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## OREGON WATER & WASTEWATER FUNDING AND RESOURCE GUIDE



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# Oregon Water & Wastewater Funding and Resource Guide

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**Background and Purpose** Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), a private nonprofit organization serving 13 states in the West and the Pacific islands, provides training, technical and financial resources and advocacy so rural communities can achieve their goals and visions. RCAC works with funding and regulatory agencies and partners to address utility compliance issues for lower income rural communities.

The RCAC Oregon Water Wastewater Funding and Resource Guide is an easy to use document that identifies water and wastewater funding programs, agencies and organizational resources. RCAC hopes that this guide will be used as a tool to help you move forward with water and wastewater infrastructure projects in your community.

**Scope** The guide provides information on primary agency funding programs that support planning, predevelopment and construction of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects. It also includes information on resources available to help communities complete drinking water and wastewater projects, address regulatory compliance, protect drinking water, improve water quality and local public health. Additional resources may be available. Please contact RCAC to suggest a resource to include in this guide.

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- Agencies serving water/wastewater needs for small Oregon communities
- Funding programs for water and wastewater projects

**Key Project Stages**

- Planning
- Predevelopment
- Engineering and Design
- Construction

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For more information on RCAC, visit: [www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org)



## Agencies Serving Water/Wastewater Needs of Small Oregon Communities

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| <p><b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b><br/> EPA Region 10 Oregon Operations Office<br/> 805 SW Broadway, Suite 500<br/> Portland, OR 97205<br/> Joel Salter Oregon Water Programs Coordinator<br/> Phone: (503) 326-2653<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:Salter.Joel@epa.gov">Salter.Joel@epa.gov</a></p> <p><b>Drinking Water SRF Site:</b><br/> <a href="http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/Drinking+Water/State+Revolving+Fund">http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/Drinking+Water/State+Revolving+Fund</a></p> <p><b>Clean Water SRF Site:</b><br/> <a href="http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/ecocomm.nsf/state+revolving+fund/cwsrf">http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/ecocomm.nsf/state+revolving+fund/cwsrf</a></p>  | <p><b>U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD)</b><br/> 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 1801<br/> Portland, OR 97204<br/> Sam Goldstein, Community Programs Director<br/> Phone: (503) 414-3362<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:Sam.goldstein@or.usda.gov">Sam.goldstein@or.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or</a></p> |
| <p><b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b><br/> Portland Area Indian Health Service<br/> 1414 NW Northrup Street, Suite 800<br/> Portland, OR 97209<br/> Phone: (503) 414-5555<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.ihs.gov">www.ihs.gov</a></p>   | <p><b>U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)</b><br/> 121 SW Salmon Street, Suite 244<br/> Portland, OR 97204<br/> David Porter, Economic Development Representative<br/> Phone: (503) 326-3078<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:dporter@eda.doc.gov">dporter@eda.doc.gov</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</b><br/> Drinking Water Services<br/> PO Box 14450<br/> Portland, OR 97293-0450<br/> Phone: (971) 673-0422<br/> Website: <a href="http://healthoregon.org/dwp">http://healthoregon.org/dwp</a></p> <p>Dave Leland, Program Manager, (971) 673-0415</p> <p>Adam DeSemples, Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, (971) 673-0422</p> <p>Tony Fields, Planning Protection &amp; Certification Manager, (971) 673-2269</p> <p>Debra Lambeth, Environmental Review Coordinator, (971) 673-0414</p> <p>Tom Pattee, Groundwater Protection, (541) 726-2587 x 24</p> <p>Kari Salis, Technical Services Region 1, (971) 673-0423</p> <p>Casey Lyon, Technical Services Region 2, (541) 726-2587 x 31</p> <p>Julie Wray, Plan Review, (971) 673-0408</p> | <p><b>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD)</b><br/> Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA)<br/> 775 Summer St. NE, Suite 200<br/> Salem, OR 97301-1280<br/> Phone: (503) 986-0123<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:infrastructure.info@state.or.us">infrastructure.info@state.or.us</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a></p>  |

# Agencies Serving Water/Wastewater Needs of Small Oregon Communities

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### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

811 SW Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204-1390

*After October at:*

700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite #600  
Portland, OR 97232

### Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Phone: (503) 229-LOAN

Email: [CWSRFinfo@deq.state.or.us](mailto:CWSRFinfo@deq.state.or.us)

Website: [www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/loans.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/loans.htm)

### Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

1020 S.W. Taylor Street Suite 450  
Portland, OR 97205

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RosAnna Noval, Rural Development Specialist  
(503) 308-0207 [moval@rcac.org](mailto:moval@rcac.org)

Website: [www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org)

## Additional Resources for Water and Wastewater Needs

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| <p><b>Association of Oregon Counties</b><br/>         1201 Court St NE Suite 300<br/>         Salem, OR 97301<br/>         Laura Cleland</p> <p>Phone: (503) 585-8351<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.aocweb.org">www.aocweb.org</a></p>       | <p><b>League of Oregon Cities</b><br/>         1201 Court St. NE, Suite 200<br/>         Salem, OR 97301<br/>         Susan Muir</p> <p>Phone: (503) 588-6550<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.orcities.org">www.orcities.org</a></p> |
| <p><b>Special Districts Association of Oregon</b><br/>         PO Box 12613<br/>         Salem, OR 97309</p> <p>Phone: (503) 371-8667<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.sdao.com">www.sdao.com</a></p> <p>Luann Richey, (503) 371-8667 x 113</p> | <p><b>Oregon Water Resources Department</b><br/>         725 Summer Street NE, Suite A<br/>         Salem, OR 97301</p> <p>Phone: (503) 986-0900<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/owrd">www.oregon.gov/owrd</a></p>        |
| <p><b>Oregon Association of Water Utilities</b><br/>         935 N Main Street<br/>         Independence, Oregon 97351</p> <p>Phone: (503) 837-1212<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.oawu.net">www.oawu.net</a></p>                             | <p><b>Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board</b><br/>         775 Summer St. NE Suite 360<br/>         Salem, OR 97301</p> <p>Phone: (503) 986-0178<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB">www.oregon.gov/OWEB</a></p>         |

### Federal Regulatory Information:

*Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA):* [www.epa.gov/safewater/sdwa](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sdwa)

*Clean Water Act (CWA):* <http://www.epa.gov/oecaagct/lcwa.html>

*National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES):* [http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/cwa.cfm?program\\_id=45](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/cwa.cfm?program_id=45)

## FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN OREGON

### Planning and Predevelopment

| Program  | Eligible Projects   | Eligible Applicants  | Funding Available   | How To Apply  |
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| <b>OBDD Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA)</b><br><br><b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>              | Preliminary engineering and planning – water master plans, wastewater facilities plans, water conservation and management plans, capital improvement plans, inflow and infiltration studies.<br>Final engineering – preliminary engineering reports, studies  | Projects must principally benefit low to moderate income people in non-entitlement cities and counties. Projects must serve primarily residential needs, not primarily for capacity building.                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants up to \$175,000 for preliminary engineering and planning</li> <li>• Grants up to \$3,000,000 for final design engineering and construction</li> </ul>   | Competitive applications are accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly. All awards are subject to funding availability.<br>Contact the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) at (503) 986-0123 and ask for your regional coordinator, or view program details at:<br><a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a>                    |
| <b>OBDD IFA</b><br><br><b>Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)</b>   | Preliminary engineering studies; and economic investigations related to municipal utility projects (water, wastewater, stormwater)  | Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), Tribes, ports, & districts (ORS 198.010)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants up to \$60,000 or 85% of project costs.</li> <li>• Loans available at reduced interest rates/7-year term.</li> </ul>  | Apply year-round based on funding availability.<br>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for your regional coordinator or view program details at:<br><a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a>   |
| <b>OBDD IFA</b><br><br><b>Water Wastewater (WWF)</b>   | Preliminary planning, engineering studies and economic investigations in preparation for construction projects that address an existing or pending compliance issue.  | Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribes, ports and districts (ORS 198.010). For a population of less than 15,000 with a Notice of Non-compliance or potential notice.                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants up to \$20,000</li> <li>• Loans up to \$20,000</li> </ul>   | Apply year-round based on funding availability.<br><br>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for the regional coordinator or view program details at:<br><a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a>  |
| <b>Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU)</b><br><br><b>National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund</b> | Financing for predevelopment costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects. RLF funds can also be used with existing water/wastewater systems and the short term costs incurred for replacement equipment, small scale extension of services or other small capital projects that are not part the utility’s regular operations and maintenance. | Public entities, including municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes and nonprofit corporations, including cooperatives, with up to 10,000 population and rural areas with no population limits. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loans up to \$100,000 or 75% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Maximum repayment period of 10 years. Fidelity bond insurance is required of all applicants.</li> <li>• 5 year, % only, pre-development loans are available.</li> <li>• 90 day, no %, disaster area</li> </ul> | Contact OAWU at <a href="mailto:office@oawu.net">office@oawu.net</a> or by phone at (503) 837-1212, or applications, information and forms are available for download at <a href="http://www.nrwa.org">www.nrwa.org</a> . Applications can be emailed to <a href="mailto:nrwarlf@nrwa.org">nrwarlf@nrwa.org</a> or mailed to: NRWA-RLF, 2915 S. 13th, Duncan, OK 73533. |

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|  |   |   | <p>emergency loans with immediate turn around are also available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans will be made at the lower of the poverty or market interest rate as published by RUS, with a minimum of 3% at the time of closing. Current RUS rates are available at <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/int-rate.htm">www.usda.gov/rus/water/int-rate.htm</a></li> <li>As a minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)</b></p> <p><b>Feasibility Study Grants (Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Grant Program)</b></p> | <p>Project planning studies performed to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage projects. Eligible project elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water needs analyses;</li> <li>Hydrological analyses;</li> <li>Engineering and financial feasibility studies;</li> <li>Geologic analyses;</li> <li>Water exchange studies;</li> <li>Analyses of by-pass, optimum peak, flushing and other ecological flows of the affected stream and the impact of a proposed project on those flows;</li> <li>Analyses of environmental harm/impacts and/or public benefits</li> </ul> | <p>Persons, corporations, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, Indian tribes, and others as described in ORS 536.007.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants up to \$500,000 per project, depending on funding availability.</li> <li>Grants require a dollar-for-dollar cost-match, which may include in-kind contributions.</li> </ul>   | <p>Competitive applications accepted during open cycles announced at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant_program.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant_program.aspx</a></p> <p>All awards are subject to funding availability.</p> <p>OWRD contact: Jon Unger at (503) 986-0869 or email: <a href="mailto:fsgrants@wrdd.state.or.us">fsgrants@wrdd.state.or.us</a></p> |

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| <b>USDA-Rural Development</b><br><br>Pre-development Planning Grant (PPG)  | Water and/or wastewater planning; preliminary engineering reports, environmental reports, and other work to assist in developing a project that is expected to be funded by RD in the next 12 – 18 months.   | Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district or authority); nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes. Priority given to the smallest and poorest communities and systems with limited resources. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum \$30,000 grant or 75% of project costs, whichever is less.</li> </ul>  | Apply year-round based on funding availability.<br><br>Contact USDA-Rural Development Oregon State Office at (503) 414-3360 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or</a> |
| <b>USDA-Rural Development</b><br><br>Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) | Water and/or wastewater planning, preliminary engineering reports, environmental reports, and other work to assist in developing a project that is expected to be funded by RD in the next 12-18 months.   | Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district, or authority); non-profit organizations and Indian tribes serving financially distressed communities with service area populations <2,500.           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum \$30,000 grant or 100% of project costs, whichever is less</li> </ul>  | Apply year-round based on funding availability.<br><br>Contact USDA-Rural Development Oregon State Office at (503) 414-3360 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: <a href="http://www.cfda.gov">www.cfda.gov</a> (Number 10.759)  |
| <b>USDA-Rural Development</b><br><br>Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) CFDA 10.763 | Projects may include emergency and permanent repairs, replacement or significant maintenance to water systems resulting from a sudden and unexpected event such as an act of nature resulting in a significant decline in water quality or quantity. | Applicants may include Public bodies, non-profit organizations and Indian tribes serving populations < 10,000.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% grant ranging from \$150,000-\$500,000 often with minimal predevelopment expense.</li> </ul>  | Contact USDA-Rural Development, Oregon State Office at (503) 414-3360 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or</a>   |
| <b>Rural Community Assistance Corp. Loan Fund</b><br><br>Feasibility and Predevelopment                          | Water and/or wastewater planning; environmental work; and other work to assist in developing an application for infrastructure improvements  | Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less; or 10,000 if guaranteed by RD financing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max \$50,000 for feasibility loan</li> <li>• Max \$350,000 for predevelopment loan</li> <li>• 1 year term</li> <li>• Interest rate @ 5.5%</li> </ul> | Applications accepted anytime<br>Contact: Chuck Miller at (360) 253-7683 or <a href="mailto:cmiller@rcac.org">cmiller@rcac.org</a> .<br><br>Applications available on-line at <a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a>  |

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| <b>EDA Technical Assistance Grants</b><br><br>Feasibility Studies | EDA’s mission is to help economically distressed communities in ways that help them build long-term economic development capacity. Projects must foster the creation or retention of higher-skilled, higher-wage employment opportunities for local displaced workers and attract private-sector capital investment. | Indian Tribes; state, county, city or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50,000 to \$75,000</li> <li>• Local match required</li> <li>• Grant funds received from other Federal Agencies may <b>not</b> be used to satisfy local share match.</li> </ul> | Visit agency website at <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a> and review latest “Federal Funds Announcement” (FFO).<br><br>Submit application through <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> |
| <b>Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</b>                   | Loans are available for planning and design projects associated with: publicly owned wastewater treatment and stormwater facilities and systems, non-point source water quality improvement projects and estuary management projects.  | Federally recognized tribal governments, cities, counties, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, various special districts and certain intergovernmental entities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loan only</li> <li>• Up to 5 years</li> <li>• Substantially discounted interest rate</li> <li>• No annual fee</li> </ul>   | Applications accepted year round with scheduled review and ranking in February, June and October.<br><br>Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); call Katie Foreman at (503) 229-5622.    |

## FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN OREGON

### Construction

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| <b>OBDD IFA</b><br><br><b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b> | All projects must be in accordance with an approved water plan or wastewater plan. Eligible activities include: construction engineering; acquisition of property (including easements); grant administration; and audits. Projects addressing an existing or pending compliance issue will score higher. | Projects must principally benefit low to moderate income people in non-entitlement cities and counties. Projects must serve primarily residential needs and not be for capacity building. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Grant of \$3 million, subject to the maximum \$3 million per project limitation during a five-year period.</li> <li>• Single grant may be awarded to cover final engineering and construction.</li> </ul>   | <p>Competitive applications accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly. All awards are subject to funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for your regional coordinator or view program information at <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a></p>  |
| <b>OBDD IFA</b><br><br><b>Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)</b>         | Planning for raising and managing funds, pre-construction and construction of water, wastewater, stormwater projects. Projects must be publically owned and support economic and community development in Oregon.   | Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribes, ports and districts (ORS 198.010)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primarily a loan program</li> <li>• Maximum \$10 million loan</li> <li>• 25 year term maximum.</li> <li>• Grants based on retention or creation of jobs, up to max. of \$5,000 per job</li> <li>• Grants cannot exceed \$500,000 or 85% of the project cost, whichever is less</li> </ul> | <p>Apply year-round, based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for your regional coordinator or view program details at <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a></p>  |
| <b>OBDD IFA</b><br><br><b>Water Wastewater Financing (WWF)</b>         | Planning, pre-construction, and construction improvements of drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater projects. Projects must be publically owned and address an existing or pending compliance issue.   | Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribes, ports, & districts (ORS 198.010)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum \$10 million loan</li> <li>• 25 year term maximum</li> <li>• Grant eligibility based on median household income</li> <li>• Maximum \$750,000 grant</li> </ul>   | <p>Competitive applications are accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly. All awards are subject to funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for your regional coordinator, or view program details at <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a></p> |

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| <p><b>Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU)</b></p> <p><b>National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund</b></p> | <p>Financing for predevelopment costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects. RLF funds can also be used with existing water/wastewater systems and the short term costs incurred for replacement equipment, small scale extension of services or other small capital projects that are not part the utility’s regular operations and maintenance.</p> | <p>Public entities, including municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes and nonprofit corporations, including cooperatives, with up to 10,000 population and rural areas with no population limits.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loans up to \$100,000 or 75% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Maximum repayment period of 10 years. Fidelity bond insurance is required of all applicants.</li> <li>• 5 year, % only, pre-development loans are available.</li> <li>• 90 day, no %, disaster area emergency loans with immediate turn around are also available.</li> <li>• Loans will be made at the lower of the poverty or market interest rate as published by RUS, with a minimum of 3% at the time of closing. Current RUS rates are available at <a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/int-rate.htm">www.usda.gov/rus/water/int-rate.htm</a></li> <li>• As a minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> | <p>Contact OAWU at <a href="mailto:office@oawu.net">office@oawu.net</a> or by phone at (503) 837-1212, or applications, information and forms are available for download at <a href="http://www.nrwa.org">www.nrwa.org</a>. Applications can be emailed to <a href="mailto:nrwarlf@nrwa.org">nrwarlf@nrwa.org</a> or mailed to: NRWA-RLF, 2915 S. 13th, Duncan, OK 73533.</p> |

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| <b>Oregon Health Authority</b><br><br><b>Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF)</b>          | <p>Drinking water system projects must resolve <i>existing</i> or <i>future</i> non-compliance with <i>current</i> or <i>future</i> state and federal drinking water standards, that addresses the most serious human health risks, or that is essential to create a new drinking water system improvement that will substantially benefit public health.</p> <p><i>Eligible Activities:</i><br/>           Planning, engineering, design, water source construction, land or easement acquisition, treatment, storage, transmission/distribution, system purchase, system consolidation, system creation, system security, restructuring</p> | <p>Public and privately owned community and non-profit non-community public water systems. Federally owned systems are not eligible.</p> <p><i>Ineligible Activities:</i><br/>           Dams or rehabilitation of dams, water rights, raw water reservoirs or rehab of raw water reservoirs, projects primarily needed to address fire protection, and projects primarily needed to serve future population growth.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects requesting \$3 million or more require additional review and approval from the Drinking Water Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuates quarterly (set at 80% of the previous quarters municipal bond rate)</li> <li>• 20-year term maximum</li> <li>• 30-year term maximum for disadvantaged communities</li> <li>• Principal Forgiveness</li> <li>• Green Project Reserve (GPR) financial incentive</li> <li>• Circuit Rider assistance for eligible systems under 10,000 in population</li> </ul> | <p>A Letter of Interest (LOI) may be submitted anytime to be eligible for funding consideration. Contact Oregon Health Authority’s Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405 or go to the OHA website: <a href="http://healthoregon.org/srf">http://healthoregon.org/srf</a></p> <p>You may also contact Business Oregon’s Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) at (503) 986-0123 or visit their website at: <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org/LOI-Form/">http://www.orinfrastructure.org/LOI-Form/</a> to take you directly to the LOI.</p> |
| <b>Oregon Health Authority</b><br><br><b>Drinking Water Source Protection Fund (DWSPF)</b>             | <p>Drinking Water Source Protection projects that lead to risk reduction within a delineated source water area or that would contribute to a reduction in contaminant concentration within the drinking water source.</p>   | <p>Any public and privately owned community and non-profit non-community water systems with a completed Source Water assessment. Federally owned systems are not eligible.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max \$30,000 Grant</li> <li>• Max \$100,000 loan</li> <li>• Interest rate fluctuates quarterly (set at 80% of previous quarter’s municipal bond rate).</li> <li>• 20 year term</li> <li>• 30-year term maximum for disadvantaged communities</li> </ul>  | <p>A letter of interest must be submitted to be eligible for funding consideration. Check with OHA on submittal schedule.</p> <p>Contact Oregon OHA Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405 or visit <a href="http://healthoregon.org/srf">http://healthoregon.org/srf</a> or contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 or visit <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org">www.orinfrastructure.org</a></p>  |
| <b>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</b><br><br><b>Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP)</b> | <p>Drinking water system projects that include planning activities that promote sustainable water infrastructure. Priority will be given to those systems serving fewer than 300 service connections and/or are considered disadvantaged communities.</p>   | <p>Public and privately owned community and non-profit non-community public water systems. Federally owned systems are not eligible.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding up to \$20,000 per project (above \$20,000 is based on approval and availability of funds)</li> <li>• 100% Forgivable Loan</li> <li>• Total funds available for all projects \$300,000</li> <li>• No more than one award per</li> </ul>  | <p>A letter of interest must be submitted to be eligible for funding consideration. Check with OHA on submittal schedule.</p> <p>Contact Oregon OHA Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405 or visit</p>  |

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|   | <p><i>Eligible Activities:</i><br/>Feasibility studies, asset management plans, system partnership studies, resilience plans, water rate analysis, leak detection studies, and water system master plans for for systems with fewer than 300 connections.</p> <p><i>Ineligible Activities:</i><br/>Construction or engineering/design.</p>   |  | <p>community / water system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water system must complete project within 1 year</li> <li>• 25% of the awarded funds can go towards the required community engagement &amp; AM requirements set by IFA.</li> </ul>  | <p><a href="http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SRF/Pages/index.aspx">http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SRF/Pages/index.aspx</a> or contact Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) at (503) 986-0123 or visit <a href="http://www.orinfrastructure.org/">http://www.orinfrastructure.org/</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)</b></p> <p><b>Water Projects Grants and Loans (Water Supply Development Account)</b></p> | <p>Grants and loans to evaluate, plan, and develop water resource projects with economic, environmental, AND community (social/cultural) benefits. Eligible projects include but are not limited to those water resource projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase water use efficiency</li> <li>• Develop new or expanded storage</li> <li>• Promote water reuse or conservation</li> <li>• Protect or restore stream flows</li> <li>• Determine seasonally varying flows</li> </ul> | <p>Persons, corporations, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, Indian tribes, nonprofit organizations and others as described in ORS 536.007.</p>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants may apply for a grant or loan.</li> <li>• Grants require a minimum 25% cost-match, which may include cash or in-kind contributions.</li> <li>• Interest on loans shall be at reasonable rates as determined by the Water Resources Commission. Loan terms are a maximum of 50 years but cannot exceed the estimated life span of the project.</li> </ul> | <p>Competitive applications accepted year-round and reviewed annually.</p> <p>All awards are subject to funding availability.</p> <p>View program details at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant_program.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant_program.aspx</a></p> <p>OWRD contact: Jon Unger at (503) 986-0869 or email: <a href="mailto:Jon.J.Unger@wrdd.state.or.us">Jon.J.Unger@wrdd.state.or.us</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</b></p>  | <p>Loans and bond purchase agreements are available for planning, design, and construction projects associated with: publicly owned wastewater treatment and stormwater facilities and systems, non-point source water quality improvement projects and estuary management projects. Interim financing is also available.</p>  | <p>Indian tribal governments, cities, counties, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, various special districts and certain intergovernmental entities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower than market interest rates</li> <li>• Fixed interest rates</li> <li>• Terms up to 30 years</li> <li>• Up to 100% of eligible costs covered</li> <li>• No match required</li> <li>• Repayment begins after project is constructed</li> <li>• No pre-payment penalty</li> <li>• Additional financial incentives, including principle forgiveness</li> </ul>     | <p>Applications accepted year round with scheduled review and ranking in the first week of January, May and September.</p> <p>Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ): call (503) 229-LOAN; email <a href="mailto:CWSRFinfo@deq.state.or.us">CWSRFinfo@deq.state.or.us</a> or contact your local project officer <a href="http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/contacts.htm">http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/loans/contacts.htm</a></p>  |

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| <b>USDA-Rural Development</b><br><br>Water Environmental Programs (WEP)<br>Direct Loan & Grant Program | Pre-construction & construction associated with constructing, repairing, or improving water, sewer, solid waste or storm wastewater disposal facilities.   | Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district, or authority); nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes serving communities with service area populations < 10,000. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primarily loan program</li> <li>• Grants based on need</li> <li>• Interest rates track AA rated 20 yr. muni. bonds and fixed for life of loan</li> <li>• Lower income communities receive an interest rate subsidy</li> <li>• Up to 40-year loan term</li> </ul> | Apply year-round based on funding availability. Contact USDA-Rural Development, Oregon State Office at (503) 414-3360 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/or</a> |
| <b>RCAC Loan Fund Construction</b>   | Water, wastewater, solid waste and storm facilities that primarily serve low income rural communities. Includes predevelopment costs   | Non-profit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less, or 10,000 if using RD financing as the takeout            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max \$2 million with commitment letter for permanent financing</li> <li>• Security in permanent loan letter of conditions</li> <li>• 1-3 year term</li> <li>• 1% loan fee</li> <li>• Interest rate 5.5%</li> </ul>   | Applications accepted anytime<br>Contact: Chuck Miller at (360) 253-7683 or <a href="mailto:cmiller@rcac.org">cmiller@rcac.org</a> .<br><br>Applications available on-line at <a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a>  |
| <b>RCAC Loan Fund Intermediate Term Loans</b>  | Water, wastewater, solid waste and storm facilities that primarily serve low income rural communities. Includes predevelopment costs   | Non-profit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less; or 10,000 if using RD financing as the takeout            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For smaller capital needs projects</li> <li>• Normally not to exceed \$100,000</li> <li>• Up to 20 year term</li> <li>• Interest rate 5.0%</li> </ul>  | Applications accepted anytime<br>Contact: Chuck Miller at (360) 253-7683 or <a href="mailto:cmiller@rcac.org">cmiller@rcac.org</a> .<br><br>Applications available on-line at <a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a>  |
| <b>US Economic Development Administration Public Works Grants</b>                                      | EDA's mission is to help economically distressed communities in ways that help them build long-term economic development capacity. Projects must foster the creation or retention of higher-skilled, higher-wage employment opportunities for local displaced workers and attract private-sector capital investment. | Indian Tribes; state, county, city or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Works grant awards are in the range of \$500,000 – \$2,500,000 with 50% local matching funds required.</li> <li>• Grant funds received from other Federal Agencies may not be used to satisfy local share match.</li> </ul>                               | Visit agency website at <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a> and review latest "Federal Funds Opportunities" (FFO).<br><br>Submit application through <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>  |