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IWRB approves 20 Telemetry and Monitoring grants for \$1.25 million; opens application period for Supplemental Flood Management Grants

BOISE - (Nov. 4, 2025) – The Idaho Water Resource Board voted to approve 20 Telemetry and Monitoring grants for surface water entities and groundwater districts in the Eastern Snake Plain region at a total cost of \$1,258,459 in a special meeting on Friday.

The Board also opened a new application period on Oct. 31 for a supplemental round of funding for State Flood Management Grants. Approximately \$539,000 in funding is available; applications are due on Jan. 2, 2026.

The [State Flood Management Grant program](#) is open to flood control districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, canal companies, municipalities, counties and other public entities that may have incurred flood damage in recent times. The maximum budget for each project is \$200,000; a 50 percent local match is required with non-state dollars. In general, eligible projects include: repairing stream channels damaged by floods; stream-channel improvement; flood-risk reduction; and flood-prevention projects. See details on grant evaluation criteria [here](#).

Initially, funding for nine surface water Telemetry and Monitoring grants was awarded to the IWRB from the Bureau of Reclamation through the “Investing in America” – Inflation Reduction Act. Telemetry and Monitoring projects are intended to provide real-time information on surface water or groundwater diversions 24/7, enabling more effective and efficient management of limited water supplies.

IWRB staff learned this year that federal funds would not be forthcoming from Reclamation for the surface water Telemetry and Monitoring grants. So the Board decided to fund the projects with state funds from the Water Management Account, knowing they are considered a high-priority by all concerned.

Board staff noted that the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan between the Surface Water Coalition and Groundwater Districts in the ESPA region contains increased requirements regarding the measurement and monitoring of surface water and groundwater diversions throughout the region. The Board also has committed that a portion of the \$30 million it received from the Idaho Legislature last session would be devoted to telemetry, measurement and real-time monitoring projects to assist water users in meeting the terms of their mitigation plans.

See a spreadsheet about the Telemetry and Monitoring grants awarded on the next page:

Attachment A: - Grant Applications Received For The Surface Water Coalition Monitoring & Support Grant Program/

2025 SWC Measuring & Monitoring Grant Applications				
Entity	Project	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Cost Share Percent
American Falls Reservoir District No. 2	Modernization Project - Phase 1	\$32,525.00	\$65,050.00	50%
Bingham Ground Water District	Telemetry-Based Flow Meter Monitoring System	\$145,590.00	\$1,079,620.00	13%
Bingham Ground Water District	Monitoring Wells & Ethos Telemetry Installation	\$143,875.00	\$287,750.00	50%
Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District	Flowmeter Install	\$97,082.00	\$372,054.00	26%
Enterprise Canal	Remote Pump Control	\$4,100.00	\$8,200.00	50%
MVGWD, NSGWD, & SWID	Software Development	\$34,250.00	\$68,500.00	50%
Raft River GWD	Flowmeter Install	\$59,508.00	\$119,016.00	50%
SWID, BID, & MID	Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler Purchase	\$12,030.00	\$24,060.00	50%
Bingham Ground Water District	Flow Meters & Ethos Integration	\$0.00	\$1,159,319.00	0%
Total New Funding Requested		\$528,960.00	\$3,183,569.00	

Attachment B: - Applications Funded Under IWRB Resolution 15-2025 Using Reclamation Funding

Telemetry & Monitoring Applications Previously Awarded				
Entity	Project	Funds Awarded	Total Project Costs	Cost Share
Bingham GWD	Existing Well Telemetry Project	\$ 30,362.50	\$ 60,725.00*	50%
Bingham GWD	Ethos-developed Telemetry System Deployment	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,079,620.00 *	23%
Fremont-Madison HFGWD	Groundwater Level & Recharge Telemetry	\$ 6,610.73	\$ 13,221.46	50%
Minidoka Irrigation District	Moveable Flume Purchase	\$ 22,534.00	\$ 45,068.09	50%
Milner Dam Inc.	Dam Piezometer & Observation Well Improvement	\$ 9,394.80	\$ 18,789.60	50%
Magic Valley GWD	BID Soft Conversion Monitoring System Development	\$ 40,450.00	\$ 80,900.00	50%
South West Irr. District	BID Soft Conversion Monitoring System Development	\$ 63,790.00	\$ 127,580.00	50%
South West Irr. District	Milner Irr. District Flowmeter & Telemetry Equipment	\$ 43,900.00	\$ 87,800.00	50%
South West Irr. District	Twin Falls Canal Co. Pump Station Telemetry Equipment	\$ 18,748.40	\$ 42,496.80	44%
South West Irr. District	West Cassia Irr. LLC Telemetry Equipment Replacement	\$ 54,426.00	\$ 120,852.00	45%
Twin Falls Canal Co.	2025 Rubicon SlipMeter TAP 59 & TAP 3.5 Project	\$ 26,288.00	\$ 52,576.00	50%
Total Funding Prior Funding Awarded		\$566,504.43		
Total New Funding Requested		\$972,316.16		
Less Consolidated Applications		(\$280,362.50)		
Total Attachment A & B Combined Funds Requested		\$1,258,459.09		

**Consolidated with new application under IWRB program funding*

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