

Wyoming Water Development Commission



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Wyoming Water Development Commission's Philosophy

- ◆ Utilize a portion of the income the state receives from the development and use of its non-renewable resources, such as coal, oil, and gas, to develop and manage a renewable resource, water.
- ◆ Evaluate and select best alternatives for constructing new or rehabilitating existing infrastructure
- ◆ Ensure the delivery of water to Wyoming citizens in an economical and environmentally responsible manner.
- ◆ Preserve Wyoming's water entitlements and promote the use of the state's water resources.

Project Priorities



1. Multipurpose
2. Storage projects
3. Supply projects – develop source supply

4. Supply systems – bring water from the source to user
 - a) Municipal
 - b) Rural domestic



Project Priorities

5. HYDROPOWER
6. PURCHASE EXISTING STORAGE
7. RECREATION

8. **DWSRF**

By enacting W.S. 16-1-302, the Legislature authorized the use of water development account funds to provide 50% of the state's matching fund requirements for the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) program. The DWSRF program may be used to fund improvements to water treatment systems and to finance measures that address other Safe Drinking Water Act compliance issues. This program is not included in the annual Omnibus Water Bill considered by the Legislature. Water Development Program funds are appropriated automatically by statute to match 10% of the federal capitalization grant.

Financial Resources

Wyoming statutes provide a severance tax distribution account of \$155m per year



Water Development Account No. 1

- 💧 Receives 12.45% Of Severance Tax Distribution Account
- 💧 Funds New Development Projects Budget
- 💧 Accrues Interest On Unspent Balance
- 💧 Receives Revenues From Project Loans
- 💧 Estimated Annual Revenues = \$27.3m

Water Development Account No. II

- 💧 Receives 2.1% Of Severance Tax Distribution Account
- 💧 Funds Rehabilitation Projects, SWPP
- 💧 Accrues Interest On Unspent Balance
- 💧 Receives Revenues From Project Loans
- 💧 Estimated Annual Revenues = \$6.1m

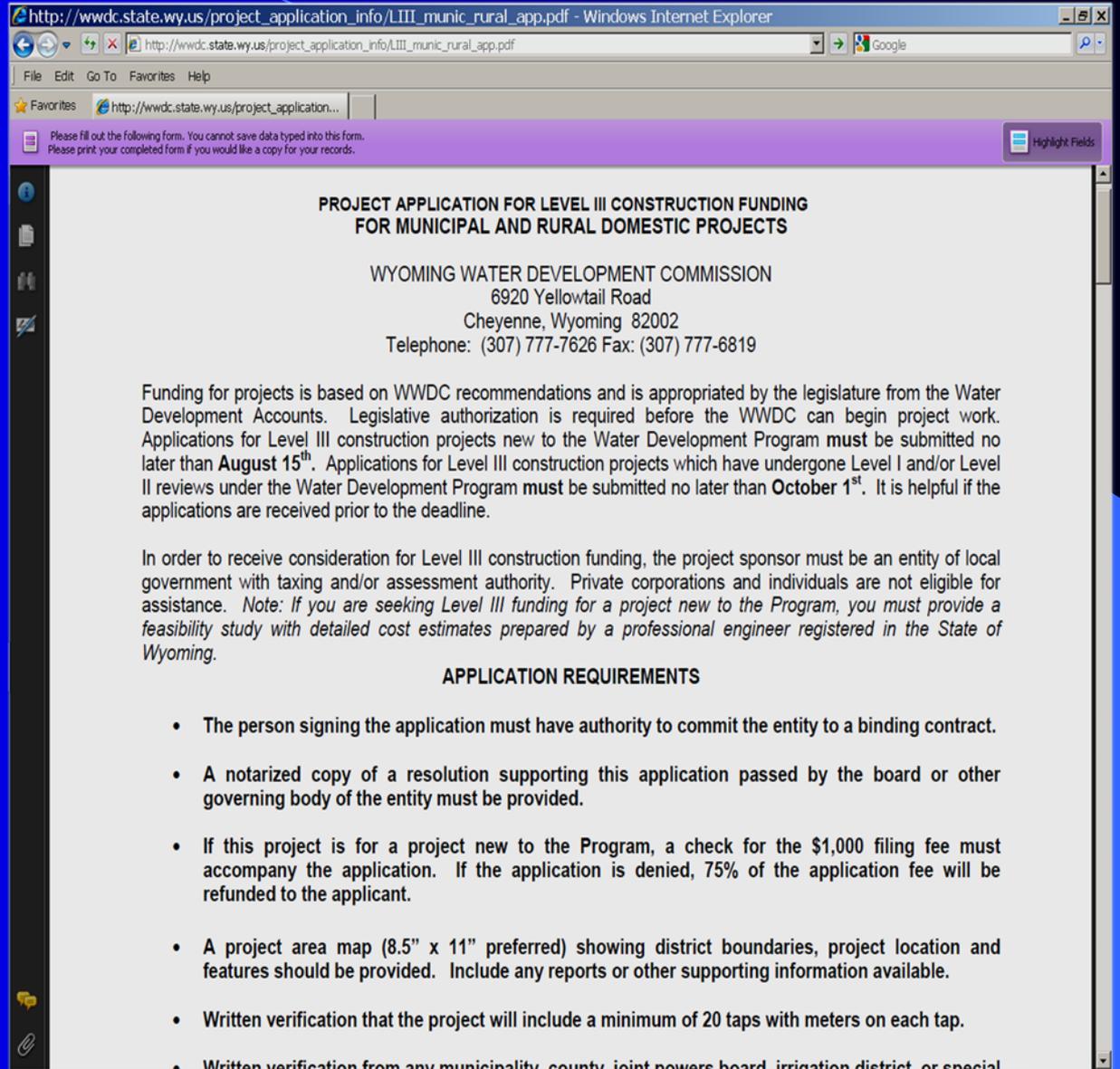
Water Development Account No. III

- 💧 Receives 0.5 % Of Severance Tax Distribution Account
- 💧 Funds Dam And Reservoir Projects
- 💧 Accrues Interest On Unspent Balance
- 💧 Receives Revenues From Project Loans
- 💧 Estimated Annual Revenues = \$3m

Project Funding Process

💧 August 15 -
New projects
applications

💧 October 1 -
Continuing
projects
applications



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying http://wwdc.state.wy.us/project_application_info/LIII_munic_rural_app.pdf. The page content is as follows:

**PROJECT APPLICATION FOR LEVEL III CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
FOR MUNICIPAL AND RURAL DOMESTIC PROJECTS**

WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
6920 Yellowtail Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002
Telephone: (307) 777-7626 Fax: (307) 777-6819

Funding for projects is based on WWDC recommendations and is appropriated by the legislature from the Water Development Accounts. Legislative authorization is required before the WWDC can begin project work. Applications for Level III construction projects new to the Water Development Program **must** be submitted no later than **August 15th**. Applications for Level III construction projects which have undergone Level I and/or Level II reviews under the Water Development Program **must** be submitted no later than **October 1st**. It is helpful if the applications are received prior to the deadline.

In order to receive consideration for Level III construction funding, the project sponsor must be an entity of local government with taxing and/or assessment authority. Private corporations and individuals are not eligible for assistance. *Note: If you are seeking Level III funding for a project new to the Program, you must provide a feasibility study with detailed cost estimates prepared by a professional engineer registered in the State of Wyoming.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The person signing the application must have authority to commit the entity to a binding contract.
- A notarized copy of a resolution supporting this application passed by the board or other governing body of the entity must be provided.
- If this project is for a project new to the Program, a check for the \$1,000 filing fee must accompany the application. If the application is denied, 75% of the application fee will be refunded to the applicant.
- A project area map (8.5" x 11" preferred) showing district boundaries, project location and features should be provided. Include any reports or other supporting information available.
- Written verification that the project will include a minimum of 20 taps with meters on each tap.
- Written verification from any municipality, county, joint powers board, irrigation district, or special

Project Funding Process

- 🔹 November – WWDC approves preliminary recommendations with input from SWC
- 🔹 November - Governor reviews and comments on recommendations
- 🔹 December - Public hearings for proposed construction projects



Project Funding Process

- 💧 December/January
 - 💧 WWDC develops final funding recommendations
 - 💧 SWC reviews and approves omnibus water bills
- 💧 Wyoming legislature approves project funding
- 💧 Governor signs



Project Progression

- ◆ Level I - Planning And Project Reconnaissance Studies
- ◆ Level II - Feasibility Studies
- ◆ Level III - Design, Permitting, Construction
 - Sponsor



Project Sponsors



- 💧 Irrigation Districts
- 💧 Joint Powers Boards
- 💧 Watershed Improvement Districts
- 💧 Conservation Districts
- 💧 Municipalities
- 💧 Tribes
- 💧 Water Conservancy Districts
- 💧 Water & Sewer Districts

WWDC Planning

- ◆ **Water master plans municipalities** and irrigation districts
- ◆ **Groundwater grants**
 - **Purpose - exploration for and feasibility studies of the use of underground water**
 - **Maximum financial participation of program is \$400,000 per project**
 - **Sponsors must provide 25% of project costs**
- ◆ Watershed studies
- ◆ Instream flow feasibility studies
- ◆ Water related research - UW office of water programs
- ◆ Water resources data system - university of wyoming

Level I & II Project Funding

- 💧 WWDC funds 100%
- 💧 Office staff develops budget and scope of work
- 💧 Sponsor participation
- 💧 Eligible Cost Components
- 💧 New Approach

Level III Project Funding

- ◆ **Eligible cost components**
- ◆ 67% grant for the design, permitting, land acquisition, and construction
- ◆ 33% sponsor responsibility
 - WWDC loan 4% max term 50 years
 - SLIB, RUS, DWSRF, county, etc.
- ◆ Ineligible costs sponsor responsibility
- ◆ Sponsors must provide the financial resources to operate and maintain the project

Questions

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