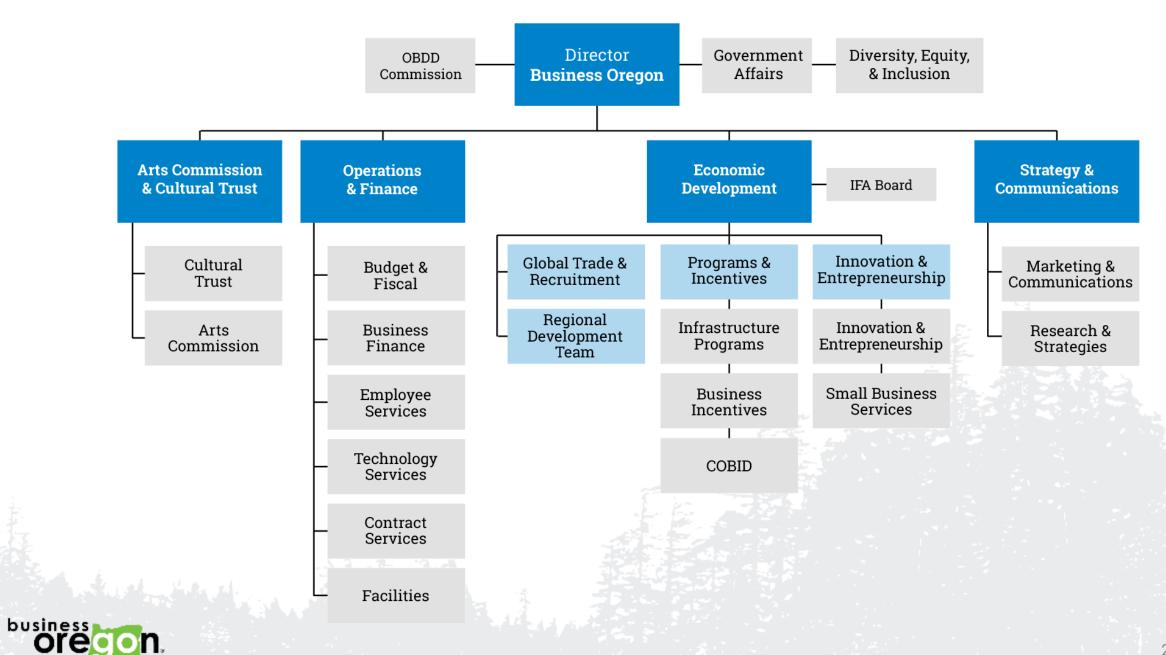
# BUSINESS OREGON Infrastructure Programs

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# Infrastructure Programs

- Special Public Works Fund
- Water/Wastewater Financing Program
- Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund
- Seismic Rehabilitation
- Community Development Block Grants



# Infrastructure Programs

- Brownfields
- Industrial lands
- Ports
- Broadband
- Regional Infrastructure Fund



Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) provides funds (primarily loans) for publicly-owned facilities that support economic and community development in Oregon. Funds are available to public entities for:

- Planning
- Designing
- Purchasing
- Improving and Constructing
- Replacing
- · Emergency projects as a result of disaster



### Eligible public entities include:

- Cities
- Counties
- County service districts
- Tribal councils
- Ports

- ORS 198.010 districts
- Airport Districts

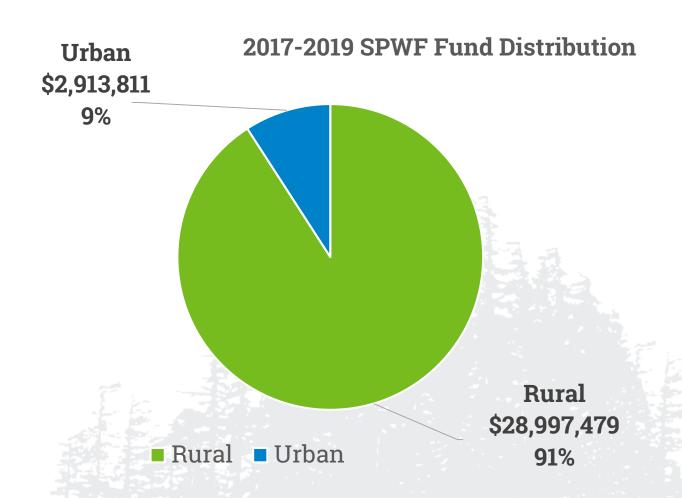


SPWF can fund a variety of public facility projects including, but not limited to:

- Airport facilities
- Levee accreditation, certification, and repair
- Telecommunications facilities (including broadband infrastructure)
- Storm drainage systems
- Wastewater systems
- Railroad and port facilities, roadways and bridges



- Primarily Lottery bond, loan repayment, bond bank
- Current biennium commitments:
  \$31,911,290 for
  38 projects
- Project Distribution:
   33 Rural, 5 Urban





### **Loans** - Typical Terms:

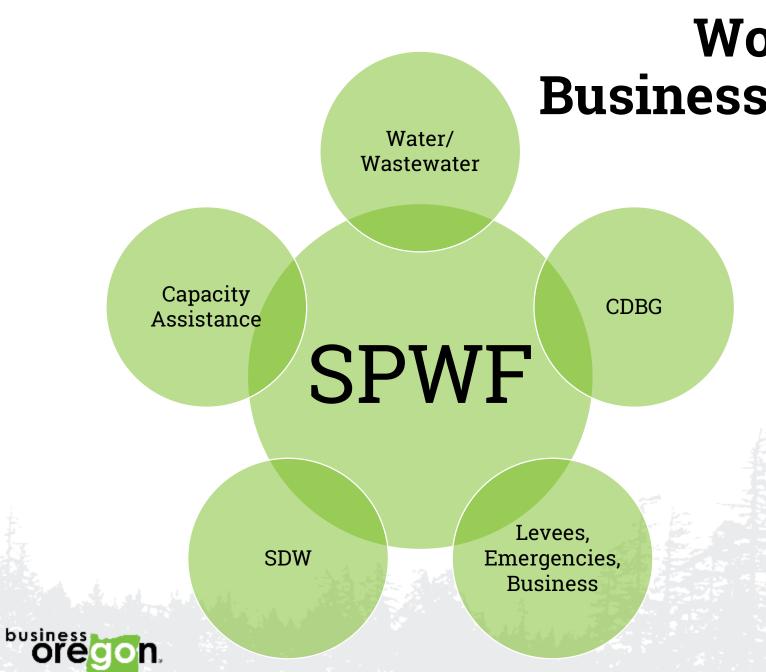
- Loan amounts up to \$10 million
- 25-year amortization (30-year term possible)
- Interest rates are fixed based on the 20-Bond Index
  - -Currently at 3.96%
- Construction and permanent financing
- Repayment source: 1.20 debt service coverage ratio required



#### **Grants** – Biennium Limits

- Technical Assistance Grants \$900,000
- Grants for Planning & Development Projects \$2M
- Firm Business Commitments \$2M
- Emergency Grants \$2.5M
- Levee project one time grant up to \$50,000





Working with Other Business Oregon Services

### Leverage Federal Funds as Match

• EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (20% Match)

2017 \$2,341,000 SPWF leverages \$11,705,000 EPA Funds

2018 \$2,930,872 SPWF leverages \$14,654,360 EPA Funds

• HUD Community Development Block Grant (2% Match)

2017 \$239,567 SPWF leverages \$11,978,330 HUD Funds

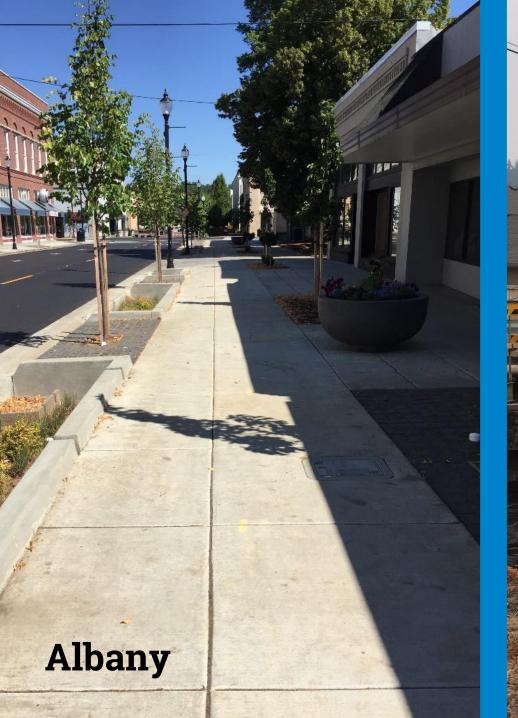
2018 \$263,247 SPWF leverages \$13,162,331 HUD Funds



#### **Pipeline**

- SPWF: Approximately \$36M
- W/WW: Approximately \$7 million
- Projected \$25-35 million annually (POP 104 funds not available until 2021)
- Realizing larger projects (delayed projects, increased cost)

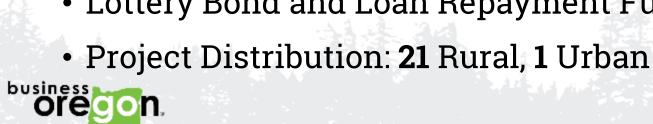


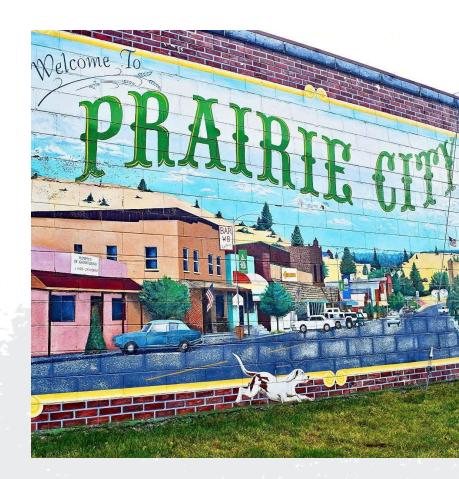




### Water/Wastewater Fund

- Loans and grants to municipalities to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act
- Technical assistance, design, and construction
- \$5,422,045 committed to 22 projects this biennium
- "Disadvantaged" communities may be awarded grants up to \$750k and below market-rate loans
- Lottery Bond and Loan Repayment Funds





## Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

- Build or improve drinking water systems to ensure safe drinking water for Oregon communities
- Planning, design, engineering, construction
- \$63,266,371 committed to 69 projects this biennium
- Interest rates as low as 1% and grants available to assist with community affordability
- Administer program on behalf of Oregon Health Authority
- Project Distribution: 61 Rural, 8 Urban



Reservoir Tank Recoating



### **Seismic Rehabilitation**

Grants to renovate high-risk public schools and emergency services buildings to make them earthquake safe.

- Schools eligible:
  - K-12, community colleges, education service districts.
- Emergency services eligible: Hospitals, fire and police stations, sheriffs' offices, 9-1-1 centers.
- Services covered:

Architecture, engineering, project management, structural and nonstructural improvements.



### **Seismic Rehabilitation**

#### **2017-19 Biennium**

- \$100m for schools
- \$20m for emergency service facilities
- 2 bond sales: **\$35m** in 2018(awarded), **\$85m** (awarded) 2019
- Grants limited to \$2.5m per project
- Project Distribution to date: 50 Rural, 10 Urban



# **Community Development Block Grants**

Federal grants for community development principally for persons of low and moderate income within rural communities.

All projects must meet one of three federal objectives:

- -Proposed activities must benefit low- and moderate-income individuals
- -Activities must aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Must be urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community



# **Community Development Block Grants**

- Current 2017-19 biennium: 20 projects for \$15.8M
  - -\$3.7m to 3 community facilities
  - -\$1.9m to 1 water system projects
  - -\$6.8m to 6 wastewater projects
  - -\$3.2m to 8 housing rehab projects
  - -\$15,250 to 2 microenterprise assistance projects



# Business Oregon's Brownfields Program:

- Oregon Brownfields Redevelopment Fund (State):
  - Assessments, Studies, Integrated Planning, Cleanup
  - Demolition if cleanup requires removal of a structure
  - Purchase of property if cleanup is essential component of acquisition
  - DEQ regulatory oversight and or review required
- Oregon Brownfields Cleanup Fund (Federal):
  - Cleanup only
  - Demolition if cleanup requires removal of a structure
  - Subject to federal crosscutting requirements
  - DEQ regulatory oversight required



### **Brownfields**

- Provides state and federal financing through loans and grant to help assess and cleanup contaminated properties
- \$3,219,931 committed to 44 project this biennium
- Project Distribution: 28 Rural, 16 Urban



# Oregon Broadband Office

- Established within Business Oregon by Governor Executive Order
- 2019-21 Governor's recommended budget includes:
  - \$1.1m for the Oregon Broadband Office
  - \$5m for an Oregon Broadband Fund for rural areas
- Broadband investment and deployment strategies for underserved areas
- Support local broadband planning and public-private partnerships
- Advocate for policies that remove barriers to broadband deployment
- Help communities access federal and state funds.



# Regional Infrastructure Fund

**Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)**: Provides grants and loans to local governments for RS implementation projects including planning and design.

#### Goals:

- Address regional priorities
- · Support capital projects with strong economic development impact
- Align with, or leverage, other investments to retain and create jobs



# Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)

#### · 2017-2019 biennium

- -\$4 million available
- -\$200K minimum for each of 11 RS Regions
- -99 projects requesting \$40 million
- -18 projects awarded
- -Highlight from the 18:
  - Awarded project match was \$84.5 million, which equals approx. \$1 million of RIF coupled with \$21 million of match

