



OKLAHOMA
Water Resources Board

NEW Financial Assistance Division Programs

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**CWSRF Sponsorship
Pilot Program**

**Sewer Overflow and
Stormwater Reuse
Municipal Grants
Program (OSG)**



CWSRF Sponsorship Pilot Program

- Traditional wastewater project seeking funding through CWSRF can “sponsor” nonpoint source project at a **reduced interest rate**
- Incentivizes projects to address **Nonpoint Source** pollution as approved under the state’s Nonpoint Source Management Plan (NPSMP)
- **\$5 Million** available in Pilot to assess demand and effectiveness

Examples of Activities Eligible for Sponsorship:

- Permeable pavement
- Bioretention cells/Rain gardens
- Green Roofs
- Stormwater harvesting
- Constructed wetlands
- Water conservation practices
 - Irrigation BMP’s
- Streambank stabilization or Riparian buffers
- Dam Rehabilitation
- Brownfield projects
- Septic Replacement in priority NPS watershed
- Repairing unpaved roads near impaired waterbodies
- Agriculture BMP’s
 - Fencing around creek beds and alternate water supply
 - Cover crops
 - No till practices
 - Rotational grazing
- Phosphorus control structures in priority watersheds (eastern OK)





Sponsorship Program

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board's **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)** provides below-market interest rate loans for planning, design, and construction of projects that prevent or address water pollution and the Clean Water Act.

OWRB's Sponsorship Program offers a funding opportunity to address a water quality issue or initiative approved under the state's Nonpoint Source Management Program (NPSMP).

- Nonpoint Source (NPS) projects can have difficulty providing a revenue stream for loan repayment.
- Oklahoma's Sponsorship Program allows for NPS projects to receive a reduced interest rate when paired with a traditional treatment works project funded through the CWSRF.



How OWRB's Sponsorship Program Works

- An eligible public entity must apply for both a traditional treatment works and NPS loan through OWRB
- NPS project must address a water quality issue or initiative and be approved under the state's NPSMP
- Sponsorship Program incentivizes NPS projects through a reduction in interest cost
- This estimated project cost may total up to approximately 90% of OWRB's estimated interest earnings of the traditional treatment works project, less the administrative fee

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Case Study-Shawnee

- Shawnee Municipal Authority: \$12 Million in CWSRF funds
- Pottawatomie County Development Authority (PCDA): \$1.5 Million for a treatment wetland and sedimentation basin above Wes Watkins Reservoir

WWTP Improvements

- \$37.9M Closed 9/2019
- Needed \$12M additional for project

2nd Loan (\$12M) Sponsored NPS project

- Board Approved \$13.5M Dec. 2020
- Closed June 2021



Proposed NPS Project (NRCS)



Proposed Wetland ~\$1,035,000

12.4 acres



Proposed Rock Chute ~\$34,500



Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG)

- New EPA grant program administered by OWRB
- States Must prioritize projects based on 1+ of these 4 factors:
 - In **Financially Distressed Communities** (defined by affordability criteria)
 - In communities implementing **CSO control policy**, a long-term municipal **CSO control plan**, or a **separate SSO control plan**
 - On the state's **CWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)**
 - In **Alaskan Native Villages**
- Program Purpose-address infrastructure needs for:
 - Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)
 - Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)
 - Stormwater Management



OWRB's OSG Program Details

- \$664,800 available in **grant** funds for OK Communities
- Funds will be awarded for **Planning and Design** costs for eligible projects
- Projects need to be listed on **CWSRF Project Priority List (PPL)** for Planning and Design or studies

Examples of Eligible projects:

SSO Correction:

- Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) correction
- Collection system, pump station, or treatment facility capacity for mitigating SSO
- Real-time control systems for SSO management (SCADA)

Stormwater Management:

- Projects to intercept, transport, control, treat or reuse stormwater and subsurface drainage (Gray or Green Infrastructure)



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