



## NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER & GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND



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Arik Jones  
Rye Water District  
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Sent by electronic mail 11/22/23

Dear Mr. Nourse,  
On November 20, 2023, the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater (DWGTF) Advisory Commission reviewed the applications and Subcommittee recommendations for the Construction Project Assistance Annual Round. This was a competitive funding round; the DWGTF received 29 applications and 12 projects were approved for funding.

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the Advisory Commission authorized to award a total of \$4,950,000 in loan to the Rye Water District for the *Central Water Treatment Plant Project*.

#### **Funds Approved by the DWGTF Advisory Commission**

**Grant Award: \$0**

**Loan: \$4,950,000**

The next step to obtain your funding is to get the authority to accept the funds from the water system's governing body and submit a [Drinking Water Infrastructure Project: Final Application](#). **Applications are due by May 1, 2023.** The Rye Water District will enter into a funding agreement with the State, which must be approved by the Governor and Executive Council (G&C). **Construction may not start without G&C approval and completion of the required Environmental Review.** However, eligible non-construction costs may be reimbursed following G&C approval.

Please note that because the ratio of loan to grant request was considered during the evaluation of the project, this funding award is final in its form, and any changes to the loan amount require Advisory Commission approval. The Advisory Commission reserves the right to revisit funding decisions if there are circumstances that jeopardize the successful completion of the project or its ability to meet the mission established in RSA Ch. 485-F, for example if the funding has not received Governor and Council approval within one year of the award offer; there is a change in project scope, water system ownership, or new information on the water system is provided that would affect its eligibility; or other reasons the Advisory Commission determines appropriate to meeting the mission of RSA Ch. 485-F.

NHDES staff can host an informational meeting for your team to provide an overview of the process. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-271-8321 or at [cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov](mailto:cheryl.a.bondi@des.nh.gov).

Sincerely,

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