

# Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

## State Revolving Loan Program & Septic System Replacement Program

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# Presentation Topics

- What is the SRF Program
- Qualify Applicants
- Funding Opportunities
- Priority List Process
- Application Process
- New Individual Septic System Replacement Program

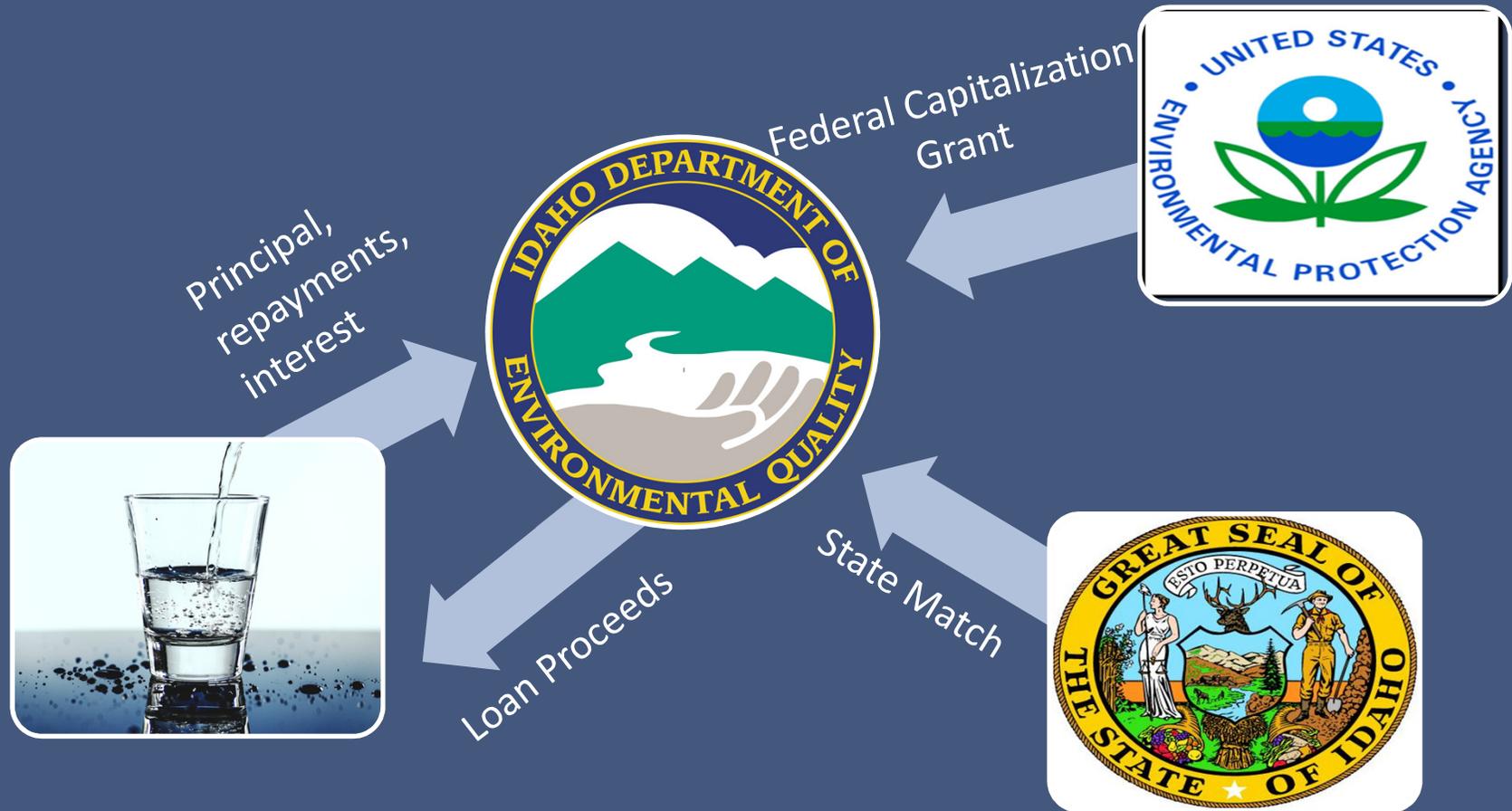


# State Revolving Fund Background

- SRF program authorized by the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act jointly administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the states.



# How the SRF program works



# Clean Water SRF

- Wastewater Systems
  - Government entities and nonprofit corporations that have authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater
- Loans for:
  - Sewer system rehabilitation
  - New systems for unsewered communities
  - Nonpoint source pollution control
  - Stormwater management for water quality



# Drinking Water SRF

- Drinking Water Systems
  - Community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems
- Loans for:
  - Improvements to public water supply systems
  - Consolidations and connections
- Set-Asides
  - Technical assistance, capacity development, SDWIS

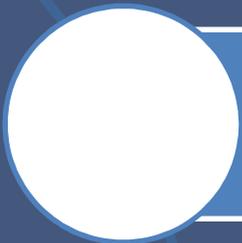


# SRF Loan Terms

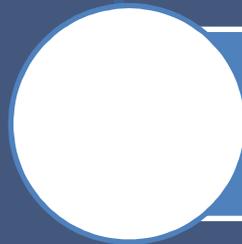
- Interest Rates range from 1.50% - 3.00%
- Terms up to 30 years of useful life
- Principal forgiveness is available for disadvantaged communities



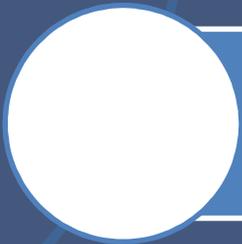
# Requirements for SRF Loans



Engineering Report



Environmental Document



Debt Authority

# Drinking and Wastewater Planning Grants

- Require 50% Matching Local Share
- Used To Pay For Engineer To Prepare Planning Documents
  - Plan for upgrading drinking water or wastewater system
  - Environmental Information Document
- \$350,000 for WW with \$65,000 max
- \$400,000 for DW with \$45,000 max



# Priority List Process for Grants & Loans

Submit LOI from Oct 1st-Jan 15th

DEQ Rates LOIs in February

Priority List Posted in March for Comment



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DEQ Board Approves Priority List in May



Letters sent to systems



Funded systems submit applications



# Letter of Interest Tips

- Points are directed to projects that address the following:
  - Reduce drinking water and sewage related health risks
  - Reduce water pollution
  - Encourage technical, financial and managerial self sufficiency
  - Address compliance issues
- Letters of Interest will address non-regulated containments:
  - Points will be given for projects that address containments that have been identified by EPA that pose health risks
  - Ex: Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), manganese, and cyanotoxins
- Ranked list is refined based on readiness to proceed:
  - Completion of Engineering Reports
  - Authority to enter into debt



# Loan and Grant Application Tips

- Grant Application
  - Grant handbook lays out all details
  - Engineering contract review
- Loan Application
  - Technical, Financial, Managerial (TFM) review
  - Ability to incur debt
  - 3 years of audited financials
  - Financial control policy
- Loans have some federal requirements
  - Davis Bacon
  - American Iron & Steel

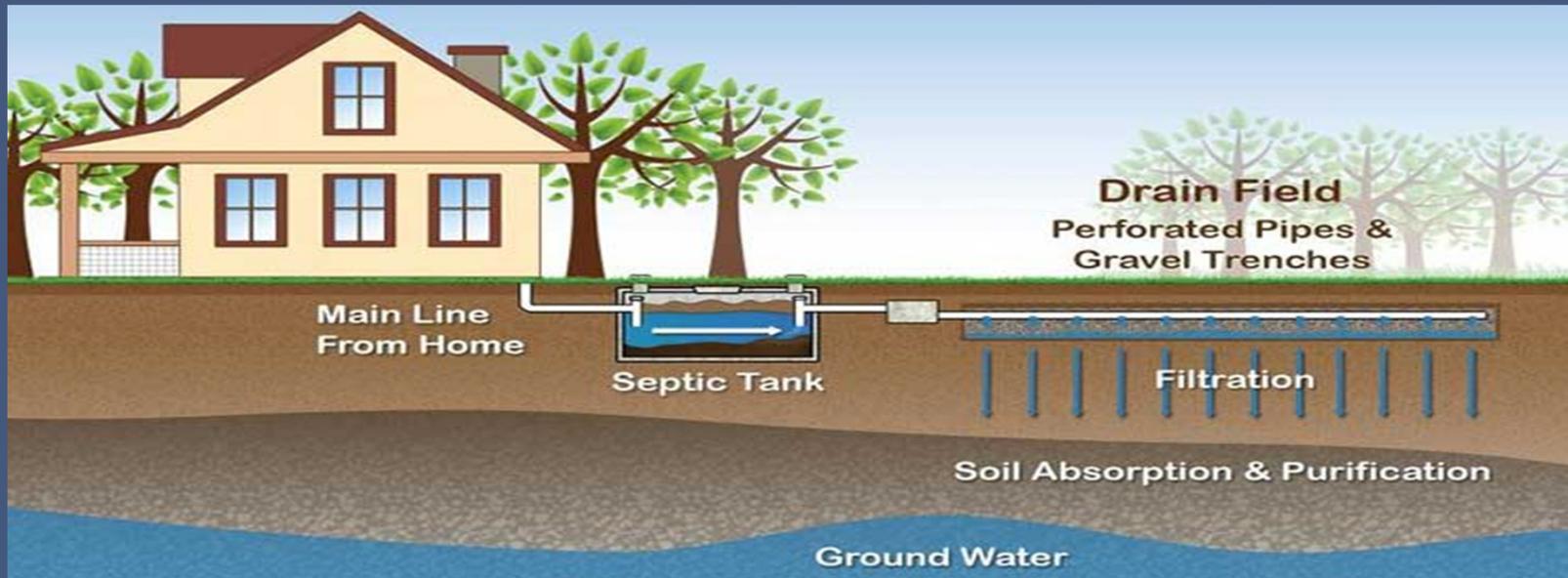


# Other SRF Funding Assistance

- Emergency Funding
  - Up to \$200K
  - Public health at imminent risk
- Reduction of Lead Exposure
  - Up to \$500K
  - Replaces lead pipes and fixtures
- Individual Septic System Replacement
  - Partnered with RCAC



# Individual Septic System Replacement



- In communities less than 50K population
- For owner occupied homes served by septic system
- Septic systems replaced by licensed contractor
- For household incomes less than \$49,174
- Loans up to \$15,000 at 1% for 20 years
- Loan fees can be included in loan (costs does not exceed \$600)
- Repayment required if homeowner vacates home
- Septic System maintenance education

# Individual Septic System Replacement

- Grants available for incomes below \$24,587
- Up to \$15,000 toward replacement cost
- 10 year compliance with 10% annual forgiveness
- If property sold or vacated within 5 years, repayment required



# Contact information for Septic Program

[www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org)



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# Thank you

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