



OKLAHOMA

Water Resources Board

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Custer City Public Works Authority receives \$800,000 water system funding from OWRB

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Custer City Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for \$800,000 in funding Thursday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s water infrastructure. The construction of upgrades to the system will be financed by a 100% principal forgiveness loan through the Oklahoma Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

The Authority will utilize the proceeds to install a flow meter on the existing booster pump station, replace approximately 10,000 linear feet of six-inch water line and approximately 450 linear feet of eight-inch waterline. This project will reduce water loss and increase water pressure for residents and businesses in and near the Authority.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$1,295,600 compared to traditional financing.

The DWSRF program is administered by the OWRB and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The DWSRF program has provided over \$2 billion in drinking water loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.

Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.14 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB, and Scott Thompson, Executive Director of the ODEQ, express their sincere appreciation to State Senator Darcy Jech and Representative Anthony Moore for their support of the DWSRF program.

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