

# **ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION**

## **MISSION**

The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is a public benefit corporation whose mission is to promote environmental quality by providing low cost financing and technical assistance to municipalities, businesses and State agencies for environmental and public health projects in New York State.

The Environmental Facilities Corporation's largest program is the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This program, administered jointly with the Department of Environmental Conservation, provides reduced interest rate financing to municipalities for infrastructure projects that control water pollution. EFC, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health, also administers the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which provides reduced interest rate financing and grants to community and private water systems for safe drinking water projects. A Federal grant and corresponding State match provide funding for these programs. The Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act provides a State match for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Administration of these programs is also supported with a portion of the Federal Capitalization Grant and fees charged on financings.

The Environmental Facilities Corporation also administers other funding programs including the Financial Assistance to Business, Industrial Finance, Pipeline for Jobs, Beginning Farmer, and the Clean Vessel Assistance Program (in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation). It also provides technical assistance through its New York City Watershed Programs and Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.

## **ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING**

A seven-member Board of Directors governs the Corporation. Ex-Officio board members include the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, who serves as the Board Chair, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, and the Secretary of State. The four remaining board members serve six-year terms and require nomination by the Governor and confirmation by the State Senate. The Board of Directors appoints the Corporation President and Corporate Officers.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Executive Budget recommends more than **\$14 million** for the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). This is a decrease of just over **\$4 million** from the 2007-08 budget resulting from a one-time deficiency appropriation for the Environmental Farm and Resource Management (EFARM) program. In addition, State funds are included in the Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health's capital budgets for the required match to Federal funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs.

The Environmental Facilities Corporation will have a 2008-09 **workforce of 100**, an increase of eight from 2007-08 levels, while also continuing to support approximately \$1.5 million in staffing at the Department of Environmental Conservation who are assigned administratively to the Corporation.

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Corporate operations are funded by:

- Financing fees and annual fees charged to recipients that receive Revolving Fund loans and a portion of State and Federal grants made for the Clean Water and Drinking Water programs; and
- User fees paid by businesses, municipalities, and industrial clients for the Corporation's technical and financial services.

### ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

The Environmental Facilities Corporation currently administers seven major programs: the two State Revolving Funds, the Industrial Finance Program, Technical Advisory Services, the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act's business environmental compliance assistance programs, the Pipeline for Jobs Program and New York Beginning Farmer Loan Program.

#### ***CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM***

This program was established in 1989 to help municipalities comply with the Federal Clean Water Act by providing low-interest rate financings to build or upgrade water pollution control facilities. Since 1989, the program has received Federal and State appropriations totaling \$2.8 billion and \$558 million, respectively. The State Revolving Fund has made financings totaling \$13 billion to 477 recipients across the State. Interest rates range from as low as zero percent to no more than two-thirds of the market rate. These low-interest rate financings substantially reduce the cost of water pollution control projects for borrowers, making environmental compliance and protection more attainable.

In July 2007, the Governor signed legislation creating a Water Pollution Control Linked Deposit Program (LDP) that requires EFC to invest CWSRF monies with participating lending institutions for agricultural non-point source projects and for residential and small business on-site wastewater treatment system projects. The legislation is limited to \$10 million per intended use plan period and is effective January 14, 2008.

#### ***DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM***

In 1996, Congress enacted Federal legislation authorizing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program. This program, modeled after the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, provides reduced interest rate financings to community and private water systems to finance safe drinking water projects. In cases of financial hardship, funds are also available from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act to make grants for the construction of drinking water facilities. The Drinking Water Program has made loans and grants totaling \$2.0 billion to 315 recipients across the State. Federal funding provided for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund requires a 20 percent State match. Since 1996, the program has received Federal and State appropriations totaling \$540 million and \$265 million, respectively. The State's share of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is provided from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

### ***INDUSTRIAL FINANCE PROGRAM***

Since 1976, the Industrial Finance Program has provided more than \$2.2 billion in low-interest rate loans to businesses and State agencies for environmental improvement projects. Projects eligible for loans include solid waste management facilities, hazardous waste management facilities, and water supply and wastewater management facilities. Loans under the program are financed from the proceeds of special obligation revenue bonds issued by the Corporation.

### ***TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES***

The Technical Advisory Services Program advises businesses, industrial clients, State agencies, and municipalities on pollution prevention, waste management, and compliance with environmental laws and regulations. The Corporation also provides fund management and loan and grant servicing to its clients. The Environmental Facilities Corporation addresses such issues as air pollution control and compliance, multi-media waste management, inactive hazardous waste site remediation, water and wastewater management, and solid waste management and landfill closure. This program is funded by fees paid by Corporation clients who contract for these services.

### ***FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS***

The 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act provides \$60 million to assist businesses in achieving compliance with environmental laws and regulations pertaining to air and water quality. The air and water quality programs are funded at \$30 million each and are used to assist businesses in targeted sectors to achieve environmental compliance including procurement of new capital equipment. The Corporation works with village, town, and city governments to identify businesses in need of assistance.

### ***PIPELINE FOR JOBS***

The Pipeline for Jobs Program was created in 1999 to provide low-cost loans and financial assistance to municipalities, public utilities, public benefit corporations, and businesses. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support water supply and cold water supply improvement projects which provide an economic development benefit to the State. The recommendation for this program includes \$5 million in reappropriations.

### ***NEW YORK BEGINNING FARMER LOAN PROGRAM***

The New York Beginning Farmer Loan Program provides low interest loans of up to \$250,000 to individuals for the purchase of agricultural property and equipment. The purpose of this program is to attract and support New York's next generation of farmers.

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## ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2007-08	Appropriations Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09
State Operations	13,552,000	13,828,000	276,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	4,743,000	343,000	(4,400,000)	5,686,000
Total	18,295,000	14,171,000	(4,124,000)	5,686,000

## ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	FTE Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	88	98	10
Clean Water/Clean Air Administration Program			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	4	2	(2)
Total	92	100	8

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,552,000	13,828,000	276,000
Total	13,552,000	13,828,000	276,000

## STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,552,000	13,828,000	276,000
Total	13,552,000	13,828,000	276,000

## STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2008-09 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	13,828,000	276,000	8,276,000	118,000
Total	13,828,000	276,000	8,276,000	118,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	5,552,000	158,000
Total	5,552,000	158,000

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<u>Comprehensive Construction Program</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations 2008-09</u>
Air Resources				
Capital Projects Fund	4,400,000	0	(4,400,000)	0
Pipeline for Jobs Program				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	0	0	0	5,000,000
Clean Water - Clean Air Implementation				
Clean Water Clean Air Implementation Fund	343,000	343,000	0	686,000
Total	<u>4,743,000</u>	<u>343,000</u>	<u>(4,400,000)</u>	<u>5,686,000</u>
Adjustments:				
Recommended Deficiency				
Air Resources	(4,400,000)			
Appropriated 2007-08	<u>343,000</u>			