



Funding Program Overview

TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION

- Funds all phases of a project; most common application option
- Nearly any drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, or non-point source project by a public or private entity is eligible
- Project must be “shovel ready” with all design work complete and environmental-related permits issued and in-hand to apply

- PENNVEST funding limits for most projects based upon the municipalities served, whether direct billed and/or served as a bulk customer: \$11 million per project for a single municipality, \$20 million per project for two to three municipalities, no limit for four or more municipalities
- Stormwater-specific projects have a special cap of \$1,000 per resident in municipalities served, or \$10 million total, whichever is less
- Uniform financial capacity analysis used by PENNVEST to determine the funding package; where affordability criteria is exceeded, a reduced interest rate, grant funding, and/or loan term extension may be provided

ADVANCE FUNDING

- Funds design and engineering, feasibility studies, etc. to become “shovel ready” for a future PENNVEST traditional construction funding application; Act 537 sewage planning costs ineligible
- Open to all drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and non-point source projects; system eligibility restrictions apply

- Limited to (1) brand-new systems, (2) new or existing systems in PA DEP-defined “environmental justice” area, and/or (3) new or existing systems with insufficient finances that cannot receive an interim loan elsewhere
- Up to \$2 million in phase-specific funding, typically all loan; systems with 250 households or less may be eligible for grant funding if available
- Interest-only payments for 59 months; balloon payment due at month 60
- If system applies for PENNVEST construction funding and completes settlement before the 60th month, balloon payment is waived and advance funding term is extended to match the construction loan term

SMALL PROJECT INITIATIVE

- Expedited loan application accepted year-round; fast approvals for smaller communities or systems with state funding guaranteed

- System must serve population of 12,000 or less and have 1,000 hookups or less; some agricultural operations are also eligible
- Maximum PENNVEST funding \$500,000 and total project cost cannot exceed \$1 million including contingency; loan only, no grant
- May apply with matching funds or apply to PENNVEST for the full amount

HOMEOWNER SEWAGE

- Loans for homeowners to repair or replace existing septic systems or public sewer laterals, or support new tie-ins to public sewers

- Administered by PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) via partner lenders
- Available to homeowners with primary owner-occupied dwellings nearly anywhere in the Commonwealth; no income limits apply
- Loans up to \$25,000 with interest rate as low as 1.75%
- Call (855) 827-3466 or [go to the PENNVEST website for a lender list](#)

WHO CAN APPLY

- Municipalities
- School Districts
- Counties
- Municipal Authorities
- Utility Companies
- Most Private Entities

PROJECTS WE FUND

- Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment
- Drinking Water Transmission, Distribution, and Source Development/Rehabilitation
- Lead Service Line Replacements
- Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
- New Systems and System Consolidations
- Existing System Expansions or Upgrades
- Security and Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Stormwater Collection and Conveyance
- Agricultural Best Management Practices
- Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Systems
- Brownfield Remediation
- Green Infrastructure

ELIGIBLE COSTS

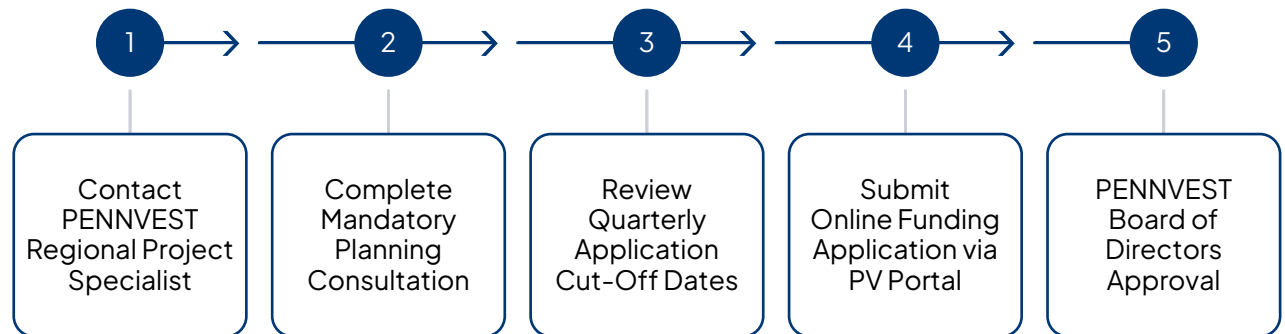
Nearly all costs associated with a project are eligible for PENNVEST with **no matching funds or tap fees required** including engineering, permits, administrative, construction, and legal fees.

Act 537 sewage facilities planning costs and certain other limited exceptions may apply.

INTEREST RATES

Current rates vary between 1% and 2.179%, depending on county, [and can be viewed online](#).

HOW TO APPLY



PENNVEST accepts applications for the [Traditional Construction](#) and [Advance Funding](#) programs based on a [quarterly cut-off schedule](#). [Small Project Initiative](#) submissions use the same application system but are accepted and approved by PENNVEST year-round.



To begin the application process, [contact your PENNVEST regional project specialist](#) to discuss your project and schedule a mandatory planning consultation. Systems seeking to apply to PENNVEST should ideally hold their consultation at least three to nine months before their anticipated cut-off date.

Homeowner Sewage applications are accepted at any time directly from interested homeowners [through partner banks and credit unions](#) approved by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). Submit applications directly to an approved PHFA lender; no planning consultation is required.

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