan	183,000
04/30/2025	RF1-368-2.0	Vergennes, City of	MacDonough Drive PS Force Main Improvements	355,850
05/05/2025	RF1-311-2.0	Burlington, City of	Manhattan Dr. Stormwater Outfalls Rehabilitation	64,000
Total SFY2025 Awards				\$42,818,775

Table 2				
Clean Water SRF Projects Funded In State Fiscal Year 2026 To Date (Thru 12/11/2025)				
Award Date	Loan Number	Loan Recipient	Project Description	Loan Amount
7/09/2025	RF1-388-1.0	Wells River, Village of	I/I Study	50,973.00
7/15/2025	RF1-357-1.1	Barre, City of	WWTF Refurbishment Project	54,300.00
7/21/2025	RF1-384-1.0	Newport, City of	Gardner Park Siphon Upgrade	22,200.00
7/23/2025	RF1-322-2.0	Woodstock, Town of	Woodstock Main WWTF Upgrade	1,185,300.00

8/12/2025	RF1-385-1.0	Vergennes, City of	North Main and South Maple St Sewer Improvements	145,600.00
8/20/2025	RF1-381-3.2	Franklin, Town of	Lake Carmi Alum Treatment	2,185,693.00
8/26/2025	RF1-389-1.0	Bellows Falls Village Corporation	WWTF Upgrades	52,600.00
10/02/2025	RF1-390-2.0	Hinesburg, Town of	Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, Contract No. 4	42,800.00
10/13/2025	RF1-324-3.0	Saint Albans, City of	Houghton Park CSO Off-Line Storage	3,619,100.00
10/15/2025	RF1-393-1.0	Burlington, City of	Stormwater Outfall Projects Group 2	90,000.00
10/23/2025	RF1-353-3.0	South Burlington, City of	Airport Pkwy WWTF Biosolids Project	2,285,100.00
10/23/2025	RF1-394-1.0	Burlington, City of	Stormwater Outfall Projects Group 3	191,700.00
10/28/2025	RF1-392-1.0	Springfield, Town of	Cutler Drive Sewer Project	30,000.00
10/29/2025	RF1-391-3.0	Whitingham, Town of	WWTFs Upgrades Phase II	1,737,838.00
12/01/2025	RF1-334-2.0	Rutland, City of	Connor Park CSO Storage	240,200.00
12/03/2025	RF1-326-3.0	Chester, Town of	First Ave PS, Force Main and Gravity Sewer Replacement	2,788,800.00
12/03/2025	RF1-373-1.0	Sherburne Fire District #1	WWTF Refurbishment	63,000.00
12/08/2025	RF1-398-2.0	Berlin, Town of	Rte 302 (Main) Pump Station Upgrade	75,300.00
12/09/2025	RF1-255-2.1	Vergennes, City of	WWTF Upgrade	1,372,000.00
12/09/2025	RF1-368-2.2	Vergennes, City of	MacDonough Drive PS Force Main Improvements	378,700.00
Total SFY2026 Awards to Date				\$16,611,204

Table 3**Pending CWSRF Loans – State Fiscal Year 2026**

Award Date	Applicant	Project Description	Loan Amount
Pending	Barton, Village of	WWT Refurbishment	\$61,500
Pending	Brighton, Town of	WWTF Refurbishment	\$1,625,544
Pending	Burlington, City of	WWTF Upgrade Stage I	\$1,548,900
Pending	Burlington, City of	WWTF Upgrade Stage II	\$120,000
Pending	Chelsea, Town of	WWTF Upgrade	\$44,400
Pending	Colchester, Town of	Malletts Bay Sewer Phase II	\$11,500.000
Pending	Essex, Town of	Center Rd Force Main Upgrade	\$1,616,000
Pending	Franklin, Town of	Lake Carmi Alum Treatment	\$500,000
Pending	Jericho, Town of	Community Wastewater System	\$184,990
Pending	Ludlow, Village of	WWTF Relocation Study	\$62,600
Pending	Middlebury, Town of	South St. Phase V	\$498,200
Pending	Montpelier, City of	WWTF Capacity Evaluation	\$152,266
Pending	Morrisville, Village of	Jersey Heights Pump Station	\$1,728,000
Pending	Poultney, Town of	WWTF Upgrade	\$226,200
Pending	Poultney, Town of	Wastewater Interceptor	\$48,100

Pending	Proctor, Town of	WWTF Sludge Removal Project	\$1,363,347
Pending	South Burlington, City of	Bartlett Bay WWTF Upgrade	\$29,215,670
Pending	Springfield, Town of	Main St. Sewer Upgrade	\$84,100
Pending	St. Albans, City of	Federal St Utility Project	\$25,600
Total Pending Awards			\$39,116,917

Table 4 – Totals SFY2025 – SFY2026	
Total SFY2025 (Table 1)	\$42,818,775
Total SFY2026 to date (Table 2)	\$16,611,204
Total Pending Loans for Remaining of SFY2026 (Table 3)	\$39,116,917
Total Projected CWSRF Loan Awards SFY25-26	\$98,546,896

TABLE 5 VERMONT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN FUND – ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES	
Enlargement	- Increase in treatment plant hydraulic and/or organic capacity
Upgrade	- Improvements to wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) processes and units with or without capacity increase
Refurbishment	- Plant or sewer collection system renovation
Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement	- Storm sewer/sanitary sewer separation, storage and/or treatment to abate pollution
Sewer Extension	- Sewer system extension to abate existing pollution or to serve new areas
New Wastewater Treatment Facility	- Construction of new wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems
I/I Correction	- Improvements to reduce infiltration/inflow in the collection system
Stormwater Treatment	- Stormwater management facilities necessary to remedy or prevent pollution of surface water or groundwater
Individual and Cluster Type On-site Systems	- Construction of privately-owned on-site wastewater disposal/treatment systems with municipal design/construction oversight and long-term operating and maintenance agreement between owner and municipality (Note: Cluster systems are on-site systems serving more than one residence)
Natural Resources:	May include land conservation, wetland restoration, river corridor easements, unsafe dam removal, or other nonpoint source projects with a water quality benefit
Other Clean Water Projects:	Other eligible clean water projects may include energy or water conservation, contaminated sites, landfills, or other groundwater or surface water projects that would result in a water quality benefit