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TARGET FUNDING DATES IN SFY2027

Water Bank Short-Term Loan Program: In recent years, the Water Bank has experienced a surge of short-term loan closings at State fiscal year-end (46 loans closed during the last week of June 2026), placing considerable pressure on project sponsors, Water Bank staff and bond counsel. To ensure a more orderly process, reduce the potential for errors and allow adequate time for project review and approvals, the Water Bank is establishing recommended submission dates to increase applicants' probability for receiving financing in SFY2027.

Early Loan Closing and Principal Forgiveness

Projects seeking SFY2027 financing are advised to meet the dates below. Principal Forgiveness (PF) is committed based on project ranking, readiness and funding availability once a project sponsor has executed a Water Bank loan agreement **and** received certification of applicable construction contracts. Project sponsors are encouraged to close their short-term loans as early as possible to improve the likelihood that they receive available PF.

It is strongly recommended that applicants meet the activity dates below to optimize the chances of receiving funding in SFY2027:

- **December 31, 2026:** Submit Steps 3 and 4 in H_2LOans.
- **March 15, 2027: (i)** Receive Authorization-to-Advertise from the DEP, and **(ii)** submit all required loan-closing documents in H_2LOans, including the Financial Addendum Form (FAF), DLGS approval request, and adopted resolutions.
- **May 1, 2027:** Submit the Intent-to-Award package.
- **June 1, 2027**: Submit the Intent-to-Award package *(n.b., Only project sponsors that have already closed a short-term loan covering the anticipated cost of the construction contract – i.e., an operable segment loan).*



Closing on or before these dates does *not* guarantee allocation of PF. It *does* ensure time for project review and comments, credit and DLGS review, construction contract procurement, and loan closing. Once PF is exhausted in a funding category, financing for projects in that category will receive the applicable funding splits described in the SFY2027 Intended Use Plan.

Depending on available Program resources and the number of higher-ranked projects being reviewed, projects that miss the recommended target dates are at increased risk of being deferred to the SFY2028 financing program.

Schedule Your Loan Closing

Contact the I-Bank Program Manager for Water, **John Notte at (609) 219-8617** now to coordinate your short-term note closing process. Closing early will help position your project for available funding and avoid potential year-end processing delays, or deferral to SFY2028.

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