



Oregon's Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Loan Program and the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Presentation Overview

- Life before ARRA
- Living with ARRA
- Life after ARRA



Life Before ARRA

- 25 projects listed in the CWSRF Intended Use Plan (Nov. 2008)
- Requested funding totaled about \$180 million
- Quarterly project scoring meetings



ARRA Timing Couldn't Have Been Better

- Aging wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure
- Minimal base program allocations
- Sustainability and "green" projects being addressed through policy development
- New positions for the CWSRF program approved in DEQ's budget



Living With ARRA – DEQ Objectives


- Fund new and numerous projects
- Comply with ARRA requirements
- Address ARRA objectives in a timely and equitable manner
- Work with other funding agencies in the state



Financial Aspects of ARRA

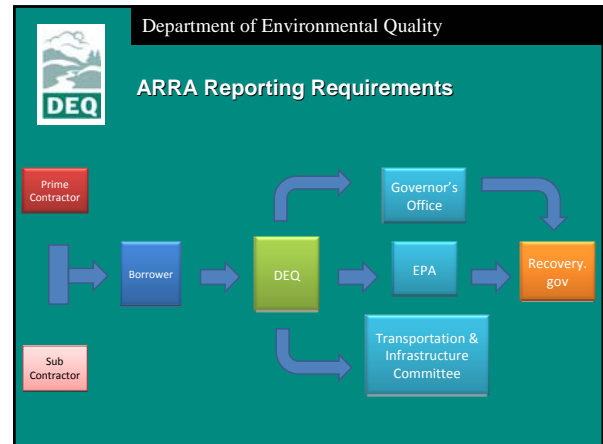
- Provides \$4 billion in capitalization grants to states for CWSRF programs
- DEQ was awarded about \$44.3 million
- About \$8.8 million (20% of cap grant) will be used for the Green Project Reserve
- DEQ will make available for loans the 4% administrative set aside
- Requires not less than 50% of the capitalization grant to be used for additional subsidization

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Key Considerations for Project Applicants

- The CWSRF program received 160 applications totaling about \$718 million
- Projects must be under contract or construction by February 17, 2010
- Projects must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and must use iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the U.S.
- Reporting requirements
- Audit visits by the Office of the Inspector General



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Key Implementation Dates

- DEQ prepared Proposed Intended Use Plan Update and provided opportunity for public comment May 8 – June 8
- DEQ applied for capitalization grant May 13
- EPA awarded capitalization grant June 8 with programmatic conditions
- DEQ responded to public comments and finalized IUP Update July 7
- EPA approved final IUP and released grant funds July 10
- DEQ is targeting to execute loans beginning in August


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Life After ARRA – The “Hangover”

- Maintain the financial integrity of the program
- Adapt to new regulations and policy direction from the federal level
- Respond to reporting requirements
- Achieve sustainable project outputs


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Life After ARRA – The Benefits

- Attention given to the SRF program at the congressional level
- Changing the “norm” of the program
- Opportunity to educate the public
- Characterizing the needs within the state

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What’s Next with DEQ?

- Work with borrowers to ensure requirements of the Act are met
- Present permanent rulemaking at the October 2009 EQC meeting
- Follow through with reporting and certification requirements and meet state goals established by the Governor’s Office
- Continue to coordinate with other funding agencies in the state



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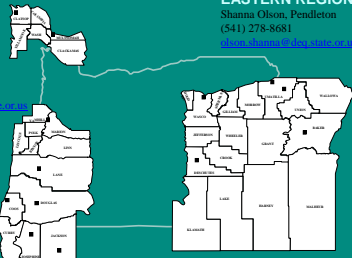
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