

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 384 [2009 Senate Bill 664]

Financial Assistance Under the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Act 384 temporarily authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Administration to use Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Act funding to provide an increased subsidy to municipalities (city, village, town, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, metropolitan sewage district, federally recognized American Indian tribe or band) that receive financial assistance from the Clean Water Fund program or local governmental units (city, village, town, county, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, municipal water district) that receive financial assistance from the Safe Drinking Water Loan program. The Act requires that this additional subsidy be provided in the form of forgiveness of part of the principal of a loan made to a municipality or local governmental unit under these programs. The funding must be allocated under both programs before December 31, 2011.

Act 384 specifies that, in selecting the project to receive this financial assistance under either program, the DNR may consider the population of the municipality or local governmental unit in which the project would be located, the median household income of the municipality or local governmental unit in which the project would be located, and the extent to which a project promotes water or energy efficiency, is environmentally innovative, or uses green infrastructure.

Effective date: Act 384 takes effect on June 2, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.