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### **Ohio Communities Receive \$38 million in Financing from Ohio Water Development Authority for Wastewater and Drinking Water Improvements**

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) awarded \$38 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 January, the Authority funded 14 projects that will replace aging infrastructure, expand capacity of treatment plants, extend service areas, and install technology for better water quality. Of the 14 awarded projects: 7 projects received an average interest rate of 1.35% for 5-20 years, 5 projects received an average interest rate of 1.5% for 30 years and two projects qualified to receive grants at an interest rate of 0.00%.

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

- The City of Avon Lake in Lorain County is receiving \$724,126.00 at 1.28% for 20 years for the construction of improvements to the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) effluent structure to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs).
- Belmont County is receiving \$3,370,255.00 at 1.00% for 30 years for the construction of upgrades to the Fox Shannon WWTP to address National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations, including new screening, grit removal, flow equalization, pumping, oxidation ditch upgrades, an additional clarifier, and upgraded solids handling.
- The Village of Bluffton in Allen County is receiving \$409,643.67 at 1.28% for 20 years for the construction of 1,700 feet of sanitary and 2,000 feet of storm sewers along Jefferson Street to replace ageing sewers.
- The Village of Byesville in Guernsey County is receiving \$1,414,520.76 at 1.28% for 20 years for construction of 11,200 feet of force main along S.R. 821 to extend service to the Guernsey Power Station.
- The Village of Grafton in Lorain County is receiving \$299,863.00 at 1.28% for 10 years for construction of 2,700 feet of waterline along Mechanic and Crook Streets to replace aging waterlines.

- The Village of Lowell in Washington County is receiving \$138,708.00 at 1.78% for 5 years for design of a new WTP located on Buell Island, including two production wells, pressure filtration system to reduce iron and manganese levels, granular activated carbon filter, and PFAS treatment.
- The City of Madeira in Hamilton County is receiving \$1,813,260.00 at 1.50% for 30 years for Construction of 9,500 feet of waterline along Rita and Sonoma Lanes, Osceola and Sonoma Drives, Iuka Avenue, and Rathan Street to replace aging infrastructure. Treatment is provided by the Village of Indian Hill.
- The City of Norton in Summit County is receiving \$2,622,345.00 at 2.00% for 30 years for the construction of 8,500 feet of waterlines to provide service to 54 households along Greenwich and Shellhart Roads.
- The City of Toledo in Lucas County is receiving \$22,690,941.00 at 1.50% for 30 years for the rehabilitation of the High Service Pump Station to address infrastructure that has exceeded its useful life.
- The City of Urbana in Champaign County is receiving \$3,284,726.00 at 1.28% for 20 years for the replacement of all water meters and installation of advanced metering infrastructure throughout the City.

For January 2021, the following Ohio communities are receiving funding from OWDA's Un-Sewered Area Grant Program:

- The Village of Cloverdale in Putnam County is receiving a grant for \$500,000.00 for the construction of a sanitary collection system to provide service to 75 homes with failing onsite treatment systems. Treatment will be provided by the Village of Dupont.
- Sandusky County is receiving a grant for \$500,000.00 for the construction of a sanitary collection system and extended aeration WWTP to provide service to 75 homes with failing onsite treatment systems in the Wightman's Grove subdivision in Riley Township.

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](http://owda.org).