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## Idaho Water Resource Board approves 10 flood grants statewide, creates new Groundwater-to-Surface Water grant program

SODA SPRINGS – (July 29, 2024) – The Idaho Water Resource Board approved 10 flood management grants statewide at a cost of approximately \$702,300 on Friday during its bimonthly meeting here in Southeast Idaho.

The Board also approved the creation of a new Groundwater-to-Surface Water conversion grant program with a budget of \$20 million. The first round of applications will be due in October 2024.

The new grant program will encourage water users to reduce groundwater withdrawals in areas where groundwater aquifers are in decline, particularly the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, or areas in the state where a Critical Groundwater Management Area or Groundwater Management Area have been designated. More information will be forthcoming about the new grant program in August.

2025 Flood Management Grant Applications				
IWRB District	Entity	Total Project Costs	Funds Requested	Regional %
1	Clearwater SWCD	\$234,670.00	\$117,333.00	21%
1	Clearwater SWCD	\$44,102.00	\$21,224.00	
1	Twin Lakes Rathdrum Creek FCD17	\$17,000.00	\$6,800.00	
2	City of Boise	\$396,244.00	\$198,122.00	63%
2	City of Nampa*	\$240,000.00	\$120,000.00	
2	Boise River FCD10	\$103,950.00	\$51,975.00	
2	Boise River FCD10	\$87,500.00	\$43,750.00	
2	Adams SWCD	\$55,780.60	\$27,126.00	
4	Portneuf SWCD*	\$196,413.00	\$98,206.50	16%
4	Madison County	\$35,535.00	\$17,767.00	
<b>Total Funds Requested</b>		<b>\$702,303.50</b>		

\* First-time applicants

- 10 applications received
- Total funds requested below \$1M budget

The 2025 flood grants were awarded to the following entities, listed according to staff ranking.

See table at left.

For more information about the flood grants or groundwater-to-surface water grants, contact Neeley Miller at IDWR, 208-287-4800 or [Neeley.miller@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:Neeley.miller@idwr.idaho.gov).

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