

# Quick Match Guide



## SPRINGS AND ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**WHAT is match?** A project's "match" is intended to reflect how state funding has leveraged local project sponsors and other resources. Applicants are typically required to provide a match equivalent to 100 percent of state funding. There are four types of match:

- a. Cash: A locally secured appropriation or line item fund. Examples include:
  - a. Capital improvement budgets.
  - b. Municipal bonds or other special local appropriations.
  - c. Separately secured grants, e.g., RESTORE funds.
  - d. Legislative appropriations.
  - e. Third party cash contributions.
  - f. Federal and non-DEP state funding.
- b. In-Kind: Human resources time spent in planning, implementation, supervision, and completion activities directly related to the project. In-kind match is subject to review and approval by the District and by DEP.
- c. Companion Projects: The cost of an associated or linked project. Examples include:
  - a. A wastewater treatment plant upgrade required to operationalize a proposed septic to sewer project.
  - b. Costs associated with prior phases of a project **not** funded by DEP.
  - c. The cost of project design, engineering, and permitting incurred.
  - d. Connection fees applied to the project.
  - e. Cost of land acquisition if necessary for project completion, e.g., land purchase needed for a new lift station that cannot be accommodated on the current site (provide demonstration of need) and required to complete the project.
- d. Other: For example, the value of a prior land acquisition needed for and related to the project. Provide copies of closing documents with sales price or market valuation.

Examples above are for **required** match. Additional matching resources above and beyond the minimum requirements are encouraged and will be considered in project evaluations.

**What about the Water Protection and Sustainability Program (WPSP) Trust Fund?** In addition to typical match funding requirements, if WPSP trust funds are used for a construction project, the WPSP funds cannot exceed 40 percent of the total construction costs.

**Funding Needs.** Economically distressed and financially disadvantaged communities (i.e. [REDI](#)) are encouraged to leverage local commitments, project sponsors, and in-kind efforts; and may request a reduction or waiver of match requirements in the application.

**For More Information:** <https://www.nwfwater.com/Water-Resources/Funding-Programs>.