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Financial Assistance Division

How Can OWRB Funding Help You

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OWRB Eligibility

For All Programs

- Political Subdivisions of the State
- Counties, towns, municipalities
- Rural water, sewer, irrigation districts
- Water conservation districts
- School districts
In What Ways Can OWRB Help?

3 Grant Programs
- Rural Economic Action Grant (REAP)
- Emergency Grant
- *Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant

3 Loan Programs
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) co-administered with ODEQ
- Financial Assistance Loan Program (FAP)

For Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Nonpoint Source Infrastructure Projects
Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) Program

Program Purpose – to address infrastructure needs for
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)
- Stormwater Management
Funds awarded for Planning & Design costs for eligible projects

Projects to be listed on CWSRF Project Priority List (PPL) for consideration

Examples of Eligible projects:

SSO Correction:
- Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) correction
- Collection system, pump station, or treatment facility capacity for mitigating SSO
- Real-time control systems for SSO management (SCADA)

Stormwater Management:
- Projects to intercept, transport, control, treat or reuse stormwater and subsurface drainage (Gray or Green Infrastructure)
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

- Expanded to include WATER QUALITY PROTECTION EFFORT projects called Non-Traditional
- Below market interest rate loan program to implement Clean Water Act

Traditional projects are wastewater focus
CWSRF Non Traditional Projects
Intended Streetscape Project
Conceptual Design

Streetscape/
Non Point Source Projects
Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), Langley – Bio retention Cells

Bioretention Cell Non Point Source Projects

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Eligible Projects address the Safe Drinking Water Act

- Variety of terms and repayment structures
- Below market interest rate loan program
In June 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was announced between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate federal agency funding to restore vital water infrastructure as quickly as possible in times of disaster.

This MOU establishes a framework for EPA State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs to assist and collaborate with FEMA disaster assistance grant programs to allow local entities to recover quickly and restore their vital infrastructure after a Presidential-declared disaster.

In a case by case basis, the EPA-FEMA MOU provides local government access to a low-interest loan from the Oklahoma SRFs (Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) to help pay for the immediate restoration of vital drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

The MOU makes clear that specially designated SRF funds are state funds and may be reimbursed by FEMA and may act as a cost-sharing finance source for a municipality applying for FEMA disaster assistance grant funding.

Eligible projects under the SRF programs include drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities and a wide variety of other water and wastewater infrastructure projects to include non-point source, dam restoration, and storm water mitigation.

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The funds being discussed are the state of Oklahoma ARPA dollars and do **NOT** include NEUs or County funding.
A proposal was submitted by OWRB to manage the state of Oklahoma ARPA dollars for *water and sewer projects ONLY* but has *NOT* been approved by the final committee *NOR* signed off on by the Governor.
Small Community WATER/SEWER Grant Program
- Populations of 7,000 or less
- RWDS with 2,300 non-pasture taps or less
- MAX grant of $500,000
- No match requirement

Small Community High Hazard Dam Rehab Grant Program
- Populations of 7,000 or less
- MAX grant of $1,000,000
- No match requirement
- For High Hazard Dams with Poor or Unsatisfactory condition

PROPOSED but NOT signed off on by the Governor

Mid to Large Community WATER/SEWER Grant Program
- Populations greater than 7,000
- RWDS with more than 2,300 non-pasture taps
- MAX grant of $2,000,000
- 50/50 cost-share match

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- **March 2021**: ARPA becomes law on March 11.
  - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (SLFRF)
  - $350 Billion to state, local, and Tribal governments
  - Eligible costs must be incurred on or after March 3, 2021

- **May 2021**: US Treasury published Interim final rule (IFR).
  - Water/Sewer Eligibility consistent with SRF eligibilities

  - Expanded Eligibilities for water/sewer

- **April 1, 2022**: Final Rule effective Date

- **December 31, 2024**: Funds must be obligated

- **December 31, 2026**: Funds must be expended
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Water & Wastewater funding will flow through the CWSRF and DWSRF (SRF) programs
- BIL funding will begin in SFY2023 and is projected for a 5-year period
Final guidance is being addressed

CWSRF & DWSRF (SRF) will contain loan forgiveness components

SRF Intended Use Plan Public Meetings are expected to be held in June
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THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW
A Historic Investment in Water for Oklahoma

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will provide more than $506 million to Oklahoma from the U.S. EPA for water and wastewater infrastructure investment over the next 5 years.

APPRX $409 MILLION FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER

- $156 million through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for various drinking water infrastructure projects
- $53 million through DWSRF for emerging contaminants including PFAS
- $200 million through DWSRF for lead service line identification and replacement

APPRX $97 MILLION FOR CLEAN WATER

- $89.9 million through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for wastewater, storm water, and nonpoint source infrastructure projects
- $7.6 million through the CWSRF for emerging contaminants

With BIL funding, Oklahoma’s public systems will have a significant opportunity to strengthen & rebuild our State’s water & wastewater infrastructure.

This funding provides a historic investment to replace water & wastewater facilities, and ensure that Oklahoma’s systems are resilient for the future.
GovDelivery Sign-up

https://www.owrb.ok.gov/
Questions on eligible funding under the SRF programs?

Questions about how OWRB can help you?

Questions about OWRB’s provided resources?
Thank you for your time

OWRB stands ready to help

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ARPA Expanded Eligibilities

- Additional stormwater infrastructure, residential wells, lead remediation, rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs—beyond the CWSRF and DWSRF if they are “necessary” due to growth or otherwise.
  - ✔ Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater infrastructure
  - ✔ Infrastructure to improve access to safe drinking water for individual served by residential wells, including testing initiatives, and treatment/remediation strategies that address contamination
  - ✔ Dam and reservoir rehabilitation if primary purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and project is necessary for provision of drinking water
  - ✔ Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, such as lead testing, installation of corrosion control treatment, lead service line replacement, as well as water quality testing, compliance monitoring, and remediation activities, including replacement of internal plumbing and faucets and fixtures in schools and childcare facilities