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Reminder: Dec. 1 is the deadline for Aging Infrastructure Grant Applications and Requests to be added to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List

BOISE – (Oct 26, 2023) – Officials with the Idaho Water Resource Board issued a reminder on Thursday that applications are due on Dec. 1 for Aging Infrastructure Grants or to pitch a project to be added to the Board’s Regional Water Sustainability Priority List.

The Board has awarded two rounds of Aging Infrastructure Grants in the last year, and the third group of applications will be awarded in the Board’s November 2023 meeting. The fourth group of applications, due Dec 1, will be awarded in early 2024.

During the 2022 session, the Idaho Legislature appropriated funds to the Board for grants that improved water sustainability or rehabilitated and improved aging water infrastructure. The Board’s Aging Infrastructure Grant program was a direct result of that appropriation. Matching funds are required; grant applications must not exceed 33 percent of a project’s cost.

Eligible entities for Aging Infrastructure 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 (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts.

For more information on how to apply, go to the [Aging Infrastructure Grants](#) web page.

Regarding the Regional Water Sustainability List, the Board will support major water projects that provide benefits on a regional, basin-wide or statewide scale. The Board maintains a priority list of projects statewide, including projects for which it has committed funding.

If a project is worthy and added to the list, the Board may help advocate for federal funding opportunities, facilitate state funding consideration or help with letters of support for permitting and funding. The Dec. 1 deadline for applications to be added to the Regional Water Sustainability List is a once/year opportunity.

For more information about the [Regional Water Sustainability Project List](#), go here; see a fact sheet about the program [here](#).

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