NEW Financial Assistance Division Programs

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CWSRF Sponsorship Pilot Program

Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG)
CWSRF Sponsorship Pilot Program

- Traditional wastewater project seeking funding through CWSRF can “sponsor” nonpoint source project at a reduced interest rate
- Incentivizes projects to address Nonpoint Source pollution as approved under the state’s Nonpoint Source Management Plan (NPSMP)
- $5 Million available in Pilot to assess demand and effectiveness

Examples of Activities Eligible for Sponsorship:

- Permeable pavement
- Bioretention cells/Rain gardens
- Green Roofs
- Stormwater harvesting
- Constructed wetlands
- Water conservation practices
  - Irrigation BMP’s
- Streambank stabilization or Riparian buffers
- Dam Rehabilitation
- Brownfield projects
- Septic Replacement in priority NPS watershed
- Repairing unpaved roads near impaired waterbodies
- Agriculture BMP’s
  - Fencing around creek beds and alternate water supply
  - Cover crops
  - No till practices
  - Rotational grazing
- Phosphorus control structures in priority watersheds (eastern OK)
Sponsorship Program

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provides below-market interest rate loans for planning, design, and construction of projects that prevent or address water pollution and the Clean Water Act.

OWRB’s Sponsorship Program offers a funding opportunity to address a water quality issue or initiative approved under the state’s Nonpoint Source Management Program (NPSMP).

- Nonpoint Source (NPS) projects can have difficulty providing a revenue stream for loan repayment.
- Oklahoma’s Sponsorship Program allows for NPS projects to receive a reduced interest rate when paired with a traditional treatment works project funded through the CWSRF.

How OWRB’s Sponsorship Program Works

- An eligible public entity must apply for both a traditional treatment works and NPS loan through OWRB.
- NPS project must address a water quality issue or initiative and be approved under the state’s NPSMP.
- Sponsorship Program incentivizes NPS projects through a reduction in interest cost.
- This estimated project cost may total up to approximately 50% of OWRB’s estimated interest earnings of the traditional treatment works project, less the administrative fee.

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Case Study - Shawnee

- Shawnee Municipal Authority: $12 Million in CWSRF funds

- Pottawatomie County Development Authority (PCDA): $1.5 Million for a treatment wetland and sedimentation basin above Wes Watkins Reservoir

WWTP Improvements
- $37.9M Closed 9/2019
- Needed $12M additional for project

2nd Loan ($12M) Sponsored NPS project
- Board Approved $13.5M Dec. 2020
- Closed June 2021
Proposed NPS Project (NRCS)

Proposed Wetland ~$1,035,000
12.4 acres

Proposed Rock Chute ~$34,500
Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG)

- New EPA grant program administered by OWRB
- States Must prioritize projects based on 1+ of these 4 factors:
  - In Financially Distressed Communities (defined by affordability criteria)
  - In communities implementing CSO control policy, a long-term municipal CSO control plan, or a separate SSO control plan
  - On the state’s CWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)
  - In Alaskan Native Villages
- Program Purpose-address infrastructure needs for:
  - Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)
  - Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)
  - Stormwater Management
OWRB’s OSG Program Details

- $664,800 available in grant funds for OK Communities

- Funds will be awarded for Planning and Design costs for eligible projects

- Projects need to be listed on CWSRF Project Priority List (PPL) for Planning and Design or studies

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)
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