The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

PROSPECTIVE BORROWER: Baltimore City Department of Public Works
LOCATION: Baltimore, Maryland
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: $573 million
REQUESTED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: $200 million
POPULATION SERVED BY SYSTEM: 1.8 million people
PROJECT TYPE: Wastewater treatment plant, public water system, and stormwater management

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The City of Baltimore will complete a set of projects to repair, rehabilitate, replace, and upgrade its wastewater collection and treatment, water treatment and distribution, and stormwater management systems. These projects will help improve the city’s sanitary sewer collection system; ensure the reliability and performance of the drinking water and wastewater systems; and improve stormwater management to meet Clean Water Act permit requirements.

FY 2017 SELECTION ROUND

NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED: 12
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT: $2.3 billion to public and private entities
TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED: $5.1 billion
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED: 20 million in 9 states

Selected projects must submit an application for a WIFIA loan, pass a creditworthiness assessment, negotiate a mutually agreeable term sheet, and execute a credit agreement to receive WIFIA funding. An invitation to apply indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain WIFIA loans.