

Grant and Loan Funding Opportunities

- Does your community or nonprofit community drinking water or municipal/nonprofit wastewater system need to do a planning study to solve your public health issues, or meet US Environmental Protection Agency requirements?
- Have you done a planning study but need a loan to meet your system rehabilitation or replacement needs?
- Do you need to solve a nonpoint source pollution problem?

If so, consider submitting a Letter of Interest (LOI) for a planning grant or State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan with DEQ to get on the priority list for fiscal year 2021.

Our dedicated team has over 30 years of experience handling grants and loans and can provide assistance and answer any questions you may have throughout the grant and loan application process.



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SRF Loans

- Provides low-interest funding up to 100% of project costs to design and construct system improvements for drinking water and wastewater systems.
- Offers below-market interest rates with average rates under 2%.
- Keeps repayment money in state, which is used to fund more Idaho projects.
- Links nonpoint sources projects to municipal sewer loans and provides a method of funding that helps clean up our streams and rivers without impacting municipal sewer rates.
- Loans to nonpoint source projects.

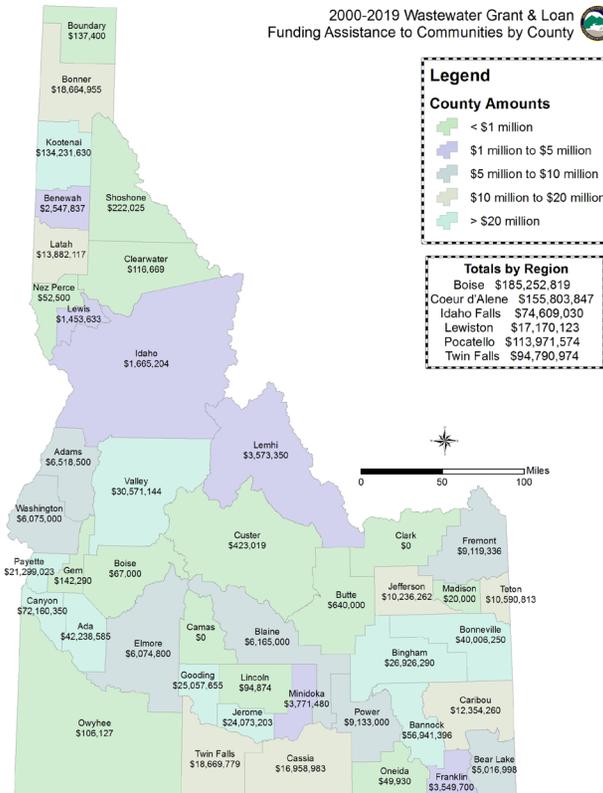
SRF Loan Eligibility

- Wastewater Systems:** Government entities and nonprofit corporations that have authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater.
- Drinking Water Systems:** Community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems.

Serious Savings

SRF below-market interest rates can save your project a lot of money. In fiscal year 2020, DEQ's favorable loan terms represented \$91,074,563 in savings when compared to loans based on market rates. Additional savings were realized for fiscal year 2020 economically disadvantaged loan recipients when the SRF program reduced loan amounts by \$5,360,789.

2000-2019 Wastewater Grant & Loan Funding Assistance to Communities by County



Application Process

DEQ invites communities to submit an LOI explaining their need for funding. DEQ evaluates, rates, and ranks responses for inclusion on the next annual priority list. The highest-rated projects for which funding exists are invited to submit a grant or loan application.

Planning Grants

- Provides grants for preparing facility planning documents to upgrade and improve existing drinking and wastewater systems or construct new systems.
- Covers 50% of eligible costs, with grant recipients providing the other half.
- Provides funding for environmental review (optional with state grant) if the grantee plans on seeking federal funding.

Grant Eligibility

- Eligible to cities, counties, community water systems, noncommunity water systems, nonprofit corporations, and special service districts.

DEQ Contractual Assistance Effort

- Provides assistance to small communities to enable them to meet administrative requirements of loan and grant conditions.
- Consists of contracts with Rural Community Assistance Corporation.
- Is provided at no cost to small communities.

You're interested. . .

Call and discuss the issues facing your system with DEQ's regional office staff and/or your consulting engineer to ensure maximum points for your system—most systems benefit from a consulting engineer assisting with LOI form completion.