Financial Assistance Resources

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Emergency Grants
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Eligibility

• Definition of Emergency
  – Any situation where the life, health, or property of the persons being served by an entity are endangered

• Eligible Entities
  – Counties, Public Trusts, Rural Water & Sewer Districts, Schools, Towns
Emergency Grants

Category One

• Major or Total System Loss due to natural or unforeseen disaster
• Could not have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable care
• 50 Priority Points
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Category Two

- Immediate danger or imminent health hazard to the community or other nearby citizens
- Could not have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable care
- 40 Priority Points
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Category Three

- Improvements needed to meet the average and/or maximum daily demands of a system’s customers due to large increases in the number of customers
- New water systems or extension of water system to serve areas where residents are without water or the water is unsafe for consumption
- 30 Priority Points
Emergency Grants

Other Criteria

- Water and Sewer Rate Structure
- Indebtedness per Customer
- 15% Local Contribution
- Median Household Income
- Applicant Ability to Finance Project
- Amount Requested ($100,000 maximum)
- Consolidation/Benefit to other Systems
- Previous Emergency Grant Awards
Emergency Grants

Priority Scoring System

- Points Based on Emergency Category and Other Criteria
  - 60 Point minimum for approval
  - 120 Point maximum possible score
- Highest Point Total Gets Priority
- Applications Considered on a Monthly Basis (Open Cycle)
Rural Economic Action Plan Grants (REAP)
Eligibility

• Eligible Entities
  – Counties, Public Trusts, Rural Water & Sewer Districts, Schools, Towns
  – Population must be 7,000 people or less
  – Higher Priority given to:
    • Entities with a population less than 1,750 people
    • RWD with less than 525 non pasture taps
    • School districts with less than 525 students
REAP Grants

Criteria

• Population (Customers)
• Water and Sewer Rate Structure
• Indebtedness per Customer
• Median Household Income
• Applicant Ability to Finance Project
• Enforcement Order (Need)
• Amount Requested ($150,000 maximum)
• Deduction for previous REAP Grant Awards
• Deduction for open audit or refund as of Aug 31st
• No match requirement
REAP Grants

Priority Scoring System

- Available Funding Divided Among COGs
- Points Based on Criteria
  - 40 Point minimum for approval
  - 110 Point maximum possible score
- Highest Point Total Within Each COG Gets Priority
- Applications Due September 1
Revenue Bond Issue Loan Program
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Eligible Entities

- Title 60 Public Utility Authorities (Municipalities)
- Title 82 Rural Water & Sewer Districts
- Irrigation Districts
- Water Conservancy Districts
Revenue Bond Issue Loan Program

Eligible Projects

• *Projects* related to water and/or sewer system improvements

• *Refinancing* of existing debt obligations

  ⇒ Water Supply Reservoirs
  ⇒ Storage Tanks
  ⇒ Water Supply and Distribution Lines
  ⇒ Water Treatment Systems
  ⇒ Wastewater Treatment Systems
  ⇒ Wastewater Collection Systems

  ⇒ Water Rights Acquisition
  ⇒ Water Storage Rights Acquisition
  ⇒ Land Acquisition for Treatment Systems and Source Water Protection
  ⇒ Combined Stormwater Sewer System Overflow correction
Revenue Bond Issue Loan Program

Interest Rate Options

• Three Month Variable Interest Rate
  - Average 4.085%
• Fixed Rate
• Variable to Fixed Rate
Loan Terms

- 10% Reserve
- S & P Review Fee
- 3 Month to 30 Year Amortization
- 1.25X Rate Covenant
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (CWSRF)
Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) authorizes a CWSRF

Provide financial assistance for wastewater infrastructure improvements to achieve or maintain compliance with the CWA

OWRB applies for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Capitalization Grants
Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Eligible Entities

- Public Utility Authorities (Municipalities)
- Title 82 Rural Sewer Districts
Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Eligible Projects

- Secondary Treatment
- Advanced Treatment
- Inflow/Infiltration Correction
- Sewer Replacement and Rehabilitation
- New Collector Sewers
- New Interceptor Sewers
- Elimination of Combined Sewers
Pre-funding Elements

Submit the following to the OWRB:

• Request for the project to be placed on the CWSRF Project Priority List
• Engineering Report with cost effectiveness
• Environmental Information Document with reviewing agency approval (e.g. Corp or Engineer floodplain approval).
• Transcript of public meeting
• Loan Pre-application
Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Loans

- Interest rate equal to 60% of Municipal Market Daily (mmd) AAA scale spot rates for each year through maturity plus 55 basis points
- Calculated 10 days before loan closing
- 0.50% Administrative Fee
- 20 year Amortization or 30 Year Amortization available for Disadvantaged Communities
- 1.25 X Debt Coverage Ratio
- No Reserve Requirement
- Principal After Construction Complete
- Local Trustee Bank
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF)
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Background

- Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorize a DWSRF
- Provide financial assistance for drinking water infrastructure improvements to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Organization

- Each year the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) applies to the EPA for a Capitalization Grant.
- DEQ works with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to make loans to eligible entities.
Eligible Entities

- Public Utility Authorities (Municipalities)
- Title 82 Rural Water Districts
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Eligible Projects

Projects that address present violations or prevent future violations of health-based drinking water standards

- Water Treatment
- Transmission and Distribution
- Source Water Protection
- Storage
- Consolidation
- Creation of New Systems
Pre-funding Elements

Submit the following to the ODEQ:

- Request for the project to be placed on the DWSRF Project Priority List
- Engineering Report with cost effectiveness
- Environmental Review Documents
- Plans and Specifications
- Loan Pre-application to OWRB
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Loans

• Interest rate equal to 70% of Municipal Market Daily (mmd) AAA scale spot rates for each year through maturity plus 55 basis points
• Calculated 10 days before loan closing
• Principal Repayment Begins Within 1 Year of Completion of Construction
• 1.25 Debt Ratio Required
• 6 Month to 20 Year Payback, 30 Year Payback available for Disadvantaged Communities
• No Reserve Requirements
• Local Trustee Bank
Other Funding Resources

- Rural Development
- Department of Commerce- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Councils of Government (COG’s)
- Community Resource Group (CRG)
- Indian Health Services
Financial Assistance Resources

For more Information…

Visit our website, at www.owrb.ok.gov, for fact sheets, applications and guidance documents!

Contact us, at 405-530-8800, to discuss a potential project or schedule a meeting!

Request project placement on the Priority List

Submit the Pre-application to get pre-qualified!

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