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## Water Resources Board

### **Immediate Release:**

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### **The City of Wagoner receives \$2,000,000 grant for system improvements**

OKLAHOMA CITY –The City of Wagoner (City) received approval for \$2,000,000 in funding Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the City’s wastewater infrastructure. Construction of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater system will be financed by the Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program along with \$2,000,000 in local funds.

The City will use the proceeds for the installation of a new force main, construction of a new headworks, installation of a new disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant, and to repaint a water tower.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the City’s customers will save an estimated \$3,027,900 compared to traditional financing.

The ARPA grant program is administered by the OWRB with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through Senate Bill 429 for the Water and Wastewater American Rescue Plan Act grants program. This OWRB program has been structured to provide communities and other eligible entities financial resources necessary to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs within their systems. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.2 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.



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“We are grateful to State Senator Blake ‘Cowboy’ Stephens and State Representative Chris Sneed for their continued support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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