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Inola Public Works Authority receives \$171,000 wastewater system loan from OWRB

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Inola Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for a \$171,000 loan Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s wastewater infrastructure. The study and planning of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater system will be financed by a 100% principal forgiveness loan through the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The Authority will utilize the proceeds for a system-wide study and engineering design to address inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer collection system. This information will result in a project that reduces the amount of effluent to the wastewater treatment plant and discharges to Pea Creek.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$249,800 compared to traditional financing.

The CWSRF program is administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CWSRF program has provided approximately \$2.2 billion in water quality loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.



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Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.9 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Blake "Cowboy" Stephens and Representative Tom Gann for their support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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