



## Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program *A New Feasibility Study Grant Program*

### Background

Oregon is facing increasing water demand and increasingly scarce water supplies. To adequately meet Oregon's diverse water demands now and into the future, Oregonians must use their water wisely and efficiently. That means encouraging innovative water conservation and reuse programs and environmentally sound storage projects that capture available water so it can be put to good use when needed.

To meet this challenge, on March 5, 2008, Governor Kulongoski signed Senate Bill 1069 establishing the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program. The program is designed to fund the qualifying costs of planning studies that evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage projects. There is \$1.6 million available for grants, with a maximum award of up to \$500,000 for each feasibility study.

### Eligibility

- Local, state, and federal governments, Indian tribes, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships and individuals may apply.
- The program requires a dollar-for-dollar match, which can include cash, in-kind sources, and pending commitments.

### Application Process and Forms


- Applications are being accepted until September 2, 2008.
- Application forms and guidance information are available at:  
[http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/LAW/conservation\\_reuse\\_storage\\_grant.shtml](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/LAW/conservation_reuse_storage_grant.shtml)

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### The Grant Process





**The grant program is designed to fund a variety of project planning studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse or storage, including analyses of:**

- **Hydrologic refill capacity**
- **Water needs**
- **Hydrology**
- **Engineering and financial feasibility**
- **Geology**
- **Water exchange**
- **Ecological flow impacts**
- **Alternative means of supplying water**
- **Environmental impacts from projects**
- **Public benefits from projects**
- **Fiscal impacts of projects**
- **Hydrologic impacts of projects**
- **Water quality impacts**

**All studies, large and small, will be given consideration.**