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# Learn About the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Learn about using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for land conservation projects by joining a webinar on Tuesday, October 21, from 11:00 a.m. to noon. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Coalition for Oregon Land Trusts will highlight DEQ's CWSRF low-interest loan program, which funds projects to protect, restore, or enhance water quality. Water systems have used CWSRF to conserve land in their drinking water source areas. Go <a href="https://example.com/hereststate/">hereststate/</a> to register for the webinar.

## Thank You to Asset Management Survey Takers

Thank you to everyone who responded to the asset management survey that DWS announced in previous Pipelines. Please note that our <u>Circuit Rider Program</u> offers free asset management training and assistance for eligible public water systems. Additional detailed information and free tools are available on the <u>Asset Management web page</u>.

# **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program News**

Oregon's <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)</u> provides low- cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. All projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness. Next letter of interest (LOI) deadline for FY2026 DWSRF funding is February 15, 2026.

#### **Program Updates:**

• The application deadline for the FY2026 Small System Equipment Assistance (SSEA) funding program closed on August 15th, 2025. This program funds small scale additions or replacement of equipment and instrumentation needed by small water systems to ensure continued operation and protection of public health. Eligible systems include Community or Non-Profit Non-Community water systems that serve ≤ 300 connections. Due to overwhelming demand for these funds, the proposed open period for applications on February 15, 2026, is unfortunately closed. The next proposed round for FY2027 SSEA applications is August 15, 2026. The FY2026 SSEA project priority list (PPL) will be posted on the PPL and Public Notices webpage in the coming weeks.

The application deadline for the FY2026 <u>Sustainable Infrastructure</u>
 <u>Planning Projects (SIPP)</u> funding program closed on August 15<sup>th</sup>,
 2025. This program funds planning activities (e.g., feasibility studies)
 that promote sustainable water infrastructure. Priority is given to
 systems that serve fewer than 300 service connections.

Due to overwhelming demand for the funds, the proposed open period for applications on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, is unfortunately closed. The next proposed round for FY2027 SIPP applications is August 15, 2026. The FY2026 SIPP project priority list (PPL) will be posted on the PPL and Public Notices webpage in the coming weeks.

How to Apply – Visit <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</u> to view available funding programs. Business Oregon's <u>Regional Development Officers</u> can assist eligible water systems with the best funding options in their area. And OHA's <u>Circuit Rider Program</u> offers up to 10 hours of free on-site technical assistance, including assistance with funding applications. Questions? Reach out to OHA-Drinking Water Services at <a href="mailto:dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov">dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov</a>.

# Congratulations to Drinking Water Source Protection Award Recipients!

The public water systems listed below have demonstrated excellence inprotecting their drinking water sources from sources of contamination. These systems have implemented risk-reduction strategies within their drinking water source area(s) that can reduce the risk of exposing consumers to contaminated water and potentially reduce water treatment costs. The award may be used to promote customer trust, develop positive customer relations, and build public support for protecting drinking water sources. The list below includes systems that earned the award between April 1 and September 30, 2025.

Congratulations to all!

Want to learn more? Think you may be eligible for the award? Please go <a href="here">here</a> for more information (click on the "Drinking Water Source Protection Award and survey" link), or contact DWS at 971-673-0405 or DEQ at <a href="mailto:Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov">Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov</a>.

## Drinking Water Source Protection Award Recipients April 1 through September 30, 2025

PWS Name	County
JOINT WATER COMMISSION	Washington
LAKE OSWEGO - TIGARD WATER SUPPLY	Clackamas
HILLSBORO-CHERRY GROVE	Washington
HILLSBORO, CITY OF	Washington
BANKS WATER DEPARTMENT	Washington
KERNVILLE-GLENEDEN-LINC BCH WD	Lincoln
RHODODENDRON WTR ASSOC	Clackamas
COUNTRY VILLA MOBILE ESTATES	Columbia
EASTMONT WATER COMPANY	Clackamas

### **Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!**

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of July 1 through September 9, 2025. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) DWS congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go here to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

PWS Name	<b>County Served</b>
BAY HILLS WATER ASSOCIATION	Lincoln
BURNSIDE WATER ASSOCIATION	Clatsop
CENTURY MEADOWS INC	Marion
CLAYTON CREEK MH ESTATES	Jackson
DEER CREEK ESTATES	Marion
FERN RIDGE SHORES	Lane
POWERS, CITY OF	Coos
SISTERS, CITY OF	Deschutes
WALLACE ACRES WATER COMPANY	Deschutes
WILLAMETTE WATER COMPANY	Lane

### **Training Opportunities**

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at <a href="https://www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining">www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining</a>.

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