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Ohio Communities Receive \$23 million in Financing from Ohio Water Development Authority for Wastewater and Drinking Water Improvements

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) awarded \$23 million through low interest loans and grants to Ohio communities to improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and make water quality improvements for Ohioans. For the month of February, the Authority funded 9 projects that will replace aging infrastructure, expand capacity of treatment plants, extend service areas, and install technology for better water quality. Of the 9 awarded projects, 4 planning loans received an interest rate of 1.68%, and 5 construction loans received an interest rate ranging from 0.68% to 1.68%.

For February 2021, the following Ohio communities are receiving funding from OWDA's Fresh Water Loan Program:

- The Village of Archbold in Fulton County is receiving \$19,191,759.00 at 0.68% for 20 years for the construction of a granular activated carbon treatment facility to address elevated TTHM levels and comply with Ohio EPA Findings & Orders. The existing gas chlorination system will be replaced with a sodium hypochlorite disinfection system.
- The Village of Byesville in Guernsey County is receiving \$2,069,784.00 at 1.18% for 20 years for the construction of a pump station and 8,500 feet of force main along Pioneer Rd to the Byesville WWTP to extend service.
- The City of East Liverpool in Columbiana County is receiving \$398,109.00 at 1.68% for 5 years for the design of WWTP improvements to the headworks, digesters, and flow equalization.
- The Village of Hiram in Portage County is receiving \$233,501.00 at 1.18% for 20 years for the installation of 273 water meters throughout the village and an automated meter reading system to replace the current meters, which have exceeded their useful life.

- The Village of Malta in Morgan County is receiving \$96,470.00 at 1.68% for 5 years for design of 8,400 feet of waterline to replace aging infrastructure.
- The City of Springfield in Clark County is receiving \$10,600,000.00 at 1.39% for 30 years for the construction of 15,500 feet of waterline along Route 40 and Bird Road, and a booster station to eliminate dead ends and provide service to the Prime Ohio II Industrial Park.
- The City of Struthers in Mahoning County is receiving \$190,619.44 at 1.18% for 20 years for repairs to the digester gas system at the Struthers wastewater treatment plant to replace aging infrastructure, including valve repair and media replacement.
- The City of Wapakoneta in Auglaize County is receiving a supplemental loan of \$678,366.00 at 1.68% for 4.5 years to expand the scope to include testing and SCADA improvements, and a CMAR delivery model.
- The City of Zanesville in Muskingum County is receiving \$213,457.00 at 1.68% for 5 years for the design of 7,500 feet of waterline along Dresden Road to replace aging waterlines.

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 owda.org.