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FISCAL YEAR 2028 GRANT AND LOAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Low-cost Loan Funding for Idaho's Drinking Water and Wastewater Needs

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) **LOANS**

- Provide low-interest loans for up to 100% of project costs to design and construct new or improve existing drinking water and wastewater facilities.
- Offer below-market interest rates.
- Keep repayment money in the state, which is used to fund more projects for Idaho's communities.

SRF's below-market interest rates can save communities money. In fiscal year (FY) 2026, DEQ's favorable loan terms saved Idaho communities over $79 Million.

SAVING IDAHO COMMUNITIES OVER $79 MILLION

PLANNING **GRANTS**

- Provide funding for preparing facility planning documents to identify the best methods to upgrade and improve existing drinking and wastewater systems or construct new systems.
- Cover up to 50% of eligible costs with grant recipients providing the other half.
- Provide funding for environmental reviews if grantees plan on seeking federal funding.

SUPPLEMENTAL **FUNDING**

- A Drinking Water Emerging Contaminants grant for Small and Disadvantaged Communities (ECSDC) through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is now available through DEQ.
- A Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Planning Grant (OSG) is also available to small and disadvantaged communities through DEQ.

APPLICATION **PROCESS**

1. DEQ invites communities to submit a letter of interest (LOI) detailing their need for funding mid-October. Completed **LOIs are due in January**.
2. DEQ rates responses and develops a ranked priority list for public comment and board approval.
3. The highest rated projects for which funding is available are invited **July 1st** to submit a grant or loan application.



Submit LOIs to **grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov** by **January 8, 2027.**

DEQ **RESOURCES**

DEQ Contractual Assistance

DEQ provides free technical assistance to small communities to meet the administrative requirements of grants and loans. Email grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov for technical assistance and advice.

LOI Training Opportunity

FY2028 LOI Training
November 9, 2026
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. MST
Register Here

Website

www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF

GRANT AND LOAN **ELIGIBILITY**

Drinking Water Systems:
Community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

Wastewater Systems:
Government entities and nonprofit corporations that have authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater.

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call and discuss the issues facing your system with DEQ's regional office staff and/or your consulting engineer.

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