Multi-Agency Funding Training for Water & Wastewater Projects

Virtual Training
Day 1 – December 5, 2023

OVER VIEWS, GRANT/LOAN ELIGIBILITY,
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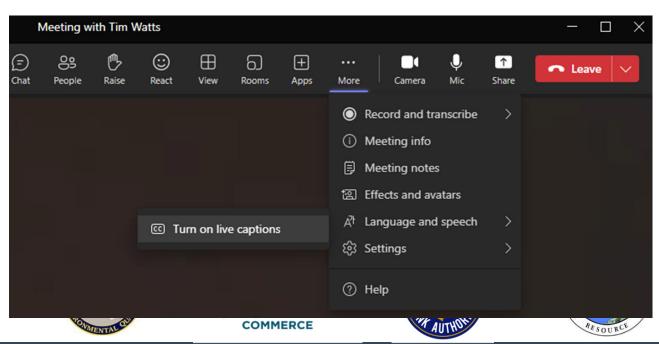






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- All participants will be muted.
- Please add questions to the chat box (virtually) as you have them. Questions will be addressed at the end.













AGENDA

December 5, 2023 - 9:00 - 12:00 (MST)

9:00 – 9:15 – Meeting Introductions

9:15 – 10:15 – Overview of Each Agency's Program

10:15 – 10:30 – Break

10:30 – 11:30 – Grant/Loan Eligibility & Applying/Funding Cycles

11:30 – 12:00 – Approval – Now What?













Today's Speakers

- Noel LaRoque, USDA RD, <u>noel.laroque@usda.gov</u>
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Topic #1 – Agency Overviews















Financial Assistance for Small & Rural Communities

USDA RD Includes:

- Housing
- Rural Business
- Community Facilities (Hospitals, Fire Stations, etc.)
- Electric, Broadband
- Water & Environmental Programs

USDA RD Financial Assistance:

- \$233 Billion portfolio across programs (nation's 14th largest bank)
- Local delivery
 - 47 State Offices & Area Offices
 - Most employees live and work in rural America













Community Facilities Programs (CF)

Idaho CF Programs

- Idaho Allocation FY20:
 - \$16.6M loan, \$212K Grant
- Interest rate 3.875%
 - Term up to 40 years, 30 years typical
- <20,000 pop direct
- <50,000 pop guarantee
- Congressionally Directed Spending is possible

Building capacity

Grants

Access to affordable essential community facilities for small communities

Low-interest rate loans (2-4%); up to 40 year repayment terms

Application development

Local delivery of program













Community Facilities Programs (CF)

What Does This Program Do?

Provides funding for Essential Community Facilities:

- City Hall
- Police Station & Vehicles
- Fire Station & Vehicles
- Pavement

- Community Centers
- Schools
- Medical Facilities
 -and much more!













RD Water & Environmental Programs (WEP)

- Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grants
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)
- SEARCH, Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households
- PPG, Predevelopment Planning Grants
- Native American Set-aside Grants
- Water & Waste Loan Guarantees













RD WEP

FY 23 Allocations

- Regular Loan
- Regular Grant
- Water & Waste Loan Guarantees
- SEARCH
- PPG
- Native American (National Office)
- ECWAG (National Office)
- Congressionally Directed Spending is possible

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- \$ 3,549,000
- \$ 485,000
- \$ 125,000
- \$ 125,000
- \$17,580,741
- \$17,607,685

Idaho typically obtains more \$ from the NO Pool

FY 23 = \$40.98M \$23.1M Regular Loan, Regular Grant \$16.6M, \$1M ECWAG













RD WEP

Rates:

- Fixed (2.375%, 3.125%, 3.875%) depends on service area Median Household Income (MHI) and if there is a Health or Sanitary Standard Violation or issue.
- Changes quarterly

Terms:

- Revenue bond 40 years if w/ RD grant, < if loan only
- GO Bond or LID 30 years max per State Law

Security:

- Cities & Districts Revenue, LID, or GO Bond
- Non-Profit's mortgage/deed of trust, UCC & note

MHI:

• 5-year, 2017-2021 - American Community Survey data













Idaho USDA Rural Development



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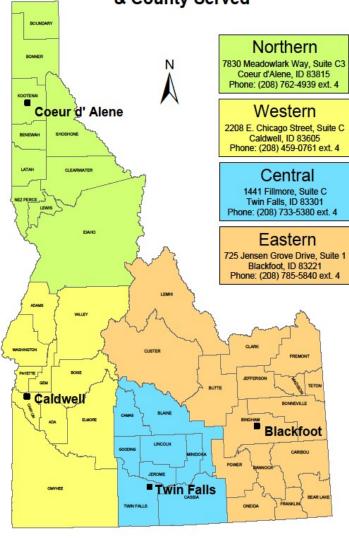


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Idaho Department of Commerce

Grant Programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Federally Funded















CDBG

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 Note: Housing and Urban
- \$3.0 Billion Nationwide
 - CDBG Entitlement Program (70%)
 - CDBG State Program (30%)
 - (Idaho \$7.5 million)















Cities and counties are the eligible applicants

- CDBG can be sub-granted to special districts or non-profit organizations; however, the city or county does not become just a pass through.
- Entitlement cities do not qualify for State CDBG because they get CDBG directly from HUD.
 - Entitlements cities
 - Coeur d' Alene, Lewiston, Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian, Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls.















Set-asides and maximum CDBG

Public Facilities or infrastructure – water and sewer (\$500,000)

- Senior, Community Centers, and Public Parks (\$245,000)
- Imminent Threat (\$150,000)
- Economic Development
 - Downtown revitalization (\$500,000)
 - Public infrastructure for jobs (\$30,000 per job)















Funding Partners

- City, (sub-recipient) Water or Sewer District, DEQ, USDA-RD, USACE, Urban Renewal Districts
- Recognize that funding partners have different requirements and processes















CDBG Related Rules & Regulations

- National Objective
- Procurement
- Environmental Reviews
- Property Acquisition (Uniform Act)
- "New" Build America Buy America (BABA)
- Labor Standards (Davis-Bacon)

- Financial Management
- Citizen Participation
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- 504/ADA Accessibility
- Equal Access (Section 3, DBEs, LEP, EEO)













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Website: www.commerce.idaho

- Application Handbook
- Grant Administration Manul
- Other CDBG related Resources

















Section 595 Program – Environmental Infrastructure Cost-Share Program



Karen Kelly
Project Manager
US Army Corps of Engineers
Walla Wall District



















Program Goals



WRDA 1999 states "Assistance may be in the form of design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in rural Nevada and Montana, including projects for—

- (1) wastewater treatment and related facilities;
- (2) water supply and related facilities;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) surface water resource protection and development"

"Public Law 108-7 amended this legislation on February 20, 2003, to include the State of Idaho."















Loans

Drinking Water SRF
Clean Water SRF
BIL LSL SRF



Grants

Planning Grants

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater (OSG)

American Rescue Plan Act

Leading Idaho Funding

Lead in Schools













Idaho Legislature



Idaho Code Title 39, Chapters 1, 36, 76

Idaho DEQ



Rules for Administration of Wastewater and Drinking Water Loan Funds,

IDAPA 58.01.12



Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities,

IDAPA 58.01.22















Loans

Drinking Water SRF
Clean Water SRF

















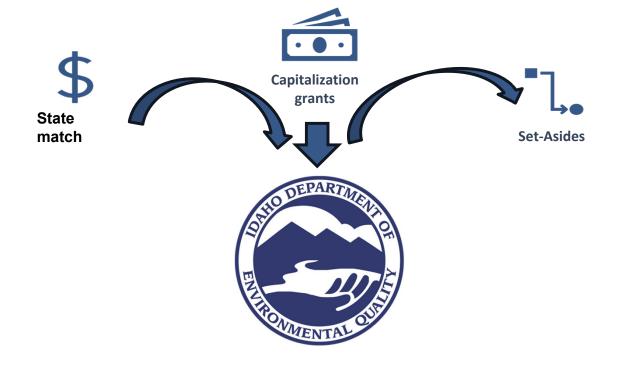














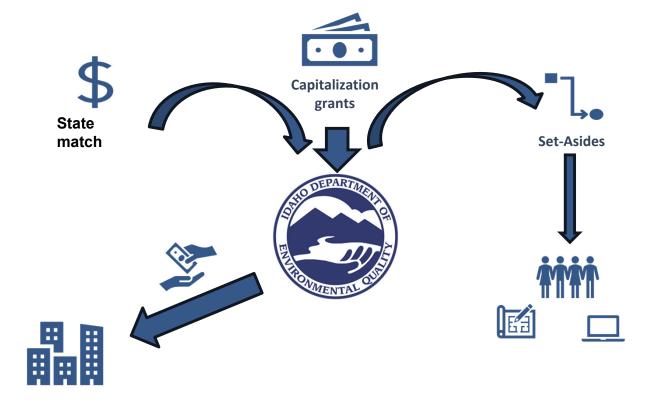














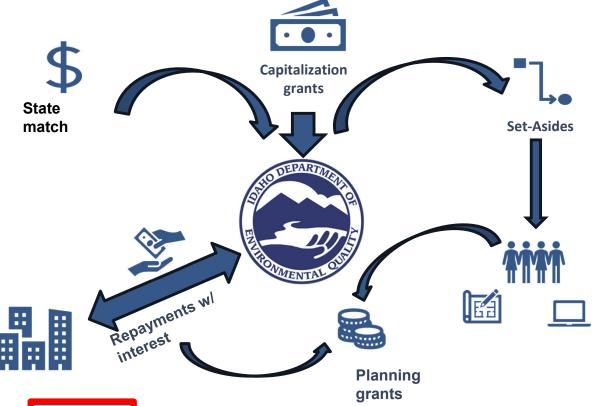
























Low Interest Loans

- Typical range 1.5% to 2.75%
- Lead Service Line 1% to 1.25%

Loans 20 to 30 years

Disadvantaged community

- Principal forgiveness
- Increased loan terms (30 years)
- Reduced interest rate

User rates

- 1. > 2% Median Household Income (MHI), OR
- 2. If >1.5% & below 2%
 - Decreasing population, and
 - Unemployment rate > state's average













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SRF Requirements



FACILITY
PLANNING/ENGINEERING
REPORTS



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS



DEBT AUTHORITY















Grants Planning Grants













Planning Grants

\$

50% Matching local share



Engineering planning documents

Facility plans

Environmental Reports



Typical years

\$350,000 for WW with \$65,000 max \$350,000 for DW with \$45,000 max



Currently (ARPA/LIF)

Removed caps

All planning grants 2022, 2023

\$1M for 2024















Grants

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Grant (OSG)













OSG Grants

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20% Matching local share



2 focuses

I & I Testing

Stormwater Planning Documents



Typical years

~\$200,000 a year



Funding depends on Congress















Grants BIL Emerging Containments













Emerging Containments

\$\$ 100% Principal Forgiveness



PFAS and Unregulated containments

Planning documents

Construction projects



Typical years

\$7.5mil for DW projects \$1mil for CW projects



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Funding through FY2028















Grants Lead Testing in Schools















Loans BIL LSL Replacement













Lead Service Line Replacement

\$ 100% Loan with principal forgiveness for disadvantage communities



LSL Replacement

Facility plans

Environmental Reports



Typical years

\$28 million a year



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Funding through FY2028













DEQ's FY2024 Funding



SRFs

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Leading Idaho/ARPA

- \$300M SFY2023-SFY2027
- \$23M SFY2024 ARPA
- \$93M SFY2024 General Funds

Other EPA grants





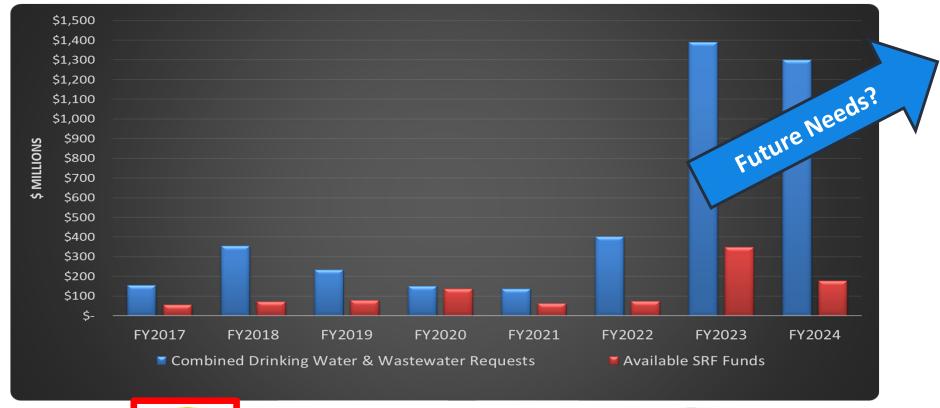








Historical Demand









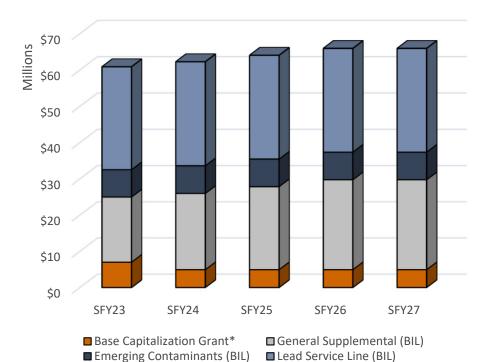






FY2025 Funding Appropriations

Drinking Water

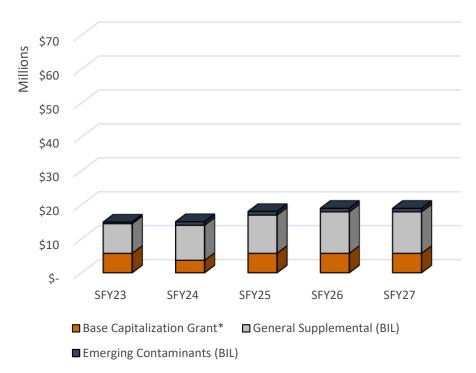








Clean Water









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- Zoe McCarty Grants & Loans Officer
- Garrett Deegear Office Specialist









Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA) Overview



OFFICE OF THE IDAHO STATE TREASURER

Julie A. Ellsworth, State Treasurer

The Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA) is a pooled borrowing program created by the Idaho Legislature in 2001 that is governed by the IBBA Board with the goal of providing cost effective long-term financing for Idaho municipalities.













IBBA Overview (Continued)



> Staff

- Shawn Nydegger, Executive Director State Treasurer's Office
- John Faltin, Treasurer State Treasurer's Office
- Merissa Landers, Secretary State Treasurer's Office

Board of Directors

- Julie Ellsworth, Chairman Idaho State Treasurer
- Len Crosby, Retired Banker and Financial Consultant Governor Appointee
- Seth Grigg, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties Governor Appointee
- Josh Tanner, Idaho State Representative
- Ben Toews, Idaho State Senator











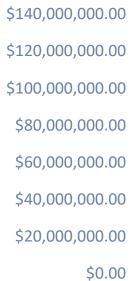


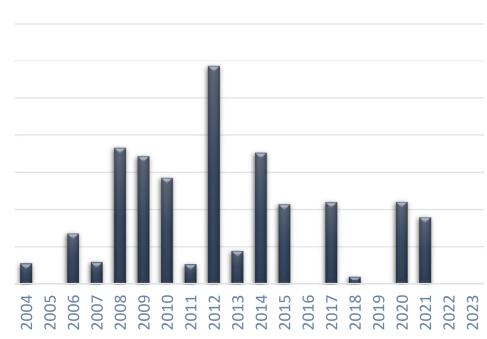
IBBA Historical Activity



Annual Bond Issue Totals (2004-2023 to date)

> The IBBA has issued 37 series of bonds providing over \$636 million of funding for Idaho municipalities since 2004.

















IBBA Series 2021 A/B Bond Issue



<u>Treasurer Ellsworth Announces a \$4.2 Million Savings for Idaho Taxpayers</u> as the Idaho Bond Bank Authority finalized another substantial refinancing effort.

Boise, Idaho - Treasurer Ellsworth announces a \$4.2 million savings for Idaho Taxpayers as the Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA) finalized another substantial refinancing effort.

The IBBA successfully closed a bond issue comprised of \$1,800,000 of tax-exempt bonds and \$34,090,000 of taxable bonds to refinance outstanding loans on behalf of IBBA's current taxpayer borrowers in order to lower future debt service costs. The IBBA bonds again received an Aa1 rating from Moody's this year.

IBBA, a statewide bonding authority, works to bring Idaho municipalities together in order to go to the market and leverage benefits with economies of scale and a strong credit quality.

Treasurer Ellsworth said, "I continue to be pleased with the overall results of the IBBA work. Interest rates have stayed near historical lows and investor demand was again high for such a strong credit quality, resulting in Net Present Value (NPV) Savings of approximately \$4.2 million or a 10.7% reduction in the interest cost over the life of the loans. This deal builds on the success of the 2020 A/B refunding last Fall for a combined NPV savings of \$13.5 million."







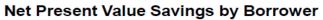






IBBA Series 2021 A/B Bond Issue

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	Series 2021A	Series 2021B		
City of Hazelton Wastewater	\$151,665 (22%)			
Shelley-Firth Fire District	\$190,745 (14%)			
City of Burley Water		\$97,026 (11%)		
City of Burley Wastewater		\$1,011,296 (11%)		
City of Jerome Wastewater		\$1,442,350 (10%)		
Lost Rivers Hospital District		\$406,692 (10%)		
City of Rupert Water		\$75,059 (10%)		
City of Rupert Wastewater		\$685,161 (10%)		
City of St. Anthony Water		\$20,717 (7%)		
City of St. Anthony Wastewater		\$136,732 (8%)		















Benefits of the IBBA



- Lower interest rates
 - Credit enhancement from IBBA pledging the State's sales tax revenue to the repayment of the bonds
 - Bonds issued through the IBBA receive a "Aa1" rating from Moody's
- Lower up-front issuance costs
 - Due to economies of scale from a pooled borrowing
- Access to the market for issues that otherwise may not be able to access the marketplace
 - Small bond issuance













Credit Spreads





Source: Bloomberg 11/15/23













Current Credit Spreads Translated to Dollars



Term	Revenue - AA	Revenue - A	Bip Difference	Savings Per \$1MM
1-Year	3.376	3.569	0.193	1,930
2-Year	3.327	3.528	0.201	4,020
3-Year	3.223	3.429	0.206	6,180
5-Year	3.191	3.418	0.227	11,350
10-Year	3.363	3.640	0.277	27,700
15-Year	3.982	4.260	0.278	41,700
30-Year	4.466	4.872	0.406	121,800

^{*} Rate Source – Bloomberg 11/15/23 For illustration purposes only













IDAHO Water Resource Board: Financial Programs

Justin Ferguson – Loan Program Manager



















Program Overview

Water Project Loans:

- Purpose— Assist with the development of the state's water resources
 - Construction of water projects
 - Rehabilitation of existing water projects
 - Ground water conservation projects & studies
- Funding Period
 - Applications accepted year round

- Interest Rate
 - Current Federal Prime rate, updated quarterly
- Terms Available
 - o From 5 to 30 years*
- Securities
 - Water rights, property, etc.
 - Must meet Idaho Code 42-1756(5)













Program Overview

Water Project Loans (Cont.):

- Flood Management Grants
 - Purpose
 Preventing or reducing flood damage to Idaho's streams and rivers.
 - Applications due in June
 - Funding Awarded Annually in July
 - ½ Cost Share up to \$200,000
- Aging Infrastructure Grants
 - Purpose –Rehabilitate or improve Idaho's water infrastructure and ensures long-term water resource stability and sustainability.

 - Applications Due December & August
 - Funding Awarded Bi-Annually

Regional Sustainability Program

- Purpose Provide funding for projects that provide benefits on a region, basin, or state-wide scale
- Funding is a cost share done on a project-by-project basis
- Applications Due December
- Funds Awarded August













Program Overview

Water Project Loan Overview

- Able to cover many projects that don't fit other programs
- Funding generally available within 60 days
- Open year-round
- Non-Competitive
- Broad eligibility requirements
- Flexible Securities
- Flexible Loan Term















Questions? FUNDING AGENCY OVERVIEWS















Break

10:15 - 10:30















Topic #2 & #3 – Eligibility, Applying and Funding Cycle















Water & Environmental Programs (WEP) Loan Eligibility

- Public Bodies, Non-Profits or Native American Tribes
- <10,000 population and located in an eligible rural area
- Applicant must have legal authority to obtain, give security for, and repay the proposed loan
- Credit elsewhere is not available at reasonable rates and terms













WEP Loan Eligibility

- Applicant must have legal authority to incur debt, own, operate, and maintain facility
- Rural area is not anticipated to decline in population
- Project will serve the existing and projected population of the area and is necessary for orderly development consistent with the development plan for this area.
- Funds used to improve water or sewer system













WEP Grant Eligibility

All the loan eligibility requirements must be met

 MHI below \$51,565 for up to 75% and project is necessary to alleviate a health or sanitary problem
 AND

 User rates are at or above similar systems (~\$50 \$65/month)













WEP ECWAG Eligibility

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG)

- Public Bodies, Non-Profits or Native American Tribes
- <10,000 population and located in an eligible rural area
- MHI below \$64,456

- Significant decline in quantity or quality of water due to but not limited to, a drought; earthquake; flood; tornado; hurricane; disease outbreak; or chemical spill, leakage, or seepage.
- Decline must have occurred within two years of the date the application was filed with the Agency, unless project is for repairs, partial replacement, or significant maintenance on an established water system













WEP PPG Eligibility

Predevelopment Planning Grant (PPG)

- Public Bodies, Non-Profits or Native American Tribes
- <10,000 population and located in an eligible rural area
- MHI below \$51,565 (80% of the SNMMHI)
- Maximum \$60k or 75% of costs













WEP SEARCH Eligibility

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Program (SEARCH)

- Public Bodies, Non-Profits or Native American Tribes
- <2,500 population and located in an eligible rural area
- MHI below \$51,565 (80% of the SNMMHI)
- Maximum \$30k or 100% of costs













WEP Native American Set-aside Eligibility

- Native American Tribes
- <10,000 population and located in an eligible rural area
- MHI below \$51,565 (80% of SNMMHI)
- Maximum \$4M
- 100% of costs













WEP Miscellaneous Requirements

- American Iron and Steel (AIS) & Build American Buy American (BABA) required
- All Commercial or Industrial EDU calculations must be based on Residential EDU's
- Short-Lived Assets life span of less than 5, 10, or 15 years
- Must be included in the Facility Plan













WEP Applying & Funding Cycle

Federal Fiscal Year October 1st – September 30th

No application deadline

Applications through RD Apply https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply













Eligibility

What can CDBG be used for?















Typical Eligible Activities

Construction or rehab of public infrastructure and facilities:

- **sewer or water systems, but also** fire or EMT stations (includes fire engines)
- hospitals or health facilities
- infrastructure for affordable housing
- downtown improvements
- senior & community centers
- public parks
- infrastructure for jobs
- Includes design professional and grant admin services















Kellogg Wastewater Project

















Preston Water Improvement Project







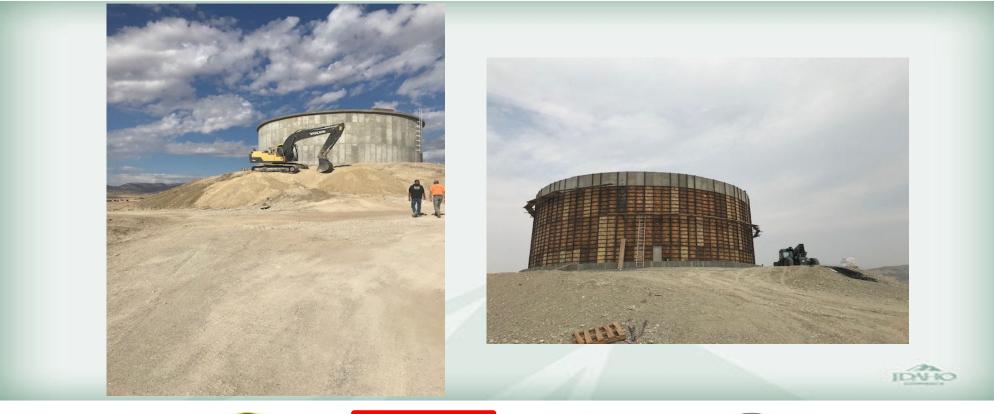








Weston Water Project















Cities and Counties are the Eligible Applicants

- CDBG can be sub-granted to special districts or non-profit organizations; however, the city or county does not become just a pass through.
- Entitlement cities do not qualify for State CDBG because they get CDBG directly from HUD.













Application Submission Dates

- Public facilities (includes infrastructure) applications due in November, the Friday before Thanksgiving.
- Post-Disaster applications can be submitted at anytime.















Note:

CDBG is unique in that some federal programs that require non-federal match, will allow CDBG to be counted as that non-federal match or local match















Method of Distribution – Competitive Process

- Competing statewide against setaside
- Not enough funds to cover demand
- Submit Application staff review, EAC review, if recommended by EAC, Governor reviews













Competitive Factors

- Match cash, bonds, assessments
- Need higher the need the more competitive
- Readiness to Proceed facilities study, Design Professional, Grant Administrator, other funds committed, control of property













National Objectives

Low-to-Moderate Income

- Area Wide (census or survey) this is the national objective that water and sewer projects would qualify under The service area must be at least 51% or higher LMI.
 - Limited clientele
 - Jobs (taken by)
 - Housing (occupied by)















National Objectives

Urgent Need (Post-Disaster)

- Typically natural event flood, fire, landslide
- Immediate threat to community health & welfare
 - Of recent origin (within 12 months)
 - Recipient unable to finance
- Other sources of funding unable to carry out
- Official declaration of emergency by city, county, or state
- Occurrence not a result of deferred maintenance or end of life cycle















Procurement

- Objective: full and open competition for services
- Grant Administrators Qualification Based Selection (QBS)=RFP process
- Design Professionals QBS=RFP process
- Construction Invitation to Bid (lowest responsive and responsible bidder).
- Supply and Delivery Invitation to Bid (lowest responsive and responsible bidder) or RFP format













Environmental Reviews

- Objective: Notify the public and government agencies about your project. Assess your projects environmental impacts.
- The HUD Process typical of most federal environmental reviews but HUD has added provisions – remember housing focus.
- Just because other federal agencies have completed their environmental process doesn't mean CDBG process is complete.















Property Acquisition

- Objective: Ensure seller of property is treated fairly and equitably. Minimize the displacement of persons. Required to follow the Uniform Property Acquisition and Relocation Act.
- Three acquisition transactions: Voluntary, Basic and Donation.
- Relocation















Federal Labor Standards

Objective: Protecting and ensuring the rights of construction workers related to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts – "paid a minimum rate"

- If CDBG paying for a portion of construction, Davis-Bacon is applicable
- If CDBG paying for only grant admin and design professional, Davis-Bacon not applicable















Financial Management

- Ensuring CDBG funds spent on eligible CDBG activities and grantee has proper fiscal internal controls and accounting procedures
- Audit Requirements
- Program Income
- Sub-Recipient Agreements















Citizen Participation

Objective: Ensure the public is aware of CDBG project and provide opportunity to comment and have input

- Hold public hearing prior to application submission
- Hold public hearing midway thru project













Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Positively promote the Fair Housing Act: The act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

CDBG recipients at a minimum need to:

- Designate a Fair Housing Resource Person
- Adopt Fair Housing Resolution
- Complete Fair Housing Assessment Form
- Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month
- Display Fair Housing Information
- Record and Document
- Take steps to correct identified impediments to AFFH document















ADA/504 Accessibility

Objective: CDBG grantees must take measures to ensure non-discriminatory treatment, outreach and access to program resources. This applies to employment and contracting, as well as to marketing and selection of program participants.

- Designate a Section 504 Coordinator
- Organize Review Committee
- Conduct site review of city/county owned buildings and facilities, includes sidewalks or parks
- Review Programs and Activities
- Develop Transition Plan to correct structures or programs















Equal Access

Objective: Ensure nondiscriminatory treatment, outreach and access to program resources. This includes employment and contracting, as well as marketing and selection of program participants.

- Section 3 opening of job opportunities for lower income individuals
- Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBEs) marketing of bidding opportunities to DBE businesses
- Grantees document compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO)
- Limited English Proficiencies (LEP)
 If necessary communication of information normally provided in English





















- Publicly-Owned Entities
- Cities
- Counties
- Public School Districts
- Water and Sewer Districts
- Native American Tribes

















Project Prioritization

Work closely with other Idaho funding agencies to determine priorities, based primarily on:

- Need
- Financial Capability for Cost-Share Program (75% Federal/25% Non-Federal Sponsor)















Funding Cycle



- Fiscal Year is Oct 1 through Sep 30
- Projects can be submitted throughout the year
- Projects are typically selected from July through September, based on funding availability
- Funding becomes available when the National budget is passed (earliest in October, but usually in the spring)















How To Apply



Send a Letter of Interest with the following information:

- Brief Description of the Project
- Estimate of Project Cost
- Understanding of Cost-Share Requirements

Contact Information:

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Walla Walla District
ATTN: Planning Branch (Kelly)
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Loans

Drinking Water SRF Clean Water SRF



Grants

Planning Grants

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater

(OSG)

American Rescue Plan Act
Leading Idaho Funding
Lead in Schools













CWSRF



Government entities and nonprofit corporations that have authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater

Wastewater system improvements New systems for unsewered communities

Nonpoint source pollution control

Water, energy conservation, etc.













DWSRF



Community water systems and <u>nonprofit</u> noncommunity water systems

Water system rehabilitation

Consolidations & connections

Treatment, storage, distribution Achieve or maintain compliance w/ SDWA*













Intended Use Plans

Outlined in federal regulations & by EPA policy

Annual plan

Short and long-term goals

Priority list of projects

Criteria and methods for distribution of funds

Financial status of loan funds

Disadvantaged community/affordability criteria

Subsidy floors and ceilings

Plan for set-asides

Public review and comment













State Fiscal Year 2025 Letter of Interest Timeline for Grants and Loans

October 10, 2023:

Letters of Interest are available online for planning grants and loans.

November 7, 2023

Online training event for how to fill out a letter of interest.

January 12, 2024:

Letters of Interest due to the state.

January and February:

Letters of Interest for planning grants and loans are reviewed and rated

April 2024:

Intended Use Plans for loans, planning grant priority lists, posted for public comment.

June 2024:

Board of
Environmental
Quality for
review and
approval IUPs
and priority
lists.

June 2024:

Notification letters sent.

July 1, 2024:

Funding available















INTENDED TO RANK HIGHEST NEED



PUBLIC HEALTH



REGULATORY COMPLIANCE



INCENTIVES



AFFORDABILITY, DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Priority Rating System

MANAGEMENT
EFFORTS (CAPITAL
BUDGET, FULL-COST
PRICING – UTILITY
RATES, ASSET
MANAGEMENT)



TECHNOLOGY
EFFORTS (HIGHEFFICIENCY
COMPONENTS, SCADA
SYSTEMS, WATER
METERS, VARIABLE
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Ranking (April)













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Public Comment (May/June)













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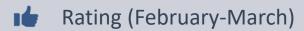
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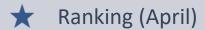
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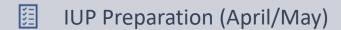
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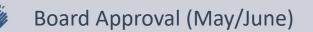
























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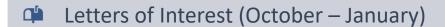
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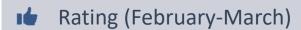
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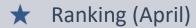
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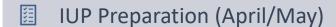
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Public Comment (May/June)

Board Approval (May/June)

Notifications (June)













Priority List Process

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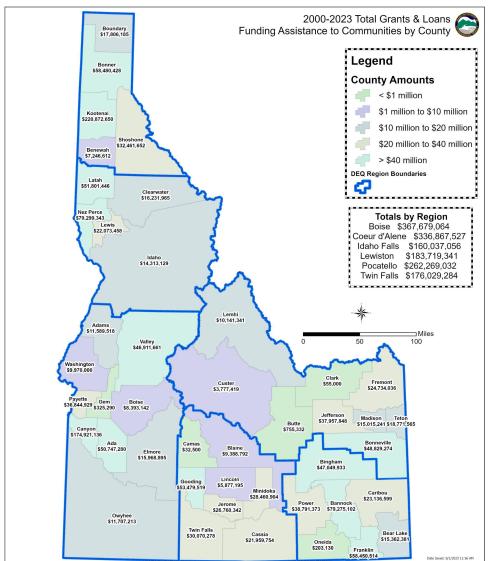




















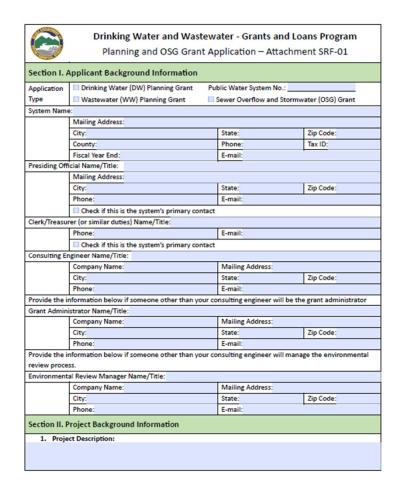
Grant Application

- System information
 - SAM.gov registration
 - Cert. of Existence for non-profits
 - UEI#
- Project Description
- Engineering contract
- Cost breakdown
- Drinking Water fees are current
- Licensed operators
- Opting out of environmental work
- Same basic form for WW & DW











Loan Application

- Same requirements as the grants
- Ability to incur debt
- 3 years of financials
- Annual budget
- List of other debt
- Financial Control Policy
- Environmental data









Construction Funding Application

Attachment SRF-02

Section I. A	pplicant Background Information					
A 11 67	State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Lead Service Line (LSL) Loan					
Application	☐ Emerging Contaminant (EC) Grant	☐ Emerging Contaminant (EC) Grant ☐ Leading Idaho Funding (LIF)				
Туре	Note: Submit two separate applications if applying for SRF and LSL funding.					
	Public Drinking Water System	■ Wastewater System				
System Type	Other, please specify:					
Public Water S	ystem No:	IPDES/NPDES/Reuse	Permit No:			
System Name	(Applicant):					
	Mailing Address:					
	City:	State:	Zip Code:			
	County:	Phone:	Tax ID:			
	Fiscal Year End:	E-mail:	-			
Presiding Office	tial Name:	Title:	Title:			
	Mailing Address:	•				
	City:	State:	Zip Code:			
	Phone:	E-mail:				
	Check if this is the system's primary of	contact				
Clerk/Treasurer Name:		Title:	Title:			
	Phone:	E-mail:				
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Consulting Eng	gineer Name:	Title:				
	Company Name:	Mailing Address:				
	City:	State:	Zip Code:			
	Phone:	E-mail:	•			
Financial Cons	ultant Name:	Title:	Title:			
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Grant Offers

- Introduction
- Description
- General Conditions
- Project Mgmt. Conditions
- Payments
- Termination/Suspension
- Access/Indemnification
- Special Conditions
- 6 pages in length







STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PLANNING GRANT OFFER, ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Board of Environmental Quality (Board) is authorized by the Title 39, Chapters 1 and 36 of the Idaho Code (the Act), to make and administer grants in order to provide financial assistance to municipalities to aid in the planning of public wastewater facilities. The Board, through the Department of Environmental Quality (Department), is authorized to administer the Act. The Department has found that the (System Name) (Applicant/Grantee) has established eligibility for a grant under the terms of the Act and the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities, IDAPA 58.01.22 (the Rules).

The Department hereby offers a grant to the Applicant according to the conditions contained in the following sections of this grant agreement.

SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This grant agreement is for facility planning of the following project:

A. Grant Project Number: XXX-XXXX-)

Name and Address of Applicant: Applicant

Address City, Idaho 83XXX

Project Description: The purpose of the grant is to prepare

a wastewater planning study and environmental review in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.22 to evaluate the current wastewater system and develop alternatives for any needed improvements.

D. Estimated Project Budget.*

Administrative Services
 Engineering and Consulting Services
 Environmental Review
 Total







Loan Offers

- Section I: Introduction
- Section II: Terms-All funding sources
- Section III: General Conditions
- Section IV: Project Management
- Section V: Special Conditions
- Section VI: Security Requirements-Interim, PF
- Section VII: Loan Disbursements
- Section VIII: Repayment Terms
- Section IX: Loan Suspension
- Section X: Access and Indemnification
- Section XI: Offer







STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LEADING IDAHO FUNDING OFFER, ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT FOR DRINKING WATER FACILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

The State of Idaho (State) is authorized by Title 39, Chapter 36 (Act), Idaho Code, IDAPA 58.01.12, and IDAPA 51.01.22 (Rules) to distribute funds to assist entities in the planning. design, and construction of drinking water facilities. The Idaho Legislature authorized the Department to receive Leading Idaho Funds (LIF) to distribute for the construction of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements, pursuant to the Act (Idaho House Bill No. 361, Section 1 and 2 of the first regular session of 2023).

The <System Name> (Grantee) has applied for a LIF grant and is a public entity created for the purposes, among other purposes, of operating and maintaining the public drinking water system located <short description of location> and taking all necessary actions to ensure that the public drinking water system meets all applicable laws. The Department has established eligibility for a LIF grant and herby offers a LIF grant to the Grantee according to the terms and conditions contained in this document and the Rules.

SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This grant agreement is for design and construction of the following project:

LIF Grant Project Number: DW XXXX-LF Grantee Name and Address: Applicant address city, Idaho 83XXX

This grant is to (project description) Project Description:

\$XXX at 0% all of which is grant funding, resulting in no repayment obligation, as long as the terms of this agreement are followed.

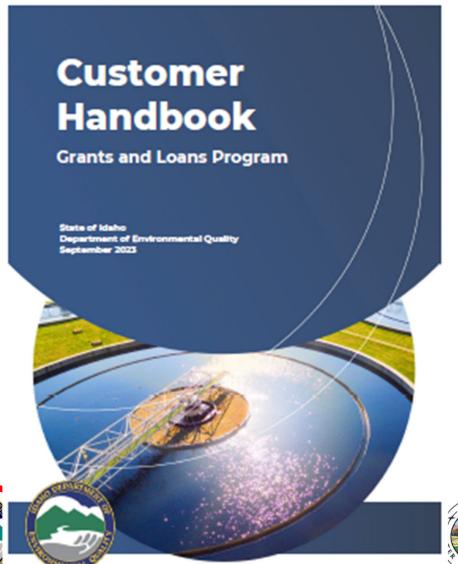
Estimated Project Budget:*

Engineering Fees Administration Costs







































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What type of bonds can be issued by IBBA?

- Revenue Bonds
 - Water Revenue
 - Sewer Revenue
 - General Fund
- General Obligation Bonds
- > Financings authorized through judicial confirmation

Similar to selling bonds on their own, an issuer needs to have the legal authority to sell its bonds through the IBBA as evidenced by a legal opinion from their bond attorney













Preparing for an Issue



- Who can participate?
- What do you need to do to prepare for IBBA requirements?
- The application process
- A breakdown of costs













Who can participate?



- > Any municipality as defined by Idaho Code 67-8702 can utilize the IBBA program
- Includes any political subdivision
 - City or Town
 - County
 - School District
 - Other Special Districts
 - Water & Sewer Districts
 - Public Health Districts
 - Irrigation Districts
 - Soil Conservation Districts
- Local Improvement Districts cannot utilize the IBBA













What you need to prepare for IBBA requirements?



- Obtain legal authorization to issue bonds
 - Voter authorization
 - Judicial confirmation
- Coverage
 - Historical: 1.25x net system revenue
 - Projected: 1.5x net system revenue or 1.25x net system revenue with professional certification

- Refunding requirements
 - Minimum NPV savings of 5% of refunding par
 - Present value savings must be greater than or equal to negative arbitrage
- > Underwriters
 - Underwriter policy
- > Bond Counsel
- > FAs













The Application Process



Completing the application

- Provide a summary of the purpose of the borrowing, including amount needed and timing of the project
- Provide last three audited financial statements
- Provide the current and next fiscal year's budget
- Provide loan documents of any current outstanding debt with the same revenue pledge
- Provide contact information for participant representatives
 - City Officials
 - Bond Counsel
 - Underwriter
 - Financial Advisor (not required)

Application Fee of \$500













A Breakdown of Costs



- Participant Level Costs
 - Local Bond Counsel
 - IBBA fee 10 basis points on the total debt service (less the application fee)
 - Local Financial Advisor (not required)
 - Local Paying Agent fee (not required)

- Bond Bank Cost of Issuance
 - Bond Counsel
 - Financial Advisor
 - Moody's Rating
 - Underwriter Discount
 - Paying Agent
 - Miscellaneous Expenses













Bond Issuance

- Document Preparation roles and responsibilities
 - Work with bond counsel to review all necessary documents and agreements
 - Work with IBBA financial advisor or local financial advisor to determine sizing and structure
- Bond Pricing
 - Competitive vs Negotiated sale
- Closing the Bond Issue
 - Provide legal counsel with signed originals
- > Timing of Events















Timing of the Events



- The IBBA staff and advisors will review the application and other materials provided by the applicants
- Applications will be presented to the board (based on meeting calendar) for approval
- After approval, IBBA staff will work with participant or their representative to issue the bonds based on quarterly issuance schedule
- Approved applicants can expect to receive financing from the IBBA based on quarterly issuance schedule













Timing of the Events



<u>Issue Month</u> <u>Application Deadline</u>

End of January November 30th

End of April February 28th

End of July May 31st

End of October August 31st

- Board meetings to approve applications will tentatively be held as follows:
 - Third Monday of December, March, June and September
- Board meetings to approve resolutions will tentatively be held as follows:
 - Third Monday of January, April, July and October













Loan Eligibility

Eligible Entities defined in Idaho Code, **Section §42-1756 (1):**

- Irrigation districts
- **Canal or Irrigation Company**
- Water Users' Association
- **Municipal Corporation**
- Municipality
- **Private Corporation**
- **Aquifer Protection District**
- **Ground Water Districts**
- Flood Management Districts
- **Drainage Districts**





















Financial Programs





Eligible Projects (Both Potable & Non-Potable)*

- Delivery System Improvements & Maintenance
- Irrigation & Canal Delivery System Improvements
- Develop & Maintain Water Storage
- Contaminant Removal Systems
- Facilitate Financing to Acquire Real Property
 - Water Management Solutions
 - Availability/Reliability Improvements
 - Repair & Replace Existing Infrastructure
- Drainage Systems
- o Etc.

*Projects must not conflict with any extant Idaho state water plan (I.C §42-1756.3(a))





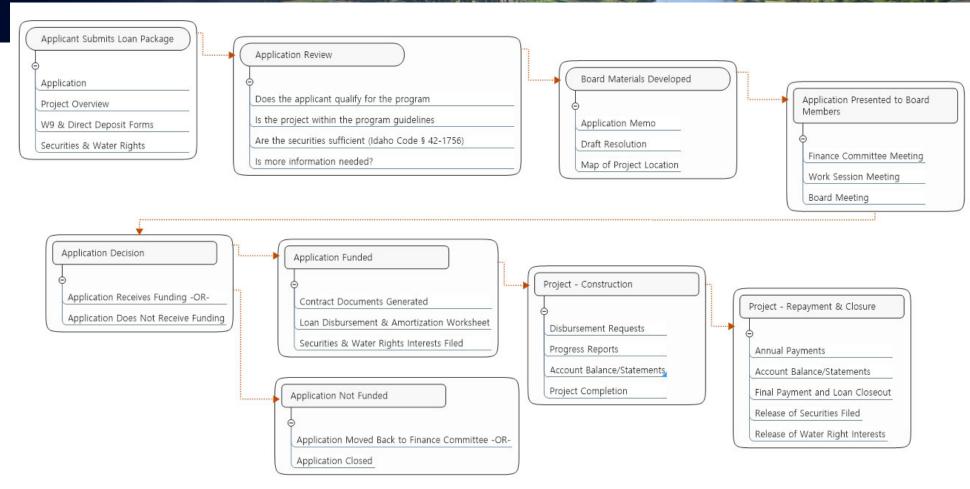












Getting Started

- Determine the Scope of the Project
- Gather Required Documentation
- Planning or Engineering Work
- Contact Staff to Talk Through
 Application Process



https://idwr.idaho.gov/IWRB/programs/financial/

Email: iwrbloans@idwr.idaho.gov

Phone: (208) 287-4800

Mail: PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0098























- Completed Loan Application Package
- Project Scope
- Maps & Photos
- Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws
- Water Rights Summary
- Preliminary Design Report & Cost Estimates
- Documentation & Valuation of Securities
- Permitting Information
- Financial Statements (Last 3 Years)









Application Review

- Staff Review
- Project Team Meeting
- Prepare Materials for Committee
- Requests Must Be Received 28
 Days Prior to Next Scheduled
 Committee Meeting







Application Approval

- Staff Present Application
 Recommendations to the Finance
 Committee
- If Approved, Staff Present
 Recommendations to the Board
 at the Bi-Monthly Board Meetings
- If Approved, Funds Are
 Committed via Resolution







Questions?

Grant & Loan Eligibility & Applying/Funding Cycles















Topic #4 – Approval – Now What?















Funding Approval – Now What?

Communicate with RD Specialists!

RD is involved from beginning to end – Next steps:

- Finalize contract with Engineer
- Equipment Pre-selection
- Preliminary and Final Design
- Bid project
- Construction Contracts
- Construct the project
- Warranty Inspection





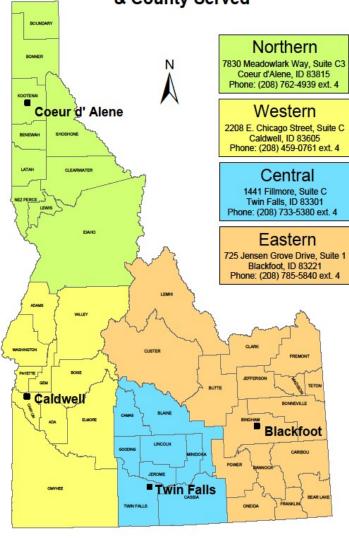








Idaho Rural Development Areas Offices & County Served



Idaho USDA Rural Development Area Offices & Specialists

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Approval, Now What?

- Applications are submitted annually Friday before Thanksgiving
- Scored in accordance with the Application Handbook. As the application process is competitive, the applications are ranked.
- The application scores and ranks are presented to the Economic Advisory Council in January. The council will then select applications for the 2nd phase (addendum) of the review process. Those applications not selected are no longer considered for CDBG funding.













Approval, Now What?

- The applicant will be asked to submit additional information (addendum phase). The addendum are due the first Friday in March.
- The applications and their addendum are once again scored and ranked. The scores and ranks are presented to the Economic Advisory Council in April. The Council will then recommend applications for funding. Not all applications are recommended.
- Recommendations are then presented to the Governor, who will make the final decision.















You Have Funding – What's Next?



- Negotiate a project scope of work
- Sign Project Partnership Agreement
- USACE reviews:
 - Environmental Compliance
 - Engineering Design
 - Cultural Resources
 - Real Estate
- Submit reimbursement requests and receive 75% of costs until total amount is reached or project is completed













Loan Close Out

- 5% withholding (final documents, site inspection)
- Final disbursements made
- Promissory note or formal bond closing
- Amortization schedule
- Repayment 6 mo. after closing













Grants & Loans Program Staff:

- MaryAnna Peavey Grants & Loans Bureau Chief
- Charlie Parkins Grants & Loans Supervisor
- Nicolas Hiebert Senior Water Quality Engineer
- Rosemary Regner Senior Grant & Loan Engineer
- LaDonn Kaylor Grants & Loans Analyst
- Alicia Tapia Campos Grants & Loans Analyst
- Zoe McCarty Grants & Loans Officer
- Garrett Deegear Office Specialist











Post-Issuance Compliance

- What are your responsibilities after bond issuance?
 - Payment Timing
 - Continuing Disclosure Annual Surveillance

















- Debt Service Payments Due to the paying agent (Zions Bank)
 15 days prior to the bond payment date.
 - September 15th bond payments are due September 1st
 - March 15th bond payments are due March 1st
- State Intercept
- Sales Tax Pledge

















- Annual Report (existing Bond Bank participants)
 - Audited financial statements, current year budget, exhibit D-1
 - Due to dissemination agent (Zions Bank) 6 months after fiscal year end
- Material Events (all Bond Bank participants)
 - See Loan Agreement for a list of material events
 - Due to dissemination agent (Zions Bank) not more than 10 business days after event













Annual Surveillance



- Annually IBBA will send out a letter with a questionnaire, including a deadline for submitting the completed questionnaire
- > Questionnaire information
 - Status of your revenue pledge
 - System revenue coverage
 - Use of your debt service reserve
 - Continuing disclosure compliance
 - Arbitrage rebate compliance
 - Any litigation or regulatory issues













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- Loan Terms
 - Interest Rate, Scope, Duration
- Loan Execution
 - Contract, Security, Liens
- Disbursements
 - Invoices
- Inspections
 - During & End of Project Requirements
- Amendments
 - Change Term, Scope, Maximum, etc.

















Current Conditions

- Current Interest Rate: 8.25%
- o Term: Flexible, 5-30 years
 - Extended Terms Available Pending Board Approval
- Securities
 - Liens Filed Based On Securities
 Provided
- 5% Holdback of Funds







Loan Documents

- Contract
- Security Agreement
- Lien Documentation











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45.10	Disbursement Request Fo	Date of Disbursement:
I Fund	ls Requested	
a	Amount Requested: \$	
b	Please provide a brief description of the project requested for this disbursement:	ct costs associated with the amount
c	Is this your final disbursement request on this	loan? Y N
	 If no, please provide estimated date of a anticipated for this loan: 	
	 If yes, a copy of your loan amortization mailed with the disbursement. 	and repayment schedule will be
d	Please provide a brief summary of project state	us and timeline for completion.
II. Requ	nired Documentation	
in-ki	e include copies of associated billing documentation dwork, etc). Documentation must reflect at learns resement.	
Aut	horized Signature	
	Printed Name	
	Date	
		IWRB Loan Disbursement Request Form (Updated Jan 2

Loan Disbursements

- Submit Request
 - IWRB Disbursement Request Form
 - o Invoices As Supporting Documents
- 5% Holdback Per Disbursement
 - Released With The Final Disbursement At Project Completion
- Monthly & Final Inspections
 - During Construction Monthly Reports
 May Be Requested
 - A Final Inspection At Completion



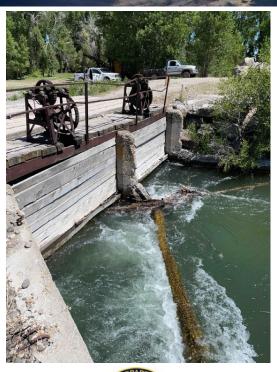












Amendments

- Increase amount, change loan term, etc.
- Submit request
- Prepare recommendation
- Present request to the IWRB













Questions?

Grant & Loan Eligibility & Applying/Funding Cycles













