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Idaho Water and Wastewater



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FUNDING AND RESOURCE GUIDE
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), a private non-profit organization serving 13 states in the West, helps rural communities achieve their vision and goals through training, technical assistance, and access to resources. In Idaho, RCAC partners with funding and regulatory agencies to address compliance issues for lower-income rural communities by helping with water and wastewater infrastructure projects. The purpose of the RCAC Idaho Water Wastewater Funding and Resource Guide is to provide an easy to use document, which identifies water and wastewater funding programs, agencies, and organizational resources. It is our hope that this guide will be used as a tool to help you move forward with water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Idaho.

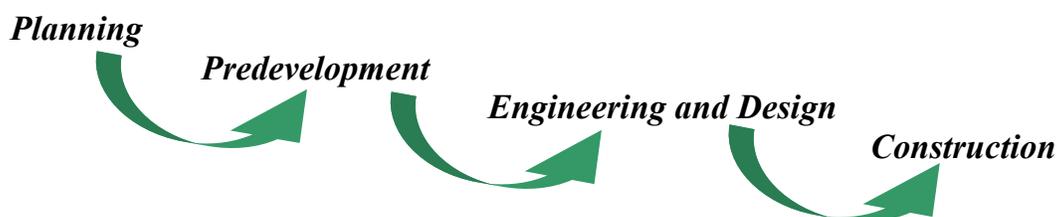
SCOPE

The Guide provides information on primary agency funding programs, which support planning, predevelopment, and construction of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Idaho. It also includes information on resources available to assist communities complete drinking water and wastewater projects addressing regulatory compliance, drinking water protection, improving water quality and local public health.

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KEY PROJECT STAGES



The Guide will help you identify agencies and resource organizations to work with on regulatory issues, funding, training and technical assistance to move your project forward.

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For more information on Rural Community Assistance Corporation see: www.rcac.org



Organizations Providing Water & Wastewater Technical Assistance to Small Communities in Idaho

<p>Rural Community Assistance Corporation 595 E. State St. Eagle, ID 83616 Jim Phillips - Rural Development Specialist-Environmental. Phone: 208/841-9714 Email: jphillips@rcac.org Web: www.rcac.org</p>	<p>Boise State, Environmental Finance Center 1910 University Drive Boise, ID 83725-1936 Bill Jarocki - Director, Environmental Finance Center Phone: 208/426-4293 Email: bjarock@boisestate.edu Web: http://efc.boisestate.edu</p>
<p>Idaho Rural Water Association 6684 W. Overland Rd. Boise, ID 83706 Virgil Leedy - General Manager/WW Technician Phone: 800/962-3257 Email: vleedy@idahoruralwater.com Web: www.idahoruralwater.com</p>	<p>Brown Environmental –Idaho Operator Certification Training 320 11th Avenue South., Suite 200 Nampa, ID 83651 Patricia Brown - Owner 208/465-5725 E-mail: pbrown@brownenvironmental.com Web: www.brownenvironmental.com</p>

Funding Organizations for Water/Wastewater Projects

<p>Idaho Water Resource Board 322 E. Front St PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0098 Stuart VanGreuning - Financial Program Coordinator Phone: 208/287-4800 Web: www.idwr.idaho.gov</p>	<p>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 1410 N. Hilton Boise, ID 83706-1255 Carol Garrison - Loan Program Specialist Phone: 208/373-0577 Email: carol.garrison@deq.idaho.gov Web: www.deq.state.id.us</p>
<p>Idaho Department of Commerce 700 West State Street P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0093 Dennis J.Porter - Community Development Manager Phone: 208/334-2470 Email: Dennis.porter@community.idaho.gov Web: http://commerce.idaho.gov</p>	<p>Rural Community Assistance Corporation 595 E. State St. Eagle, ID 83616 Jim Phillips - Rural Development Specialist-Environmental Phone: 208/841-9714 Email: jphillips@rcac.org Ken Strong - Loan Specialist Phone: 503/358-7035 Email: kstrong@rcac.org Web: www.rcac.org</p>
<p>US Department of Agriculture Rural Development 9173 W. Barns, Suite A1 Boise, ID 83709-1555 Dave Flesher - Community Programs Director Phone: 208/378-5617 Email: Dave.flesher@id.usda.gov Web: www.rurdev.usda.gov/or</p>	<p>Idaho Municipal Bond Bank Idaho State Treasurer P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0091 Bill Jerrel - Underwriter Phone: 208/334-8579 Email: bjerrrel@snwsc.com Web: http://sto.idaho.gov/Services/MunicipalBondBank.aspx</p>



Additional Resources for Water & Wastewater

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR WATER/WASTEWATER NEEDS	
<p>Association of Idaho Cities 3100 S. Vista Ave. Suite 310 Boise, ID 83705 Ken Harward – <i>Executive Director</i> Phone: 208/344-8594 Email: kharward@idahocities.org Website: www.idahocities.org</p>	<p>Idaho Rural Partnership 821 West State Street Boise, ID 83702 Shelby Kerns – <i>Executive Director</i> Phone: 208/334-3131 Email: Shelby.Kerns@irp.idaho.gov Website: http://irp.idaho.gov/Home</p>
<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA Region 10 Idaho Field Office 1435 N. Orchard St. Boise, ID 83706 For Point Source Discharges to Surface Waters James Werntz - <i>Director, Idaho Operations Office</i>, 208/378-5746 werntz.james@epamail.epa.gov Maria Lopez - <i>NPDES/Storm water</i> 208/378-5616 lopez.maria@epa.gov Cyndi Grafe - <i>Water and Wastewater Infrastructure</i> Phone: 208/378-5771 Email: grafe.cyndi@epa.gov</p>	<p>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 1410 N. Hilton Boise, ID 83706-1255 Phone: 208/373-0577 For on site systems and land application permitting <i>Regional Engineer Divisions</i> Mark Mason, Boise - 208/373-0123 Roger Tinkey, Coeur d'Alene - 208/769-1422 Greg Eager, Idaho Falls - 208/528-2650 Tom Moore, Lewiston - 208/799-4370 Tom Hepworth, Pocatello - 208/236-6160 Dave Anderson, Twin Falls - 208/736-2190</p>
<p>Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) State Office 322 E. Front St PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0098 Phone: 208/287-4800 Fax: 208/287-6700</p>	<p>For Regional Assistance with Water Rights, Permits and Adjudication Matters Contact Your IDWR Region Office Coeur d'Alene - 208/762-2800 Twin Falls - 208/736-3033 Boise - 208/334-2190 Idaho Falls - 208/525-7161</p>
<p>US Army Corps of Engineers 304 North 8th Street Phone: 208/345-2065 Boise, ID 83702 Debra K. Willis – <i>NWW</i> Email: Debra.K.Willis@usace.army.mil Website: www.nww.usace.army.mil/boise/outreach.html</p>	<p>Indian Health Service 1919 E. Francis Ave. Spokane, WA 99206 Darren Ausdemore – <i>IHS/POROEH</i> Phone: 509/484-9341 ext. 224 Email: Darren.Ausdemore@ihs.gov Website: www.ihs.gov</p>
<p>Drinking Water Program – Idaho State Office</p>	
<p>Lance Nielsen - <i>Drinking Water Manager</i> Phone: 208/373-0291 Email: lance.nielsen@deq.idaho.gov Don Lee - <i>Assistant Drinking Water Manager</i> Phone: 208/373-0289 Email: don.lee@deq.idaho.gov</p>	<p>Amy Williams – <i>Source Water Protection</i> Phone: 208/373-0115 Email: amy.williams@deq.idaho.gov Tim Wendland – <i>Loan Program Manager</i> Phone: 208/373-0439 Email: tim.wendland@deq.idaho.gov</p>



Additional Resources for Water & Wastewater (*Continued*)

IDAHO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS	
<p>Idaho Economic Development District 1- Panhandle Area Council (PAC) Serving Counties: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone Jim Deffenbaugh - <i>Executive Director</i>, 11100 Airport Drive Hayden, ID 83835 Phone: 208/772-0584 ext. 3005 Email: jimd@pacni.org</p>	<p>Idaho Economic Development District 2 – Clearwater Economic Development Association Serving Counties: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce Christine L. Frei - <i>Executive Director</i> 1626-16th Avenue Lewiston, ID 83501 Phone: 208/746-0015 Email: clfrei@lewiston.com</p>
<p>Idaho Economic Development District 3 – Sage Community Resources Serving Counties: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington Don Outram - <i>Business Development Coordinator</i> 125 E. 50th Street Garden City, ID 83714 Phone: 208/322-7033 ext. 227 Toll free: 800/859-0321 Email: doutram@sageidaho.com</p>	<p>Idaho Economic Development District 4 – Region IV Development Association Serving Counties: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls Carleen Herring, P.O. Box 5079 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Phone: 208/732-5727 ext. 3003 Email: carleen@rivda.org</p>
<p>Idaho Economic Development District 5 - Southeast Idaho Council of Governments Serving Counties: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power Kathleen Lewis - <i>Executive Director</i>, P.O. Box 6079 Pocatello, ID 83205 Phone: 208/233-4032 ext 26 Email: Kathleen@sicog.org</p>	<p>Idaho Economic Development District 6 – The Development Company Serving Counties: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton Ted Hendricks - <i>Executive Director</i> 299 E. 4th North Rexburg, ID 83440 Phone: 208/356-4524 ext 312 Email: ted.hendricks@ecipda.net</p>



State and Federal Grant and Loan Programs for Water and Wastewater Projects in Idaho

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Planning and Predevelopment

Program	Eligible Projects	Eligible Applicants	Funding Available	How To Apply
DEQ-Drinking Water Planning Grants <i>Drinking water system planning grants, Preliminary engineering</i>	Used to pay for engineer to prepare plans for upgrading drinking water systems and environmental information documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community water systems and nonprofit non-community water systems Requires 50% local match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant amount determined by DEQ through project ranking on priority list \$250,000 available for grants in FY 2009 	DEQ invites communities to submit letter of interest in fourth quarter of each year. Contact Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 208/373-0577 and ask for your Loan Program Specialist. View program details at www.deq.state.id.us
DEQ-Wastewater Planning Grants <i>Wastewater system planning grants, Preliminary engineering</i>	Used to pay for engineer to prepare plan for upgrading wastewater collection and treatment facilities and environmental information document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governmental entities with authority to collect, treat or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater Requires 50% local match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant amount determined by DEQ through project ranking on priority list \$250,000 available for grants in FY2009 	DEQ invites communities to submit letter of interest in fourth quarter of each year. Contact Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 208/373-0577 and ask for your Loan Program Specialist. View details at www.deq.state.id.us
USDA Rural Development <i>Predevelopment Grant, Water & Waste Disposal Direct Loans & Grant Program</i>	Water and/or wastewater planning; preliminary engineering reports, environmental reports, and other work to assist in developing a project for infrastructure improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-income communities with 10,000 populations or less. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum \$15,000 grant Requires 25% match 	Year-round based on funding availability Contact USDA Rural Development Idaho State Office at 208/378-5643 and ask for your regional loan specialist View details at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id/
Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) <i>Feasibility and Predevelopment Loans</i>	Water and/or wastewater planning; environmental work; and other work to assist in developing an application for infrastructure improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonprofit organizations, public agencies, Tribes, and low- income rural communities with a 50,000 population or less, or 10,000 if guaranteed by USDA RD financing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max \$50,000 for feasibility loan Max \$350,000 for predevelopment loan 1 year term Interest rate @ 5 – 6% 	Applications accepted anytime Contact Ken Strong at 503/362-6900. kstrong@rcac.org Applications available on-line at www.rcac.org
Idaho Water Resources Board <i>Water system loan program</i>	Community Drinking Water System, wells , Storage , Delivery systems, Contaminant removal systems and Community water systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The account was created to financially assist, develop, & support the development of water resources of the state through the construction, rehabilitation, improvement or extension of existing water systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minimum amount is \$5,000. With changes enacted by the 2007 legislature there is no longer a maximum cap for loans. Terms are 5-30 years Loans at 6% interest rate 	All paperwork must be in 28 days prior to the next bi-monthly Board Meeting. Contact -Financial Program Coordinator- Stuart VanGreuningen 208/287-4905. Board meeting agendas and applications can be found at: http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Financial%20program/financial.htm



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Idaho Department of Commerce <i>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</i>	New rehabilitation or construction of publicly regulated water or wastewater infrastructure projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities, counties, county service districts, Homeowners associations. • Cannot be an entitlement area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant program for projects from \$50,000-\$500,000 • Local match will benefit in competitive application process. 	Applications accepted year-round, depending upon funding available. Contact Idaho Department of Commerce (IDOC) at 208/334-2470 and ask for your Regional Coordinator. Or view program info. at http://commerce.idaho.gov.
DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality, DWSRF <i>Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund</i>	The DWSRF provides loans at below-market interest rates to help build new or repair existing drinking water facilities. Eligible projects include water supply, treatment, storage and distribution. Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded by DEQ for facility planning, project design and/or construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community water and nonprofit non-community water systems are eligible (except federal- & state-owned systems) to participate in the loan program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate fluctuates quarterly (set at 75% of the index of 20 year obligation bonds) • Loan only, 20-year term • Interest rates are currently 3.25% for most loans • Disadvantaged community eligible for a 30-year term. 	DEQ invites communities to submit letter of interest in fourth quarter of each year. Contact Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Carol Garrison at 208/373-0577 carol.garrison@deq.idaho.gov Or your local project officer listed at: http://www.deq.state.id.us/rules/mous/deq_phds_fs.pdf
DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality, WPCSRF <i>Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund</i>	The WPCSRF provides loans at below-market interest rates to help build new or repair existing water pollution control facilities. Eligible projects include treatment plants and collections systems. Loans up to 100% for facility planning, project design, and/or construction. Loans also may be awarded for upgrading or replacing septic tanks, restoring wetlands, storm water and non-point source pollution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties, cities, special service districts, nonprofit corporations or other governmental entities with authority to address non-point source issues and collect, treat or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater are eligible to participate in the Revolving Loan Fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate fluctuates quarterly (set at 75% of the index of 20 year obligation bonds) • Loan only • 20-year term • Interest rate for most loans to be issued during state fiscal year 2009 is 3.25% 	DEQ accepts applications year-round for information on potential fundable projects. Contact Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Carol Garrison at 208/373-0577 carol.garrison@deq.idaho.gov Or your local project officer listed at: http://www.deq.state.id.us/rules/mous/deq_phds_fs.pdf
USDA RD - USDA Rural Development <i>Water & Waste Disposal Direct Loan & Grant Program</i>	Pre-construction & construction associated with constructing, repairing, or improving drinking water & wastewater facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities & towns with a pop of 10,000 or less; counties; special purpose districts; tribes; non-profit corporations; unable to obtain funds from other sources at reasonable rates & terms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily loan program • Grants based on need • Interest rate varies, currently 25/8 - 4.5% • Up to 40-year loan term • \$10-12M available annually 	Year-round based on funding availability Contact: USDA RD Oregon State Office at 503/414-3360 Or your local loan specialist: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/RUSContadd.htm



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RCAC Loan Fund Construction Loans	Water wastewater, solid waste and storm facilities that primarily serve low-income rural communities. Includes predevelopment costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non profit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments • Located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. Or 10,000 if using RD financing as the takeout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max \$1 million with commitment letter for permanent financing • Security in permanent loan letter of conditions • 1-3 year term, Interest rate varies • 1% loan fee 	Applications accepted anytime Contact Ken Strong at 503/362-6900. kstrong@rcac.org Applications available on-line at www.rcac.org
Army Corps of Engineers <i>Section 595 program</i>	Projects may include Wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply and related facilities, environmental restoration, and surface water resource protection and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and construction assistance may be provided only for projects that are owned by public entities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal appropriations amount at \$55 million. • Loan Program with 75% reimbursement on project 	Federal appropriation request form sent to cities and counties in October, due back by February. Contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District at 208/345-2064 View program information at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/pub/ap/facts/sec595.pdf
Idaho Water Resources Board <i>Water system loan program</i>	Community Drinking Water System, Wells , Storage , Delivery systems, Contaminant removal systems and Community water systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing public water systems for the development of water resources through the construction, rehabilitation, improvement or extension of existing public water systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum amount is \$5,000. With changes enacted by the 2007 legislature there is no longer a maximum cap for loans. • Terms are 5-30 years • Loans at 6% interest rate 	All paperwork must be in 28 days prior to the next bi-monthly Board Meeting. Contact-Financial Program Coordinator-Stuart VanGreuningen 208/287-4905. Board meeting agendas and applications can be found at: http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Financial%20program/financial.htm
Idaho Municipal Bond Bank <i>Water system loan program</i>	Municipalities may apply to the Idaho Municipal Bond Bank for any loan that they are legally authorized to undertake by Idaho Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation is open to all state agencies and to all political subdivisions including: Cities, Towns, Counties, Local Public Agencies, Public Health Districts and Water and Sewer Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage rate is adjusted every quarter. • Underwriting fee ½-3/4% • 20-30 year terms 	Application can be found on website, reviewed at board meetings. P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0091 Bill Jerrel Phone: 208/334-8579 On the web at: http://sto.idaho.gov/Services/MunicipalBondBank.aspx

