

State Water Infrastructure Authority and the Division of Water Infrastructure

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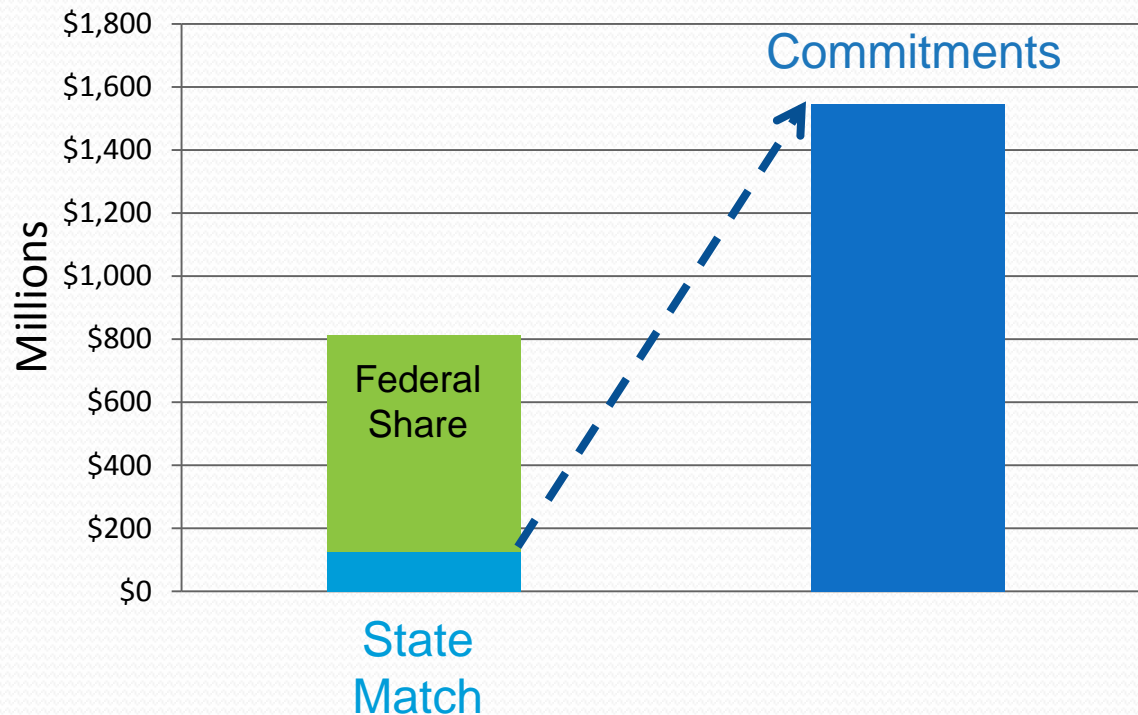
Session Law 2013-360 (Budget)

- Amended Chapter 159G (Water Infrastructure Fund)
- Consolidated water infrastructure funding
 - SRFs (Drinking Water and Clean Water)
 - CDBG-Infrastructure
 - State Programs
- Created Division of Water Infrastructure
- Created State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA)

State Revolving Fund Programs

- Low-interest loans
- Drinking Water (\$70* million / year)
- Clean Water (\$80 million / year)
- Benefits
 - Stable source of funding
 - ½ market rate or 0% loans
 - No interest during construction
 - Principal forgiveness

CWSRF Capitalization and Match



\$123 million in state match resulted in \$1.5 billion in commitments over the life of CWSRF in NC

CDBG-Infrastructure

- Low – moderate income areas
- Non-entitlement communities
 - Excludes 23 larger cities / towns
 - Excludes 3 urban counties
- Water and sewer infrastructure
 - Approximately \$25 million in grants

State Programs

- State grants (SL 2013-360)
 - water and wastewater projects
 - SFY 2013 - \$3.5 million
 - SFY 2014 - \$5 million
- Eligibilities
 - Tier 1 and 2 counties
 - High Unit Cost threshold (rates/MHI)
- State revolving loans (wastewater only)
 - \$3 million / year

Implementing the Legislation

- Integrate/synchronize funding programs
 - Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - CDBG – Infrastructure Program
 - State Reserves
- Outreach
- Begin SWIA activities

SWIA Activities

- SWIA information gathering
 - Funding program information
 - Utility management
 - Infrastructure needs
 - Public Private Partnerships
- SWIA actions
 - Approved \$140 million in SRF project funding
 - Approved priorities for all funding programs

Looking Ahead

- Funding awards in May
 - CWSRF loans
 - CDBG-I grants
 - State grants
- Funding awards in July
 - CDBG-I grants
- Continue to evaluate funding process



Questions

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wi/home>

Division of Water Infrastructure

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