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Ohio Communities Receive \$40.7 million in Financing from Ohio Water Development Authority for Wastewater and Drinking Water Improvements

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) awarded \$40.7 million through low interest loans to Ohio communities to improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and make water quality improvements for Ohioans. For the month of June, the Authority funded 20 projects that will provide improvements and replace aging infrastructure. The 20 awarded projects received an interest rate ranging from 1.75% to 3.98%.

For June 2024, the following Ohio communities are receiving funding from OWDA's Fresh Water Loan Program:

- Ashtabula County is receiving \$404,795.47 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of improvements to the Elm Drive pump station and 2,300 feet of force main along Carpenter Road to increase conveyance capacity and eliminate sewer overflows.
- The Village of Catawba in Clark County is receiving \$13,800.00 at 3.98% for 5 years for the development of a preliminary engineering report to evaluate alternatives for improving the Village's water treatment plant.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$1,444,438.60 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of a roof for the vehicle storage area at the City's Sewer Maintenance Operation Center to replace the existing roof, which has exceeded its useful life.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$2,417,476.07 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of a pressure reducing valve along Stelzer Road to improve performance of an emergency connection between distribution pressure districts.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$4,976,696.30 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of 10,800 feet of waterline in the Clearview Avenue service area to replace aging waterlines.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$5,090,023.32 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of 17,000 feet of 12 foot diameter tunnel along the Olentangy River to reduce combined sewage overflows and provide relief from the OSU campus area to the Arena District.

- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$338,019.90 at 3.98% for 5 years for the design of 10,600 feet of waterline in the Yale Avenue service area to replace aging waterlines.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$361,281.21 at 3.98% for 5 years for the design of 10,200 feet of waterline in the Chittenden Avenue service area to replace aging waterlines.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$414,767.23 at 3.98% for 5 years for the design of 9,200 feet of waterline in the Ann Street service area to replace aging waterlines.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$544,473.00 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of HVAC and air purification improvements in the east aeration control building at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace equipment that has exceeded its useful life.
- The City of Columbus in Franklin County is receiving \$867,626.00 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of an HVAC system for the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant administration building to replace the existing system that has exceeded its useful life.
- The City of Huron in Erie County is receiving \$2,666,002.00 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of 7,100 feet of waterline along S. Main Street to replace aging waterlines.
- The Village of Jeffersonville in Fayette County is receiving \$120,420.00 at 3.98% for 5 years for the design of a pump station and 6,000 feet of force main along S.R. 729 and Plymouth Street to replace an aging pump station and force main.
- The Village of Liberty Center in Henry County is receiving \$200,509.00 at 1.75% for 20 years for the construction of 3,100 feet of storm sewer along North Street to replace undersized sewers and reduce flooding.
- The City of Monroe in Butler County is receiving \$821,486.10 at 3.98% for 15 years for the construction of 1,900 feet of waterline along S. Main Street to replace aging waterlines.
- The Village of New Waterford in Columbiana County is receiving \$50,400.00 at 1.75% for 5 years for the construction of improvements to the 200,000 gallon water storage tower located on Hatcher Road to extend the useful life of this infrastructure.
- Northwestern Water & Sewer District in Wood County is receiving \$1,475,066.20 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of 3,000 feet of waterline and 500 feet of sanitary sewer along Jennings Road in the City of Rossford to replace aging infrastructure.

- The Village of Sheffield in Lorain County is receiving \$1,360,374.50 at 3.48% for 20 years for the installation of water meters throughout the system to replace meters that have exceeded their useful life.
- Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority in Montgomery County is receiving \$15,000,000.00 at 3.31% for 30 years and \$35,051.05 at 3.77% for 30 years for the construction of two 3.4 MG equalization basins, a pump station, and a backup generator to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows.
- The City of Zanesville in Muskingum County is receiving \$2,112,040.00 at 3.48% for 20 years for the construction of improvements to three water storage tanks to extend their useful life.

The State of Ohio created the OWDA to provide funding for construction of public water and wastewater infrastructure in Ohio. Since its creation in 1968, OWDA has pursued borrowing that assure the OWDA the lowest cost of funds in order to maintain low borrowing rates for the local governments of Ohio. These low borrowing rates allow local governments to construct necessary water and sewer improvements while minimizing the impact to user charges.

More information about OWDA's financing programs is available at www.owda.org.