Disaster Response

Affordable loans for prevention and recovery
While the Clean Water State Revolving Fund cannot provide immediate funding following a disaster, DEQ offers the most affordable loans to finance the planning, design and construction to rebuild or upgrade water quality improvement systems. In addition, CWSRF offers:

- Interim financing - for pending federal funding
- Match funding - for federal grants
- Co-funding
- Loans to prepare for future events
- Free technical assistance
- Up to $500,000 principal forgiveness per eligible project
- 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30-year loan terms available

Help for current borrowers
Contact your project officer as soon as possible if there are financial or construction concerns following a natural disaster or other emergency.

New applicants
Eligible borrowers are public agencies, defined by ORS 468.423 and include:

- State agency
- Incorporated city, county, sanitary authority
- School district, county service district, sanitary district, metropolitan service district
- Other special district authorized or required to construct water pollution control facilities
- Intergovernmental entity created by units of local government under ORS 190.003 to 190.130.
- Federally recognized Indian tribal government

Timeline
Applications are accepted three times a year, or anytime five or more are received.

The loan application process can take up to a year or more, depending on the complexity of the project.

Larger construction projects often require lengthy environmental reviews, which are required.

Alternative formats
DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.