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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 of Small Oregon Communities

<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA Region 10 Oregon Operations Office 805 SW Broadway, Suite 500 Portland, OR 97205</p> <p>Dan Opalski, Region 10 Water Division Director 206-553-1855 Email: Opalski.Dan@epa.gov</p> <p>Drinking Water SRF Site: https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf Clean Water SRF Site: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 1801 Portland, OR 97204</p> <p>LaDonn McElligott, Community Programs Director Phone: 541-624-3087 Email: ladonn.mcelligott@usda.gov</p> <p>Website: Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Oregon Rural Development (usda.gov)</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Portland Area Indian Health Service 1414 NW Northrup Street, Suite 800 Portland, OR 97209 Office: 503-414-5555 Website: https://www.ihs.gov/</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Seattle Regional Office 915 Second Ave. Jackson Federal Building, Room 1890 Seattle, WA 98174</p> <p>J. Wesley Cochran, Economic Development Representative - Oregon 206-561-6646 Email: jcochran@eda.gov Website: www.eda.gov</p>
<p>Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Drinking Water Services PO Box 14450 Portland, OR 97293-0450 Office: (971) 673-0405 Email: info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov Email: dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov Drinking Water Program: https://www.oregon.gov/DrinkingWater DW Revolving Loan Fund: http://healthoregon.org/srf/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding</p> <p>Adam DeSemples, DWSRF/BIL Program Coordinator (503) 956-8287 Debra Lambeth, DWSRF Environmental Review Coordinator (503) 936-7277 Tom Pattee, Groundwater Coordinator, Source Water Protection (541) 684-2440 Gregg Baird, Emerging Contaminants Specialist (503) 936-1657</p>	<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) 775 Summer St. NE, Suite 200 Salem, OR 97301-1280 Office: (503) 986-0123 Email: infrastructure.info@state.or.us</p> <p>Regional Development Officers: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/contactus/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Website: Business Oregon Funding Programs</p>

Agencies Serving Water/Wastewater Needs of Small Oregon Communities
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<p>Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite #600 Portland, OR 97232</p> <p>Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</p> <p>Chris Marko, CWSRF Program Coordinator Phone: 503-880-6060 Email: chris.marko@deq.oregon.gov</p> <p>Deb Mailander, Community and Program Assistance Mgr. Phone: 541-228-1185 E-mail: deb.mailander@deq.oregon.gov</p> <p>Website: https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/cwsrf/pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) 1020 S.W. Taylor Street Suite 450 Portland, OR 97205</p> <p>Lori Blau, Regional Field Manager WA & OR Phone: 509-867-6636 Email: LBlau@rcac.org</p> <p>Kim Anderson, Small Utility Consultant, OW3IC Coordinator Phone: 971-930-2490 Email: KAnderson@rcac.org</p> <p>Website: https://www.rcac.org/</p>
<p>Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) 935 N Main Street Independence, Oregon 97351</p> <p>Jason Green, Executive Director Heath Cokeley, Program Manager</p> <p>Phone: 503-837-1212 Website: https://oawu.net/</p>	<p>Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD) 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A Salem, OR 97301 General Phone: 503-986-0900</p> <p>OWRD Grants contact: Adair Muth 971-301-0718 Adair.muth@water.oregon.gov OWRD Grants and Loans</p>

Additional Resources for Water and Wastewater Needs

<p>Special Districts Association of Oregon PO Box 12613 Salem, OR 97309</p> <p>Phone: 503-371-8667 Website: www.sdao.com</p>	<p>League of Oregon Cities 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 200 Salem, OR 97301 Susan Muir</p> <p>Phone: 503-588-6550 Website: http://www.orcities.org/</p>
<p>Association of Oregon Counties 1201 Court St NE Suite 300 Salem, OR 97301 Laura Cleland</p> <p>Phone: 503-585-8351 Website: https://oregoncounties.org/</p>	<p>Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board 775 Summer St. NE Suite 360 Salem, OR 97301</p> <p>Phone: 503-986-0178 Website: www.oregon.gov/OWEB</p>

Federal Regulatory Information:

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA): www.epa.gov/safewater/sdwa

Clean Water Act (CWA): <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act>

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>

Funding Programs for Water and Wastewater Projects in Oregon

Planning and Predevelopment

Program	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants	Funding Available	How to Apply
US Economic Development Administration (EDA) Technical Assistance Grants Feasibility Studies	EDA makes planning and local technical assistance investments to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local, regional, or State organizations and institutions to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies, impact analyses, disaster resiliency plans, and project planning.	Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximate median amount of Local Technical Assistance (TA) investments has been \$100,000. EDA typically awards funds for between 30 and 50 local TA projects a year. The federal share of a planning award generally may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project but may be increased to an amount not to exceed 80% of the total cost of the project. EDA's maximum investment rate for award is determined by the average per capita income or unemployment rate of the most economically distressed county within the region served by the project. Indian Tribes do not require match. Grant funds received from other Federal Agencies may not be used to satisfy local share match. 	Visit agency website at: Home (eda.gov) Submit application through EDA Grants Management Experience "EDGE" Contact: J. Wesley Cochran Economic Development Representative – Oregon (206) 561-6646 jcochran@eda.gov
Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Short Term Loans	Water and/or wastewater planning; feasibility studies; predevelopment; environmental work; and other work to assist in developing an application for infrastructure improvements. Also includes construction. Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities	Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less; or a maximum of 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA or USDA is the long-term lender.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan limit – varies by purpose Collateral – Varies by purpose Term — up to 3 years Interest rate – 5% 1% Loan fee or 1.125% on construction projects Except for feasibility requires take-out in place 	Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org. Applications available on-line at Environmental Infrastructure Loans - RCAC

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<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA</p> <p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</p>	<p>Final engineering only, or Construction only – Please see Chapter 10 of the current CDBG Method of Distribution: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/CDBG_Handbook.aspx</p>	<p>Eligible applicants for State CDBG are non-entitlement cities and counties. 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum grant available for a single water or sewer system project is \$2,500,000 to cover all aspects of the single project for a period of five years. 	<p>Application Round:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1–April 30, applications accepted. Award announcements by the end of June. • July 1–September 30, applications accepted. Award announcements by the end of November. <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA</p> <p>Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)</p>	<p>Preliminary, final or construction engineering studies or survey, site investigation or environmental action, or financial, technical or other feasibility report, study or plan related to a potential development project; or planning project for the purpose of developing industrial lands development of industrial lands; or planning project directed related to levee certification, accreditation or repairs to levees, flood control embankments or flood control facilities.</p>	<p>Cities, counties, county service district (ORS 451), special district (ORS 198.010) tribal council of a federally recognized tribe, an airport district (ORS 838) and ports. ORS 190 entity is not eligible under SPWF.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants up to \$60,000 or 85% of project costs • Loans available at reduced interest rates/7-year term • Levee Planning Grant Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum \$2,000,000 per applicant, per biennium - 20% match amount of grant 	<p>Apply year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/SPWF/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA</p> <p>Water/ Wastewater Financing Program (W/W)</p>	<p>Preliminary planning, engineering studies and economic investigations in preparation for construction projects that address an existing or pending compliance issue.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants up to \$20,000 • Loans up to \$60,000 at reduced interest rate/7-year term 	<p>Apply year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/WWF/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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<p>US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD)</p> <p>Pre-development Planning Grant (PPG)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district, or authority); non-profit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.</p> <p>Priority to the smallest and poorest communities and systems with limited resources.</p> <p>Service area populations of 10,000 or less.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum \$60,000 grant or 75% of project costs, whichever is less 	<p>Apply year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact USDA-Rural Development Oregon State Office at 541-624-3101 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants Rural Development (usda.gov)</p>
<p>US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD)</p> <p>Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) CFDA 10.759</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district, or authority); non-profit organizations and federally recognized tribes.</p> <p>Financially distressed communities.</p> <p>Service area populations 2,500 or less.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum \$30,000 grant or 100% of project costs, whichever is less 	<p>Apply year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact USDA-Rural Development Oregon State Office at 541-624-3101 and ask for your regional loan specialist.</p> <p>www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households-grant</p>
<p>US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD)</p> <p>Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) CFDA 10.763</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Public bodies (such as municipality, county, district, or authority); Nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.</p> <p>Serving populations 10,000 or less.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% grant funding • \$150,000 water transmission lines • \$1,000,000 water source, intake, or treatment facility 	<p>Apply year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact USDA-Rural Development, Oregon State Office at: 541-624-3101 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants</p>

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<p>Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</p> <p>Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)</p>	<p>Loans are available for planning, design, and/or construction projects for a wide variety of different water quality infrastructure projects, including construction of publicly owned treatment works, nonpoint source pollution control, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, septic systems, stormwater runoff mitigation, green infrastructure, estuary protection, water conservation, reuse, and efficiency, watershed pilot projects, national estuary program projects, energy efficiency for publicly owned treatment works, irrigation modernization, ground water protection, and more!</p>	<p>Public agencies including Indian tribal governments, cities, counties, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, various special districts, State agencies, and certain intergovernmental entities.</p> <p>Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for septic tank repair, replacement, or connection to sewer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below market interest rate loans • Fixed interest rate • Terms from 5 to 30 years • 100% of eligible costs covered • No match required • No pre-payment penalty • Principal forgiveness available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design and/or construction loans 50% of the loan amount, but to not exceed \$2 million, whichever is less per project and state fiscal year - planning loans 100% of the loan amount, up to \$100,000 - projects that address emerging contaminants up to 100% principal forgiveness per loan for any CWSRF eligible project 	<p>Applications accepted year-round. Application review and scoring occurs three times a year.</p> <p>Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for more information on the loan application process or to obtain a Loan Information Request Form.</p> <p>Contact your local project officer for additional assistance.</p>
<p>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</p> <p>&</p> <p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA</p> <p>Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP)</p>	<p>Drinking water system projects that include planning activities that promote sustainable water infrastructure.</p> <p>Priority given to those systems serving less than 300 service connections and/or considered disadvantaged communities.</p> <p><i>Eligible Activities:</i> Feasibility studies, asset management plans, system partnership studies, water rate analysis, leak detection studies, security risk & vulnerability studies, and water system master plans for systems with fewer than 300 connections. Seismic risk assessment & mitigation plans are also available for those who qualify.</p> <p><i>Ineligible Activities:</i> Construction or engineering/design.</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"> • Funding up to \$20,000 per project (above \$20,000 is based on approval and availability of funds) • 100% Forgivable Loan • A water system may be awarded SIPP funds once every three years. Water system must complete project within 2 years 	<p>An application must be submitted to be eligible for funding consideration. Semi-annual deadlines to apply are March 15 and Sept. 15. Program is contingent upon funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at:</p> <p>https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SRF/Pages/sipp.aspx</p>

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<p>Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)</p> <p>Feasibility Study Grants (Water Conservation, Reuse, and Storage Grant Program)</p>	<p>Provides funding for studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, or storage projects. Studies may include analysis or evaluation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrological refill capacity, water needs, geology, or hydrology • Engineering and water exchange • Financial feasibility • Fiscal analysis • Instream ecological flows • Alternative means of water supply, including costs and benefits • Environmental impacts or public benefits • Hydrological analysis • Water quality impacts 	<p>Persons, local governments or, Indian tribes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants up to \$500,000 per project, depending on funding availability • Grants require 50% cost-match, which may include in-kind contributions • See more details in the Feasibility Study Grants Handout 	<p>Competitive applications accepted during open cycles announced at: Water Resources Department : Funding Opportunities : Funding Opportunities : State of Oregon</p> <p>Sign up for mailing list at: https://bit.ly/owrd-signup</p> <p>ORWD encourages applicants to schedule a pre-application conference with staff before applying for a grant.</p> <p>OWRD contact: Adair Muth 971-301-0718 Email: OWRD.grants@water.oregon.gov Website: OWRD Funding Opportunities</p>
<p>Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU)</p> <p>National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund</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"> • Loans up to \$200,000 or 75% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Maximum repayment period of 10 years. Fidelity bond insurance is required of all applicants. • 5 years, % only, pre-development loans are available • 90 day, no %, disaster area emergency loans with immediate turnaround are also available. • 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 Rural Utility Loans Interest Rates. • As a minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required 	<p>Contact OAWU at office@oawu.net or by phone at 503-837-1212, or applications, information and forms are available for download at Rural Water Loan Fund NRWA</p> <p>Applications can be emailed to nrwarlf@nrwa.org or mailed to: NRWA-RLF, 2915 S. 13th, Duncan, OK 73533.</p>

Funding Programs for Water and Wastewater Projects in Oregon Construction

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<p>US Economic Development Administration (EDA)</p> <p>Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs</p>	<p>Through the construction-oriented Public Works program, EDA provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.</p>	<p>Eligible applicants include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Works grant awards are in the range of \$600,000 to \$5,000,000. Match: Generally, the EDA investment rate (percentage of the total project costs) will be 50 percent, but EDA may fund up to 80 percent of total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. In order to be eligible for funding an applicant must propose a project that meets EDA’s distress criteria. Applicants must provide data that relevant region is subject to one (or more) of the following economic distress criteria: (i) an unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate; (ii) per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data are available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income; or (iii) a “Special Need,” as determined by EDA. Applicant data tools can be found at: Tools for Economic Development U.S. Economic Development Administration (eda.gov) Not all sources of federal funding may be allowed as local matching funds. 	<p>Visit agency website at www.eda.gov for more information and to review latest funding opportunities at: https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities</p> <p>Submit application through the EDGE Portal.</p> <p>Contact: J. Wesley Cochran Economic Development Representative – Oregon (206) 561-6646 jcochran@eda.gov</p>

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Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Intermediate Term Loans	Eligible projects include smaller capital improvement projects for water, wastewater, solid waste and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities	Nonprofits and public or tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less; or a maximum of 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA or USDA is the long-term lender.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For smaller capital needs projects, normally not to exceed \$100,000 • Up to 20-year term • Interest rate 5.0% • 1.125% Loan fee • Collateral generally assignment of revenues 	Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org. Applications available on-line at www.rcac.org
Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Long-Term Loans	Eligible projects include large scale water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities. Generally used when system improvements are needed, and system does not have priority to qualify for more favorable funding sources.	Nonprofits and public and tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less; or a maximum of 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA or USDA is the long-term lender. Must meet requirements of USDA Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan Program, such as eligible loan purpose and eligible entity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$6.0 million • 1.125% loan fee • 1% guarantee fee on guaranteed portion of loan (80%) • Interest rate – set at time of closing in accordance with the secondary market rate for the term of the loan • Collateral of real estate bonds or assignment of revenue • Cannot be used for public body applicants who would issue tax exempt obligations as security • Applicant must demonstrate repayment ability and security for the loan 	Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org. Applications available on-line at https://www.rcac.org/lending-2/environmental-loans/
Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Final engineering only or Construction only – Please see Chapter 10 of the current CDBG Method of Distribution: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/CDBG_Handbook.aspx	Eligible applicants for State CDBG are non-entitlement cities and counties. 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"> • The maximum grant available for a single water or sewer system project is \$2,500,000 to cover all aspects of the single project for a period of five years 	Application Round: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1–April 30, applications accepted. Awards announced by the end of June. • July 1–September 30, applications accepted. Awards announced by the end of November. Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at: https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default.aspx

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<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)</p>	<p>Construction/Development of water, wastewater, stormwater and levee projects. With the exception of levee projects, the projects must be municipally owned and support economic and community development in Oregon. Local match required by emergency projects to which federal disaster relief has been committed.</p>	<p>Cities, counties, county service district (ORS 451), special district (ORS 198.010) tribal council of a federally recognized tribe, an airport district (ORS 838) and ports. ORS 190 entity is not eligible under SPWF.</p> <p>Levee Projects: In addition to the above entities, drainage districts (ORS 547), corporations or companies for drainage or flood control (ORS Chapter 554), or for-profit, nonprofit or individuals engaged in the ownership, construction, inspection, accreditation or certification or repair of levees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily a loan program • Maximum \$10 million loan • 30-year term or useful life of the project with a 30-year maximum. • Grants based on retention or creation of jobs, up to max. of \$5,000 per job and for local match for federally declared disaster where federal funds have been committed to the project • Grants cannot exceed \$500,000 or 85% of the project cost, whichever is less • Levee Grant Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction or capital improvement projects - 80% of the total cost of the project - 20% match of amount of grant. 	<p>Apply year-round, based on funding availability.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at:</p> <p>https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/SPWF/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Water Wastewater Financing (WWF)</p>	<p>Planning, pre-construction, and construction improvements of drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater projects. Projects must be publicly owned and address an existing or pending compliance issue.</p>	<p>Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribes, ports, & districts (ORS 198.010)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum \$10 million loan • 25-year term maximum • Grant eligibility based on median household income • Maximum \$750,000 grant 	<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 Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at:</p> <p>https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/WWF/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) Water Environmental Programs (WEP) 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 federally recognized tribes. Service area populations of 10,000 or less.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily loan program • Grants based on need • Interest rates track AA rated 20 yr. municipal bonds and fixed for life of loan • Lower income communities receive an interest rate subsidy • Up to 40-year loan term 	Apply year-round based on funding availability. Contact USDA-Rural Development, Oregon State Office at 541-624-3101 and ask for your regional loan specialist or view program details at: Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Oregon Rural Development (usda.gov)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Loans are available for planning, design, and/or construction projects for a wide variety of water quality infrastructure projects including construction of publicly owned treatment works, nonpoint source pollution control, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, septic systems, stormwater runoff mitigation, green infrastructure, water efficiency, energy efficiency, water conservation, reuse, and efficiency, estuary protection, irrigation modernization, watershed restoration and protection, ground water protection, and more! Interim financing for construction is also available.	Public agencies including Indian tribal governments, cities, counties, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts, various special districts, State agencies, and certain intergovernmental entities. Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for septic tank repair, replacement, or connection to sewer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below market interest rate loans • Fixed interest rate • Terms from 5 to 30 years • 100% of eligible costs covered • No match required • No pre-payment penalty • Principal forgiveness available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design and/or construction loans 50% of the loan amount, not to exceed \$2 million, whichever is less per project and state fiscal year. - planning loans 100% of the loan amount, up to \$100,000 - projects that address emerging contaminants up to 100% principal forgiveness per loan for any CWSRF eligible project 	Applications accepted year-round. Application review and scoring occurs three times a year. Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for more information on the loan application process or to obtain a Loan Information Request Form . Contact your local project officer for additional assistance.
Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Drinking Water Source Protection Fund (DWSPF)	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.	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max \$50,000 Grant • Low interest loans up to a maximum of \$100,000 for 20-year term • 30-year term maximum 	Submittal of letter of interest required to be considered for funding. Check with OHA on submittal schedule. Contact OHA Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405 or visit Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 or visit https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater/srf/pages/spf.aspx

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<p>Oregon Health Authority (OHA) & Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF)</p>	<p>Funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the SDWRLF provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements per Section 1452 of the SDWA amendments of 1996.</p> <p><i>Eligible Activities:</i> Planning, engineering, design, water source construction, land or easement acquisition, treatment, storage, transmission/distribution, system purchase, creation, or consolidation, system security, restructuring.</p> <p>Class deviations for purchasing water rights or rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs may be available assuming the projects meet strict criteria.</p> <p><i>Ineligible Activities:</i> Projects primarily addressing fire protection, and projects primarily for serving future population growth. Also, projects receiving funds from national set-asides for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.</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"> • Projects requesting \$3 million or more require additional review by Business Oregon’s IFA Board. • Loans with an interest rate as low as 1%. • Up to 30-year term maximum • Potential for Principal Forgiveness on loans. • Circuit Rider assistance for eligible systems under 10,000 in population. • Costs to contract for project management and/or to administer labor standard compliance. • <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – funding 2022 – 2026</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Supplemental: Extension of the existing SDWRLF program. - Emerging Contaminants: Funding prioritized around PFAS, manganese, and cyanotoxins mitigation. • Lead Service Line Replacement: (Awaiting LSL inventory results to determine if and/or when application for funds will be submitted). 	<p>A Letter of Interest (LOI) may be submitted anytime to be eligible for funding consideration. LOIs are reviewed by OHA for eligibility annually on January 15.</p> <p>Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for Regional Development Officer, or view program and contact details at:</p> <p>https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/SDWRLF/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>http://healthoregon.org/srf</p> <p>http://Oregon.gov/bil</p> <p>You may also contact Oregon Health Authority’s Drinking Water Services at (971) 673-0405</p>

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<p>Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)</p> <p>Water Projects Grants and Loans (Water Supply Development Account)</p>	<p>Provides grants for water projects to evaluate, plan, and develop instream and out-of-stream water projects that have economic, environmental, and social/cultural benefits. Projects must provide benefits in all three categories to be eligible for funding. Funding is intended for implementation-ready projects. Eligible projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation • Reuse • Storage – Above or below ground • Streamflow protection or restoration • Water distribution, conveyance, or delivery systems • Other water resource development projects that meet requirements. 	<p>Any person, Indian tribe, or non-profit organization may apply for funding. "Person" includes individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, joint stock companies, public and municipal corporations, political subdivisions, the state and federal governments, and any agencies thereof.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for either a grant or loan. • Grants require a minimum 25% cost-match, which may include cash or in-kind contributions. • If an applicant is required to have a Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP), the plan must be submitted to the Water Resources Department and receive approval prior to the application due date. 	<p>Competitive applications accepted during open cycles announced at: Water Resources Department : Funding Opportunities : Funding Opportunities : State of Oregon</p> <p>Sign up for mailing list: https://bit.ly/owrd-signup</p> <p>OWRD encourages applicants to schedule a pre-application conference with staff before applying for a grant.</p> <p>Program details: Water Projects Grants and Loans</p> <p>OWRD Grants Contact: Adair Muth Phone: 971-301-0718 Email: OWRD.Grants@water.oregon.gov</p>
<p>Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU)</p> <p>National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund</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"> • Loans up to \$200,000 or 75% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Max repayment period of 10 years. • Fidelity bond insurance required. • 5 years, % only, pre-development loans are available. • 90-day, no %, immediate turnaround disaster area emergency available. • 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 Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program Rural Development (usda.gov) • At minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required. 	<p>Contact OAWU at office@oawu.net or by phone at 503-837-1212, or applications, information and forms are available for download at Rural Water Loan Fund NRWA</p> <p>Applications can be emailed to nrwarlf@nrwa.org or mailed to: NRWA-RLF, 2915 S. 13th, Duncan, OK 73533.</p>