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**OREGON DRINKING 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 11 western states and the Pacific islands. RCAC 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 and Wastewater Funding and Resource Guide is an easy-to-use document that identifies water and wastewater funding programs, agencies and organizational resources available to community water and wastewater systems in Oregon. 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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- Funding programs for water and wastewater projects

Key Project Stages

- Planning
- Predevelopment
- Engineering and Design
- Construction

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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/Washington 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 DeSemple, DWSRF/BIL Program Coordinator (503) 956-8287 Tabitha Donaghue, DWSRF/BIL Program Coordinator (503) 730-7055 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) Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) 775 Summer St. NE, Suite 310 Salem, OR 97301-1280 Office: (503) 986-0123 Email: Infrastructure.INFO@biz.oregon.gov</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/CWSRF</p>	<p>Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Corporate Office 3120 Freeboard Dr., Ste. 201 West Sacramento, CA 95691</p> <p>Dessa Wells, Regional Field Manager, OR Phone: 360-558-2150 Email: dessa.wells@rcac.org</p> <p>Kim Anderson, Small Utility Consultant, OW3IC Coordinator Phone: 971-930-2490 Email: kim.anderson@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 Phone: 503-837-1212</p> <p>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 Phone: 971-301-0718 OWRD.grants@water.oregon.gov</p> <p>OWRD Funding Opportunities</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"> • Median amount of Local Technical Assistance (TA) investments historically ≈\$100,000. • 30-50 local projects typically funded each year. • 60% of project cost typical cap for federal share of a planning award • Federal share may be increased to a max. of 80% of the total project cost. • EDA’s maximum investment rate determined by the per capita income or unemployment rate of the most economically distressed county within the region served by the project. • Federally recognized Indian Tribes do not require match. • Local share match may not be satisfied with Grant funds from other Federal Agencies 	Visit agency website at: EDA Funding Opportunities Submit application through EDA Grants Management Experience “EDGE” Contact: J. Wesley Cochran Economic Development Representative – Oregon/Washington (206) 561-6646 jcochran@eda.gov
Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) 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. Award announcements by the end of June. • July 1–September 30, applications accepted. Award announcements by the end of November. Contact OBDD at (503) 986-0123 and ask for a 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) 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"> • Planning Loans available at reduced low interest rates/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/SPWF/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA</p> <p>Water/ Wastewater Financing Program (W/W) Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Planning, preliminary engineering, economic investigations, and other feasibility studies related to an eligible construction project, with required documentation.</p> <p>Water Master Plans (for systems with 300 or more connections), Wastewater Facilities Plans (no connection limits), or system partnership (consolidation / regionalization) studies.</p>	<p>Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribal councils of federally recognized tribes, ports, and districts (ORS 198.010).</p> <p>Service area population of 15,000 or less.</p> <p>Have not been awarded a W/W TA grant for the system in the last 3 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants up to \$50,000 • Loans at 1% interest rate/10-year maximum 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>
<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 (municipality, county, district, authority); non-profit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.</p> <p>Priority to the smallest and poorest communities and systems with limited resources and service area populations of ≤10,000.</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 503-414-3300, Select #3 for Community Programs. Consult with your regional loan specialist or view program details at: Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants Rural Development (usda.gov)</p>

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<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 503-414-3300, Select #3 for Community Programs. Consult with your regional loan specialist or view program details at: www.rd.usda.gov/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 503-414-3300, Select #3 for Community Programs. Consult with your regional loan specialist or view program details at: USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants</p>
<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 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 federally recognized 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 may be available for planning, design, and construction loans as provided in criteria and limits described in the DEQ CWSRF Intended Use Plan. 	<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>

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<p>Oregon Health Authority (OHA) & Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) IFA Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP)</p>	<p>Drinking water system projects that include planning activities that promote sustainable water infrastructure.</p> <p>SIPP funding is eligible to hire a third-party contractor to perform one of the studies detailed below.</p> <p>a. Water System Master Plans – Only eligible for water systems with under 300 connections. Long-range plan to evaluate the needs of the water system and make recommendations for future improvements.</p> <p>b. Seismic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plans: to meet seismic planning requirements for water master plans, as outlined in OAR 333-061-0060(5)(a)(J).</p> <p>c. Feasibility Studies: to evaluate the feasibility of a drinking water infrastructure project.</p> <p>d. System Partnership Studies: to evaluate potential for system consolidation or regionalization.</p> <p>e. Asset Management Plans: for managing the assets of a water system.</p> <p>f. Water Rate Studies: to evaluate water system rate charges, structure, and adequacy.</p> <p>g. Leak Detection Studies: to detect water system leakage and identify possible solutions.</p> <p>h. Security Risk and Vulnerability Studies: assessments to evaluate infrastructure and information security, including cybersecurity projects.</p> <p><i>Ineligible Activities:</i> Construction or engineering/design. Ground disturbing activities. Operations & Maintenance.</p>	<p>Public and privately owned community and non-profit non-community public water systems.</p> <p>Federally owned systems are not eligible.</p> <p>Priority given to those systems serving less than 300 service connections and/or considered disadvantaged communities.</p>	<p>A water system may be awarded SIPP funds once every three years. Water system must complete project within 2 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Forgivable Loan • Maximum funding amounts are dependent on project type. • \$50,000 Maximum: Water System Master Plan, Seismic Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plans, Feasibility Studies, System Partnership Studies • \$20,000 Maximum: Asset Management Plans, Water Rate Studies, Leak Detection Studies, Security Risk and Vulnerability Studies 	<p>An application must be submitted to be eligible for funding consideration. Semi-annual deadlines to apply are February 15 and August 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>Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects</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 	<p>Competitive applications accepted during open cycles announced at: Water Resources Department : Funding Opportunities: Feasibility Study Grants</p> <p>Sign up for mailing list at: 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>OWRD contact: Louisa Mariki Phone: 503-979-9160 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 of 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. • 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.</p> <p>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>

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<p>Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund</p> <p>Short Term Loans – Feasibility</p>	<p>Water and/or wastewater project feasibility studies; environmental reports; and other work to assist in developing an application for infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities</p>	<p>Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less. Community size limited to maximum of 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA or USDA is the long-term lender.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan limit – Normally not more than \$50,000 • Unsecured promissory note only • Term — 1 year • Interest rate – 5% • 1% Loan fee • May roll up to additional loans. • Projects containing green components may receive funding priority. 	<p>Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org.</p> <p>Applications available on-line at: RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans</p>
<p>Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund</p> <p>Short Term Loans – Predevelopment</p>	<p>Loans for predevelopment activities such as design engineering, legal costs, or bond counsel.</p> <p>Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities</p>	<p>Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments serving rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less. Community size limited to maximum of 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA or USDA is the long-term lender.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan limit – Normally not more than \$1,000,000 • Amount corresponds with long-term financing source letter of conditions to cover preconstruction costs. • Unsecured promissory note only • Term — 1 year • Interest rate – 5% • 1% Loan fee • Requires take-out in place. • May roll up to additional loans. • Projects containing green components may receive funding priority. 	<p>Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org.</p> <p>Applications available on-line at: RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans</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 60%, 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/Washington (206) 561-6646 jcochran@eda.gov</p>

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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
Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Special Public Works Fund (SPWF)	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.	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. 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.	<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500,000 or 25% for Federal disaster relief assistance or pre-disaster mitigation match requirement 	Apply year-round, based on funding availability. 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

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Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Water/Wastewater Financing (W/W) Infrastructure Project Funding	Design and/or construction improvements of drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater projects. Projects must be publicly owned and address an existing or pending compliance issue, or an eligible urgent need. Third party documentation required to demonstrate project eligibility. Eligible activities include but are not limited to design, engineering, permitting, environmental review, public engagement, and construction.	Cities, counties, county service districts (ORS Chapter 451), tribal councils of federally recognized tribes, ports, and special districts (ORS 198.010). No population limits for Infrastructure Project funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum \$10 million loan (projects typically awarded less) • 30-year term maximum or life of the investment, whichever is less • Eligibility for partial grant and reduced interest rates based on median household income and user rates • Maximum \$750,000 grant; minimum 1% interest rate; pending eligibility 	Competitive applications are accepted year-round. All awards are subject to funding availability. 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
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 503-414-3300, Select #3 for Community Programs. Consult with your regional loan specialist or view program details at: Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Oregon Rural Development (usda.gov)
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	Loans 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 and/or 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 federally recognized 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 may be available for planning, design, and construction loans as provided in criteria and limits described in the DEQ CWSRF Intended Use Plan. 	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.

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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 <p>Other water resource development projects that meet requirements.</p>	<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"> • 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: Louisa Mariki Phone: 503-979-9160 Email: OWRD.Grants@water.oregon.gov</p>
<p>Oregon Health Authority (OHA)</p> <p>Drinking Water Source Protection Fund (DWSPF)</p>	<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>Land acquisition (conservation) planning grants available through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. These planning projects can include studies or activities assessing legal and/or financial feasibility of purchasing land, easements, etc. within an identified drinking water source area. Projects that involve land acquisition can only be funded through a loan.</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"> • Source Protection grants - max \$50,000 • Land acquisition (conservation) planning grants - max \$70,000 • Low interest loans up to a maximum of \$100,000 • Loans up to 20-year term maximum 	<p>Submittal of letter of interest required to be considered for funding. Check with OHA on submittal schedule.</p> <p>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: Drinking Water Source Protection Projects</p>

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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 financing 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.</p> <p>Federally owned systems are not eligible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans with an interest rate as low as 1%. • Up to 30-year term maximum. • Potential for Principal Forgiveness on loans based on several factors such as compliance, water system size, affordability criteria, etc. • Potential additional forgivable loan and subsidized interest rates for communities determined to be disadvantaged. • Circuit Rider assistance for eligible systems under 10,000 in population. • Eligible costs to contract for project management and/or to administer labor standard compliance may be awarded additional principal forgiveness. • Projects requesting \$3 million or more require additional review by Business Oregon’s IFA Board. • Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – funding 2022 – 2026 <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: Funding to support the identification of, planning, design, or replacement of lead service lines (must include public and private side replacements). 	<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 February 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 or by email at dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov.</p>

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<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 of 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>
<p>Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Short Term Loans – Construction</p>	<p>Loans for pre-funding construction activities for infrastructure projects where long-term funding commitments have been secured.</p> <p>Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan limit – Normally not more than \$6,000,000 Commitment letter for permanent financing source required. Amount corresponds with other financing source letter of conditions to cover loan portion of funding commitment. Secured by same type of security as permanent financing. Term – Corresponds with construction period for permanent financing. Interest rate – 5% 1.125% Loan fee Requires take-out in place. May roll up to additional loans. Projects including green components may receive funding priority. 	<p>Applications accepted anytime Contact: Jessica Scott at 719-458-5460 or jscott@rcac.org.</p> <p>Applications available on-line at Environmental Infrastructure Loans - RCAC</p>

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Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Intermediate Term Loans - Construction	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 \$200,000 • 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 RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans
Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) Loan Fund Long-Term Loans - Construction	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 • Term – Up to 30 years • 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 RCAC Environmental Infrastructure Loans