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Applications due Aug. 2 for 5th round of Aging Infrastructure Grants

BOISE – (June 25, 2024) – Applications are due Aug. 2 for the 5th round of Aging Infrastructure Grants (AIG) from the Idaho Water Resource Board, officials said on Tuesday.

Grant awards are limited to \$2 million each; grant applications cannot exceed 33 percent or one-third of the total project cost.

Eligible entities that can apply for the grants include Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts, Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts.

What kind of projects are eligible? The Board defines aging water infrastructure projects as any new project, or new phase of an improvement project intended to repair, maintain, replace, or improve existing infrastructure that supports irrigation water delivery, storage, drainage, treatment, and use of water for irrigation. Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline are not eligible for this funding opportunity. For purposes of this grant program, the term "aging water infrastructure" does not include municipal drinking or wastewater systems.

See the Board's <u>Aging Infrastructure Grants page</u> for more information on grant criteria and how to apply.

The Board expects to award two more rounds of AIG projects before funds are depleted. Since 2022, the Board has approved four rounds of AIG awards and a total of 57 grant projects at a cost of approximately \$43 million to help modernize Idaho's water infrastructure statewide.

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