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**Funding and Resource Guide:  
Idaho  
Water/Wastewater Systems**



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## PURPOSE

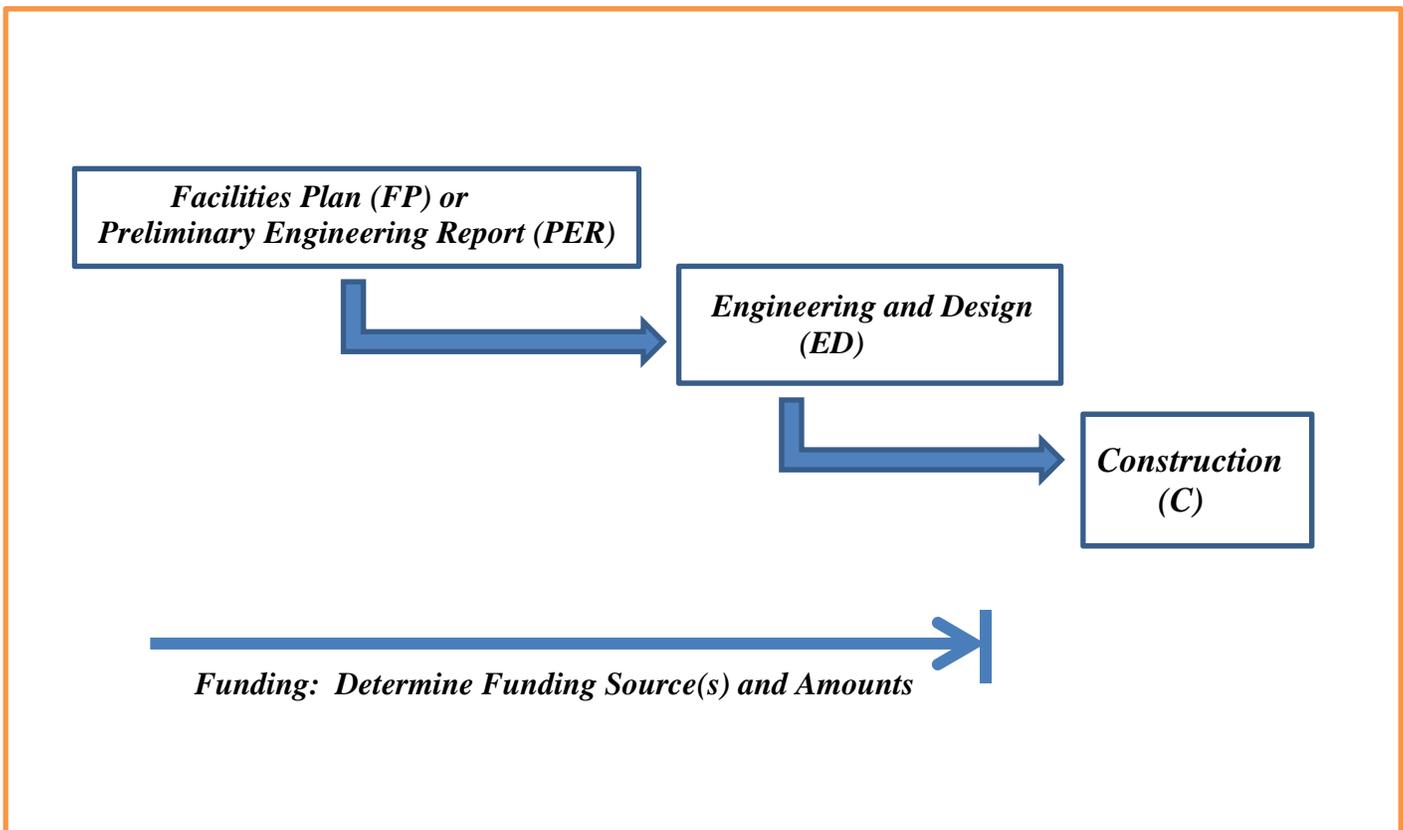
This *Funding and Resource Guide: Idaho Water/Wastewater Systems* has three purposes: it identifies funding programs for all aspects of water and wastewater system improvements; it lists agencies that provide additional resources for water and wastewater system personnel; and it provides contact information for the programs and agencies mentioned in this guide.

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### TYPICAL STAGES OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



**TABLE A:**

**TYPICAL SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR A WATER/WASTEWATER PROJECT**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
Community	Capital Improvement Fund	Funds earmarked for future capital improvement projects, collected by the community over time.
Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA)	Bond	Loan to community, to be repaid over a period of years.
State/Federal Government	Grant	Direct payment to community.
State/Federal Government	Loan	Loan to community, to be repaid over a period of years.
Other Sources	Grants/Loans	As described above.

**TABLE B**

**FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN IDAHO**

<b>Program</b>	<b>System (W-WW)</b>	<b>Stage of Project (FP-ED-C)</b>	<b>Population Req'ment</b>	<b>Income Req'ment</b>	<b>Funding Program Details</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
<b>Idaho Bond Bank Authority (IBBA)</b> Water system loan program	W, WW	FP, ED, C	None	None	Interest rate adjusted quarterly; 20 to 30 year term; 0.5% to 0.75% loan fee.	Quarterly deadlines
<b>Idaho Department of Commerce Rural Community Block Grant (RCBG)</b>	W, WW	C	<10,000	Low-income	Grants from \$50,000 to \$500,000; total of \$400,000 available in 2012; Local match required; Can only be used for extensions of W, WW systems that will increase jobs and/or business opportunities.	Applications due in March for coming year.



<b>Idaho Department of Commerce</b> Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	W, WW	C	<50,000	Low to moderate	Grants from \$50,000 to \$500,000; Local match encouraged; \$6.5 million available in 2012.	Applications due in November for coming year.
<b>Idaho Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</b> Drinking Water Planning Grants	W	FP	None	None	Requires 50% match; Based on DEQ priority list ranking; \$250,000 available; grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$90,000 in 2012.	Submit letter of interest by fourth quarter of each year.
<b>Idaho DEQ</b> Wastewater Planning Grants	WW	FP	None	None	Requires 50% match; Based on DEQ priority list ranking; \$250,000 available; grants ranged from \$30,000 to \$171,000 in 2012.	Submit letter of interest by fourth quarter of each year.
<b>Idaho DEQ</b> Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF)	W	ED, C	None	None	Up to 100% of project cost; 20-year term; low interest rate (ranged from 1.25% to 2.25% in 2012)	Submit letter of interest by fourth quarter of each year.
<b>Idaho DEQ</b> Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (SRF)	WW	ED, C	None	None	Up to 100% of project cost; 20-year term; low interest rate (1.25% in 2012)	Submit letter of interest by fourth quarter of each year.
<b>Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB)</b> Water system loan program	W	FP, ED, C	None	None	Min amount is \$5,000; 5 to 30 year terms; Interest rate at 6%	28 days prior to next IWRB meeting.
<b>Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</b> Feasibility Loan	W, WW	FP	<50,000.	Low-income	Max \$50,000; 1-year term; Interest rate at 5-6%	None



<b>RCAC</b> Predevelopment Loan	W, WW	ED	<50,000.	Low-income	Max \$350,000; 1-year term; Interest rate at 5-6%	None
<b>RCAC</b> Construction Loan	W, WW	C	<50,000.	None	Max \$1 million; 1 to 3 year term; Interest rate varies; 1% loan fee	None
<b>US Army Corps of Engineers (COE)</b> Section 595 program	W, WW	ED, C	None	None	Total of \$55 million available nationally.	Form sent to communities in October, due back by February of each year.
<b>USDA Rural Development (RD)</b> Planning/Pre-development Grant (PPG)	W, WW	FP	<10,000	Low-income	Requires minimum of 25% match; Max grant \$25,000.	None
<b>USDA RD</b> Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grant	W, WW	FP	<10,000	Poverty-level	No match required; Max grant \$35,000.	None
<b>USDA RD</b> Water & Waste Disposal Direct Loan & Grant Program	W, WW	ED, C	<10,000	None	Terms vary; 40-year term if grant is also included; Interest rates vary; \$10-\$12 million in 2012. USDA RD determines ratio of loan to grant.	None



**TABLE C:  
AGENCIES SERVING WATER/WASTEWATER NEEDS OF SMALL COMMUNITIES**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Assistance Available</b>
<b>Environmental Finance Center, Boise State University (EFC)</b>	To build and improve the technical, managerial, and financial capabilities needed by communities to comply with federal and state environmental protection laws.	Various tools for strategic planning, financial leadership, rate setting and budgeting, and financial analysis.
<b>Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA)</b>	To provide technical assistance, training and a strong representative voice for the benefit of Idaho's water and wastewater systems.	Technical assistance and training to system operators.
<b>Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</b>	To assist rural communities plan, finance, construct, manage and operate water and wastewater systems.	Grant/loan application assistance, rate studies, technical assistance, financial training, loans.

**TABLE D:  
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Resources Available</b>
<b>Association of Idaho Cities (AIC)</b>	AIC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit corporation, owned, organized, and operated by Idaho's city governments. AIC provides services that individual cities might not be able to afford on their own.	AIC provides training and education for city officials through the AIC Annual Conference, AIC Academy for City Officials, Spring District Workshops (budgeting and new laws), and the Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers, and Finance Officers Institute.
<b>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Drinking Water Program</b>	To protect public health by ensuring drinking water from public water systems in Idaho is safe. DEQ is authorized through the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems.	The PWS Switchboard features quick links to state and federal rules, monitoring schedules, plans and specifications, public notification templates, sanitary survey forms, drinking water system classification requirements, operator licensing, reporting tools, and operator hiring information
<b>Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR)</b>	To ensure water is conserved and available to sustain	IDWR provides a variety of services for the public, such as water rights research,



	Idaho's economy, ecosystem and the resulting quality of life.	historical record reproduction of water rights, driller's reports, and dam safety inspections.
<b>Idaho Economic Development Districts</b>	To provide community and economic development services to create healthy communities.	Economic Development Districts provide grant/loan application assistance, training, and comprehensive development strategies to leverage public and private resources for cities.
<b>Idaho Rural Partnership (IRP)</b>	To use innovative collaborations of public and private resources to strengthen communities and improve life in rural Idaho	The IRP website offers numerous links to public and private resources.
<b>Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB)</b>	To formulate and implement a state water plan and to provide financial assistance for water development and water conservation projects.	IWRB manages the Water Supply Bank, a water exchange market to facilitate the use of water rights. IRWB also operates a Financial Program, through which it operates three accounts: the Revolving Development Account, the Water Management Account and the Revenue Bond Program. These accounts provide loans for water supply projects.
<b>US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b>	To protect human health and the environment by: developing and enforcing regulations; giving grants; studying environmental issues; sponsoring partnerships; teaching people about the environment; and publishing information.	In Idaho, the US EPA issues all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, required for any facility that discharges wastewater directly to surface water.

About RCAC: RCAC is a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance, training and financing so rural communities achieve their goals and visions. Headquartered in West Sacramento, California, RCAC's employees serve rural communities in 13 western states, plus the Western Pacific. In Idaho, RCAC partners with funding and regulatory agencies to address compliance issues for lower-income rural communities by helping with water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

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**APPENDIX:  
LIST OF CONTACT INFORMATION  
Alphabetical Listing of Agencies**

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