

## Overview

Among the ways the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) works to protect public health is by helping public wastewater systems construct, update, and maintain their wastewater treatment facilities.

This brochure provides information on two wastewater programs administered by DEQ—the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Fund and the Idaho Planning Grant Program for Wastewater Facilities. Both programs help public wastewater systems finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with state and federal water quality standards and to protect public health.

Additional information on both programs is available from DEQ's Water Quality Division. Contact DEQ's State Office at (208) 373-0577 or visit DEQ's website at [www.deq.idaho.gov/water-grants-loans](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-grants-loans).

## Recent Recipients

### Grants

- Cities of Blackfoot, Homedale, Kendrick, Stites, Weippe, White Bird

### Loans

- City of Fruitland
- Carlin Bay Property Owners Assn. (Kootenai Co.), Fernwood Water and Sewer District (Benewah Co.), Moore Water and Sewer Assn. (Butte Co.), Santa Water and Sewer District (Benewah Co.)



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### DEQ Web Resources

#### Wastewater System Planning Grants

[www.deq.idaho.gov/wastewater-planning-grants](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/wastewater-planning-grants)

#### Wastewater System Construction Loans

[www.deq.idaho.gov/wastewater-construction-loans](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/wastewater-construction-loans)

#### Green Projects

[www.deq.idaho.gov/green-project-reserve](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/green-project-reserve)



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## Idaho's Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Fund and Planning Grant Program for Wastewater



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## *Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund*

The Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Fund provides loans at below-market interest rates to help build new or repair existing water pollution control facilities. Eligible facilities include treatment plants, nonpoint source efforts, interceptor sewers, and collector sewers.

Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for facility planning, project design, and/or construction. Loans also may be awarded for upgrading or replacing individual septic tanks, restoring wetlands, treating and controlling storm water, addressing nonpoint source pollution such as agricultural runoff, and for effluent trading.

### *Eligibility*

Counties, cities, special service districts, nonprofit corporations, or other governmental entities with authority to address nonpoint source issues and collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater are eligible to participate in the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program.

### *Interest Rate*

The interest rate is established annually. The interest rate for loans issued during the state's fiscal year (FY) 2014 ranges from 1.00% to 2.25%. These loans must be fully repaid within 20 years of project completion.

### *Sources of Revenue*

Funding is derived from several sources. Congress appropriates funds to the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA), which then allots those funds to the states based on set formulas. Each state is required to provide a 20% match. Loan repayments and interest earnings provide additional funding.

## *FY 2014 Allocation*

Approximately \$57 million is available for FY 2014 water pollution control loans.

### *How to Apply*

DEQ queries wastewater treatment systems and potential nonpoint source applicants regularly to obtain information on projects for which loan funds could be used. Potential projects must first be listed on the state's annual priority list, which is developed through a rating and ranking process based upon public health and water quality concerns. Fundable projects on the priority list are then placed on the Intended Use Plan.

Once funding is secured from the EPA and the state match is provided, communities with projects on the Intended Use Plan are invited to submit applications. After an application has been reviewed and all environmental and legal requirements have been met, a loan may be offered.



## *Idaho Planning Grant Program*

DEQ awards grants to municipalities to help prepare facility planning documents for the repair or construction of wastewater systems. Grants cover 50% of eligible planning costs, with grant recipients providing the other half.

### *Eligibility*

Wastewater planning grants are available for counties, cities, special service districts, nonprofit corporations, and other governmental entities with authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater.

### *FY 2014 Allocation*

Approximately \$250,000 is available for FY 2014 wastewater planning grants.

### *How to Apply*

In November of each year, DEQ invites communities to submit a letter of interest explaining their grant request. Responses are evaluated, rated, and ranked by DEQ for inclusion on the next annual priority list. The highest-rated projects for which funding exists are invited to submit grant applications.