

July 22, 2026

Amendment to the proposed US Environment Protection Agency Funded Project Priority List (PPL)

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) invite the public to review and comment on DC Water's proposed use of federal funds for; Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 PPL and add a new project.

The funding for the proposed projects provided under the authority of the Clean Water Construction Grant Act established in 1990 to fund the design and construction of projects that promote water quality improvements. This amendment is to add two critical and necessary new projects to the existing FY 2026 PPL that identifies and ranks projects eligible to receive federal funds based upon their contribution to protecting public health and to improving compliance with clean water regulations.

The amendment to FY 2026 PPL is based on DC Water's executive decision to potentially perform a comprehensive overhaul of the Central Operations Facility Building instead of just the electrical upgrades. The Filter Underdrains and Backwash Systems Upgrades (FUBS) and Headworks Electrical Upgrades (HWEU) projects are located at DC Water's Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. The FUBS project will address the need to replace current underdrains and supporting systems at the Filtration and Disinfection Facility (FADF) that performs critical treatment processes of filtering and disinfecting wastewater, removing solids and nutrients to stay in compliance with regulatory limits. While the HWEU project will address the critical need to improve portions of the electrical systems and equipment contained in the screening and grit facility.

DC Water is inviting public comments on the draft documents during a 30-day public comment period running from July 23, 2026, through August 22, 2026. If significant concerns are identified during the comment period, DC Water will convene a formal public hearing to review and address the feedback received. Submit comments to Mr. Tika Acharya by August 22, 2026, via email at Tika.Acharya@dcwater.com or in writing to:

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As part of the public review process, DC Water is providing the amended PPL document for public review and comment.

PPL#5: Clean Water State Revolving Fund FY 2026 to amend and add two new projects.