



Statewide Irrigation Modernization Grant Program

Introduction

This document supplements OWEB's Guidance on Budgeting in Grants (GoBig), which covers all grant programs. To access OWEB's standard GoBig document, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/GoBIG.pdf>. The items outlined in this supplement are specific to the Statewide Irrigation Modernization Grant Program and different from other grant programs, primarily due to the General Fund (tax dollar) source used to fund this program and the Legislative intent for these funds.

Grant budgets will be reviewed per program guidance, but there will be an emphasis on "on the ground" work. Given this, indirect and other project costs should be kept to a minimum.

IMPORTANT: This grant cycle will allocate the remaining Statewide Irrigation Modernization grant funding. **The remaining funding amount is \$392,104** in total, making this a highly competitive program.

Eligible activities are divided into two categories. Your project must first propose to implement one of the Required Activities below in order for the Secondary Activities to be eligible for funding.

Required Activities:

- Piping irrigation canals, ditches, or laterals
- Lining irrigation canals, ditches or laterals
- Upgrading existing infrastructure such as flumes or pipes

Secondary activities include but are not limited to:

- Pump installation/replacement
- Realignment of conveyance systems
- Diversion consolidation
- Installation of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems
- Installation of flow measurement devices
- Installation of pressure-relief valves and/or hydropower
- Turn-out upgrades
- Contracted services such as cultural resource surveys, construction services and late-stage design

Budget Differences from "Regular" OWEB Grants

Expenses for eligible costs and activities will be retroactive to December 14, 2021. All receipt requirements remain the same as for other OWEB grants.

Grant awards will be capped at \$392,104 per application. The ultimate decision about the funding level for awarded grants will depend on multiple factors, including the number of proposed projects recommended for funding following technical review relative to the total funding available for this grant program.

Contingencies are not allowed.

Promotional items and extensive stakeholder engagement activities are not allowed. Websites, facility or meeting room rentals, software purchase, food of any kind, and printing are also not allowed.

Equipment purchase is allowed; however, equipment purchase expenses will be evaluated for necessity to project outcomes.

Equipment usage rates are allowed. Grantees may charge equipment rental rates. OWEB reserves the right to request additional information regarding how the equipment rental rates being sought for reimbursement were calculated.

Indirect costs are capped at a 10% maximum amount, regardless of any other negotiated rate. For those with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate (FNICR), the difference between the 10% and the FNICR can be used for match.

Additionally, OWEB encourages grantees to minimize indirect costs associated with any subawards or contracts in order to focus use for funding for on-the-ground implementation.

Post-grant costs are allowed.

Billing and Reporting

At a minimum, grantees are required to bill OWEB quarterly. Billing more frequently is allowed.

Advances are allowed through March 31, 2023.

To ensure funding is being expended in a timely manner that will meet the June 30, 2023 funding end-date, all irrigation districts will be required to report expenses and progress in quarterly reports. All spending and activities under the grant must be completed by June 30, 2023.

In addition, post-implementation status reporting will be required for a period of five years once the grant has ended. Post-implementation status reporting requirements will be detailed in the grant agreement and will include documentation of protected instream water savings.