# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Federal Funding for Water Infrastructure

Agency Perspective – Clean Water State Revolving Fund (DEQ)

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## Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides belowmarket interest rate loans for the planning, design and construction of water pollution control activities. Loan principal forgiveness for qualifying economically distressed borrowers is an additional subsidization.

Eligible loan borrowers are public agencies as defined by <u>ORS 468.423</u>. Additionally, Community Development Financial Institutions for the purpose of repair, replacement of a septic system or connection to an existing sewer system.

Eligible water quality improvement projects include: • Wastewater collection, treatment, water reuse and disposal systems • Nonpoint source water pollution control projects • Stormwater management projects • Decentralized, or septic, system water quality improvement projects





# CWSRF \*Estimated\* Funding 2022-2026

#### **BIL SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT:** \$20,271,000 increasing to \$27,872,179 in 2026

**Base Capitalization Grant:** \$29,510,920 increasing to \$38,690,969 in 2026 (this represents >50% increase)

- Oregon CWSRF is conducting modeling and strategizing how to distribute the 49% for principal forgiveness on a per loan basis.
- Through outreach with media, partners and stakeholders, CWSRF is targeting disadvantaged, economically distressed communities.





## Challenges: community capacity for loan readiness

BIL supplemental funds allow 2% for TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE for communities:

- loan application process
- Navigating federal requirements
- What other forms of TA are needed?
- Outreach through media, partners, and stakeholders
- Rulemaking necessary to accommodate new loan principal forgiveness





# **Closing Remarks**



- Rising Costs
- Contractor Capacity
- Supply Chain and Materials
   Availability



# Questions?

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