

USACE Reservoir Drawdowns

Technical Assistance and Funding Resources for Downstream Public Water Systems

Technical Assistance

- [OHA-DWS Circuit Rider Program](#): Community systems serving less than 10,000 people are eligible. 10 hours or less of on-site technical, managerial, or financial assistance for each project including assistance with funding applications.
 - Contact: Marlin Gochnour, Civil West Engineering Services - mgochnour@civilwest.net, 541-266-8601
- [Oregon Association of Water Utilities \(OAWU\) Circuit Riders](#): Provides on-site technical assistance in areas such as water treatment, disinfection, distribution, etc.
 - Contact: office@oawu.net, 503-837-1212, after-hours: 503-580-4445
- [Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network \(ORWARN\)](#): System to system mutual aid assistance (certified operators, equipment, etc.) for member utilities. Free to join and there are no obligations for responding to member requests.
 - Contact: info@orwarn.org
- [Rural Community Assistance Corporation \(RCAC\)](#): Supports rural communities through training, technical, and financial assistance.
 - Contact: Dessa Wells - dessa.wells@rcac.org, 360-558-2150
- [EPA Water TA](#): Provides hands-on technical, managerial, and financial assistance to water systems. Water systems can submit a [webform request](#) and be matched with a technical assistance provider.
 - Contact: WaterTA@epa.gov

Funding Options

- OHA-Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
 - [Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects \(SIPP\)](#): 100% forgivable loan, \$20,000-\$50,000 per eligible project. Review the [SIPP Guidelines](#) for eligible projects. Application deadline is August 15, 2026.
 - Contact: SIPP.DW@biz.oregon.gov
 - [Small System Equipment Assistance \(SSEA\)](#): Funds small scale additions, equipment replacement, and instrumentation needed by small (≤ 300 connections) community water systems. Application deadline is August 15, 2026.
 - [SSEA Guidelines](#)
 - Contact: DW.Equipment@biz.oregon.gov

Voice: 971-673-0405 | After-hours: 503-704-1174

Email: info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov | www.healthoregon.org/dws

- [Business Oregon Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Financing Program](#)
 - Business Oregon may have loans or grant options for municipal water systems.
 - [Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Financing Brochure](#)
 - Contact: [Business Oregon Regional Development Officer](#)

- [National Rural Water Association \(NRWA\) Revolving Loan Fund](#)
 - Planning costs for infrastructure projects, replacement equipment, system upgrades, disaster recovery, or emergency loans may be available.
 - Contact: OAWU, office@oawu.net, phone: 503-837-1212

- USDA Rural Development (RD)
 - [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants \(ECWAG\)](#)
 - [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#)
 - Contact USDA RD Community Programs: 503-414-3300 ext. 3

- Oregon Emergency Management
 - [State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment \(SPIRE\) Grant Program](#)
 - Contact: OEM.SPIRE@oem.oregon.gov