

# Funding through Oregon's DWSRF and the **New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)** Program

**With Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund**

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# DWSRF Background

## SDWA, DWSRF Section 1452

The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments created the DWSRF to make funds available through capitalization grants to states to finance drinking water systems infrastructure improvements needed to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements.

(40 CFR Part 35, Summary, p. 48286)

# DWSRF Background (cont.)

- Oregon's DWSRF program is co-administered by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Business Oregon
  - **OHA manages:**
    - Annual Capitalization Grant
    - Project review, rating, and ranking
    - Program Set-Asides
    - Capacity Assessments & Environmental Review
  - **Business Oregon manages:**
    - The Loan Fund (i.e., the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund)
    - Funded infrastructure projects

# WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

## **Community Water Systems**

- Municipal – cities, districts, ports, mobile home parks
- Private – investor owned or non-profit
- Has  $\geq 25$  people or  $\geq 15$  service connections by year-round residents

## **Non-Profit Non-Community Water Systems**

- Transient or Non-Transient – schools, churches, parks, campgrounds
- Meets Oregon's Law as a Non-Profit entity (or government owned)
- Serves  $\geq 25$  people, but not year-round

***Federally owned water systems are not eligible***

# SIPP & DWSP

## Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects

*Financing for planning and related activities that promote water system sustainability and assist the water system to move forward with a future infrastructure project.*

- **Up to \$20,000 in forgivable loan available per project**

## Drinking Water Source Protection

*Source protection activities that lead to risk reduction within the delineated source water area or contribute to a reduction in contaminant concentration within the drinking water source*

- **Grant Funds up to \$50,000 per water system and low interest loans up to a max of \$100,000 per project.**

# Technical Assistance & The Circuit Rider

*Provides **FREE** on-site technical assistance for eligible community and non-profit non-community public water systems serving populations under 10,000 <http://healthoregon.org/dwp>*

- Jar Testing
- Coagulant Dosage Optimization
- Corrosion Control Implementation
- Turbidimeter Calibration
- CT Tracer Studies
- Chemical Feed Pump Calibration
- Filter Troubleshooting
- Reporting & Record Keeping
- Sampling Requirements
- **Funding Application Assistance**
- **Financing Options & Strategies**
- Pumping Sizing
- Cross-Connection Assistance
- Storage & Supply Issues
- Etc...

# BIL Background

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (**BIL**) also referred to as to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed 11/15/2021
- Provides funding for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure through existing **EPA** funded programs including the DWSRF.
- 5 years (2022 – 2026) of enhanced funding in addition to funding typically received
- Need to incorporate BIL funding into existing SDWLRF program.

# BIL Funding Breakdown (DWSRF)

- **General Supplemental**

<b>2022</b>	<b>\$23,673,000</b>	<b>1.32% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>\$31,672,000</b>	<b>1.50% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2024 (anticipated)</b>	<b>\$31,672,000</b>	<b>1.50% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2025 (anticipated)</b>	<b>\$31,672,000</b>	<b>1.50% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2026 (anticipated)</b>	<b>\$31,672,000</b>	<b>1.50% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,361,000</b>	

- **General Supplemental Sidebars**

- Incentive (49% subsidy for disadvantaged communities)
- State Match (10% 2022 & 2023; 20% 2024-2026)





# BIL Funding Breakdown (DWSRF)

- **Emerging Contaminant Supplemental**

- PFAS, Cyanotoxins, and Manganese are priorities

<b>2022</b>	<b>\$9,940,000</b>	<b>1.32% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>\$11,493,000</b>	<b>1.50% Needs Survey Rate</b>
2024 (anticipated)	\$11,493,000	1.50% Needs Survey Rate
2025 (anticipated)	\$11,493,000	1.50% Needs Survey Rate
2026 (anticipated)	\$11,493,000	1.50% Needs Survey Rate
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,912,000</b>	



- **Emerging Contaminants Supplemental Sidebars**

- Incentive (100% subsidy)
  - State Match (no match required)
  - 25% of funds going towards disadvantaged communities or public water systems serving fewer than 25,000 people

# BIL Funding Breakdown (DWSRF)

- **Lead Service Line Supplemental**

- Prevalence of lead service lines in Oregon

<b>2022</b>	<b>\$37,300,000</b>	<b>1.32% Needs Survey Rate</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>\$28,650,000</b>	<b>1.00% Needs Survey Rate</b>
2024 (anticipated)	\$28,650,000	1.00% Needs Survey Rate
2025 (anticipated)	\$28,650,000	1.00% Needs Survey Rate
2026 (anticipated)	\$28,650,000	1.00% Needs Survey Rate
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,900,000</b>	



- **Lead Service Line Supplemental Sidebars**

- Incentive (49% subsidy)

- State Match (no match required)

- Complete removal of lead or galvanized (iron or steel) services, goosenecks, pigtails, connectors, curb stops, and other appurtenances as part of full LSLR efforts

# ONE-STOP

## One-Stop Financing Meetings

*Highly effective collaborations that bring all parties together to more quickly and efficiently find solutions to communities' most vexing infrastructure funding issues.*

- **Better sense of how to move a project forward**
- **Funding scenarios from potential funding partners**
- **Contact a Business Oregon Regional Development Officer to Schedule**



# 6 Key Takeaways

- 1) **Reach out to your Business Oregon Regional Development Officer (RDO) - <https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/regions/Pages/default.aspx>**
  - **Best way to start!**
  - And know where to locate the Letter of Interest (LOI)
- 2) **Free Circuit Rider assistance is available**
- 3) **Be clear and detailed with project descriptions**
- 4) **There are 2 LOI submission deadlines (3/15 and 9/15 annually)**
- 5) **BIL has 5 years of funding available (2022 – 2026)**
- 6) **Funding is competitive**
  - Priority is on health/compliance related projects
  - Current Project Priority List (PPL) includes approximately:
    - 86 projects, requesting almost \$600 million in funding

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## Thank You!

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