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Ohio EPA Issues 16 More American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Loans for Water Projects

Ohio EPA, working with U.S. EPA stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for drinking water projects or Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for water pollution control projects, has signed project agreements totaling over \$34.6 million for improvements in Ohio.

Projects receiving ARRA subsidies combined with low-interest loans include the following WSRLA projects:

- **Cleveland** (Cuyahoga County) received a \$5 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a \$14 million interest free WSRLA loan for a total of \$19 million to upgrade the Baldwin Residuals and Reservoir Water Treatment Plant.
- **McConnelville** (Morgan County) received an \$87,500 ARRA subsidy to use with an equal amount of low-interest WSRLA funding for a total of \$175,000 assistance for a \$526,792 water meter installation project.
- **Pomeroy** (Meigs County) received a \$188,430 ARRA subsidy and \$81,039 through a low-interest WSRLA loan for a total of \$269,469 to assist in water meter replacement.
- **Findlay** (Hancock County) received a \$34,992 ARRA subsidy to use with \$52,671 low-interest WSRLA funding for a total of \$87,663 assistance for a water treatment plant project.
- **The Old Straitsville Water Association** (Perry County) received a \$52,500 ARRA subsidy to use with \$25,419 interest free WSRLA funding for a total of \$77,919 assistance to construct a water supply booster station.
- **Byesville** (Guernsey County) received a \$109,957 ARRA subsidy to use with an equal amount of interest free WSRLA funding for a total of \$219,913 assistance. The village will repair leaking cracks in the walls at its drinking water treatment plant.
- **Willard City Schools** (Huron County) received a \$2,000 ARRA subsidy and \$11,638 through a WSRLA low-interest loan for a total of \$13,638 in assistance to connect the school water supply to Northern Ohio Rural Water.
- **Rockford** (Mercer County) received a \$903,279 ARRA subsidy and a \$1,351,759 interest-free WSRLA loan for a total of \$2,255,038 to build a new water treatment plant and install new water meters.

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Projects receiving ARRA subsidies combined with low-interest loans include the following WPCLF projects:

- **Allen County** received a \$600,000 ARRA subsidy and \$692,958 provided through WPCLF at 1 percent interest, for a total of nearly \$1.3 million to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows at the American Bath wastewater treatment plant.
- **Clark County** received a \$90,000 ARRA subsidy and a \$126,873 interest free loan through WPCLF, for a total of \$216,873 in assistance to replace the Raymond Drive Lift Station.
- **Columbus** (Franklin County) received a \$962,729 ARRA subsidy to assist in separating combined sewers, to use with the same amount funded through a WPCLF low-interest loan for a total of \$1,925,458.
- **East Palestine** (Columbiana County) received a \$40,250 ARRA subsidy to apply to a phosphorus reduction project at its wastewater treatment plant and a \$73,178 low-interest WPCLF loan for a total of \$113,428.
- **Fremont** (Sandusky County) received a \$2.15 million ARRA subsidy to combine with a matching amount WPCLF low-interest loan, for a total of \$4.3 million to build the first of two phases of an off-stream raw water reservoir.
- **Montpelier** (Williams County) received a \$2 million ARRA subsidy to use with a \$1.5 million WPCLF low-interest loan for a total of \$3.5 million to begin construction on the first phase of separating combined sewers.
- **Richfield** (Summit County) received a \$929,079 ARRA subsidy and a \$309,693 WPCLF low-interest loan for a total of \$1,238,772 to construct sanitary sewers that will eliminate 57 existing septic systems.
- **Versailles** (Darke County) received a \$4.5 ARRA subsidy and a \$3.5 WPCLF low-interest loan for a total of \$8 million for improvements to its wastewater treatment plant.

All of Ohio EPA's stimulus funding is being awarded in the form of direct subsidy through loan principal forgiveness to reduce the capital costs of the projects. Eight projects are partially funded under Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, and eight projects are partially funded under the state's Drinking Water Supply Revolving Loan Account.

ARRA funding will support 267 water pollution control projects in 160 communities and 65 drinking water projects in 52 communities in Ohio. For additional information on the federal program, please visit www.epa.gov/recovery/, or see the Web sites below for Ohio specific details.

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Water Pollution Control Projects: www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/stimulus_pages/stimulus.aspx
Drinking Water Projects: www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/dwaf_economic_stimulus.aspx