



# OKLAHOMA

## Water Resources Board

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### **Ochelata Utility Authority receives \$126,800 grant for wastewater system improvements**

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Ochelata Utility Authority (Authority) in Washington County received approval for a \$126,800 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Thursday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s wastewater infrastructure.

The proposed project is to replace 600 feet of PVC sewer line, three (3) manholes, install two (2) service connections, and to conduct 600 feet of sewer line inspection.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority’s customers \$219,900 in principal and interest charges by not having to borrow the project funds. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.14 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to Senator Julie Daniels and Representative Judd Strom for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma,” said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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