



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

# Appendix B, Green Project Reserve: Water Efficiency

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Cite the categorical project number(s) that best correlate to the project objectives described in the Green Project Components section of your Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan application.

All projects or project components counted toward the GPR requirement must clearly advance one or more of the objectives articulated in the category discussed below.

Oregon DEQ is required to finance a certain percentage of projects that utilize green infrastructure, address water and energy efficiency, or implement other environmentally innovative activities. DEQ refers to this percentage as the Green Project Reserve.

## 2.0 WATER EFFICIENCY

2.1 Definition: EPA's WaterSense program defines water efficiency as the use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water. Water efficiency encompasses conservation and reuse efforts, as well as water loss reduction and prevention, to protect water resources for the future.

### 2.2 Categorical Projects

2.2-1 Installing or retrofitting water efficient devices, such as plumbing fixtures and Appliances

2.2-1a For example -- shower heads, toilets, urinals and other plumbing devices

2.2-1b Where specifications exist, WaterSense labeled products should be the preferred choice (<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/index.html>).

2.2-1c Implementation of incentive programs to conserve water such as rebates.

2.2-2 Installing any type of water meter in previously unmetered areas

2.2-2a If rate structures are based on metered use

2.2-2b Can include backflow prevention devices if installed in conjunction with water meter

2.2-3 Replacing existing broken/malfunctioning water meters, or upgrading existing meters, with:

2.2-3a Automatic meter reading systems (AMR), for example:

2.2-3a(i) Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI)

2.2-3a(ii) Smart meters

2.2-3b Meters with built in leak detection

2.2-3c Can include backflow prevention devices if installed in conjunction with

water meter replacement

2.2-4 Retrofitting/adding AMR capabilities or leak detection equipment to existing meters (not replacing the meter itself).

2.2-5 Water audit and water conservation plans, which are reasonably expected to result in a capital project.

2.2-6 Recycling and water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources,

2.2-6a Gray water, condensate and wastewater effluent reuse systems (where local codes allow the practice)

2.2-6b Extra treatment costs and distribution pipes associated with water reuse.

2.2-7 Retrofit or replacement of existing landscape irrigation systems with more efficient landscape irrigation systems, including moisture and rain sensing equipment.

2.2-8 Retrofit or replacement of existing agricultural irrigation systems with more efficient agricultural irrigation systems.

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