



## Surface Water Coalition Operational Efficiencies Program

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has allocated funding to help surface water entities throughout the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA) area implement innovative operational efficiencies in an effort to reduce the demand for surface water by Surface Water Coalition members. Applications for funding for this program will be accepted year-round.

Projects considered under this program include purchasing and installing equipment, conducting efficiency studies, and/or other activities designed to improve operational efficiencies that result in reduction in the demand for surface water by Surface Water Coalition members.

### **Geographic Area:**

Limited to surface water diversions of the Surface Water Coalition

### **Eligible Entities:**

Members of the Surface Water Coalition

### **Funding Limit:**

Projects funded under this project are eligible for up to 100% funding per project.

### **Application Requirements:**

Surface water operational efficiencies funding applications need to include the following criteria:

#### **Efficiency Results Likely to Be Achieved**

- What are the proposed project goals and how will the project improve operational efficiency. Please provide sufficient details supporting how the efficiency results were determined.
- How this project will have no impact to incidental recharge in the ESPA
- Water savings due to operational efficiencies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

#### **Project Proposal Clarity & Implementation Schedule**

- Project sponsor description: organization type, background, current operations, etc.
- Project description
- Proposed project narrative, project map (county, PLS or coordinates), scope of work (and supporting documents/designs if appropriate) & any other supporting information the applicant would like to include
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project implementation schedule

**Additional Project funding sources**

- If other funding sources are used to support the project, please provide a list with the agency and funding amount
- *Sponsor’s contributions, IWRB grants, other state and federal grants, etc.*

**How Does This Project Promote State and/or Local Priorities**

- Demonstrate how this project will support the 2024 stipulated approved mitigation plan (“2024 settlement agreement”) between the Surface Water Coalition and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc.

**Contract Terms**

Funding for projects may be made in annual installments each fiscal year based on the amount of appropriations.

**Application Process**

Staff will review submitted applications and, when necessary, schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the information provided. For a request to be considered complete, all sections of the application must be filled out, with supporting documentation provided where necessary. All incomplete applications will be held for 30 days from receipt; incomplete applications past 30 days will be declined and returned to the applicant, at which time a new, complete application must be submitted.

Funding requests will be presented to an appropriate IWRB Finance Committee for a recommendation to the IWRB. Funding request applications that do not receive funding or do not receive a favorable recommendation will be declined and returned to the applicant. An unfavorable recommendation or incomplete application does not prevent applicants from re-applying.

**Program Proposal Submission**

Completed applications can be emailed to the Idaho Water Resource Board’s Grants Team at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov). Physical copies must be postmarked by the application date and can be mailed to:

Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Attn: IWRB Grants Team  
P.O Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720

Applications can also be dropped off in person on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Idaho Water Center in Boise, ID. The Idaho Water Center is located at:

322 E. Front Street Suite 648  
Boise, ID 83702-7371

***If you have questions about the application package or would like to schedule a meeting with the Grants Team, email us at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov)***