



May 26, 2023

City of Coburg
Attn: Anne Heath, City Administrator
91136 North Willamette
Coburg, OR 97408

RE: Letter of Interest (LOI) Rating Determination Notice for Infrastructure Project SD-23-398, Continuation of Project S19007 Water System Improvement

Dear City of Coburg:

The Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services (OHA) rated your recently submitted Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (SDWRLF) Letter of Interest (LOI) SD-23-398 using criteria that include risk to health, compliance, and consolidation or partnership of two or more systems. The project was determined to [not meet health, compliance, and consolidation objectives resulting in](#) placement on OHA's "General Infrastructure & Resiliency" Project Priority List (PPL) found on their [website and underwent a](#) required 10-day public notice process. Though still eligible for funding under the program, [General Infrastructure & Resiliency projects are lower priority when there is limited funding under the program than projects that address health, compliance, and consolidation objectives.](#)

The SDWRLF is primarily a loan program. Funding awards may include some portion of forgivable loan (similar to grant) as described in the Business Oregon [SDWRLF Financing Details](#) document. As part of the rating and ranking process, OHA assessed the Median Household Income of your water system to be at or above the state average meaning that the community is **not** considered "[disadvantaged](#)" under the DWSRF program. Only communities designated as "disadvantaged" are eligible for forgivable loan funding under the new [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) funding that represents a second funding stream for the SDWRLF.

Business Oregon plans to begin initial funding discussions in mid-to-late 2023. We will contact prospective applicants in the order that they are ranked on OHA's PPL and assess project readiness to proceed including the ability and willingness to take on a loan and raise water rates for this project. This project's status as a [General Infrastructure & Resiliency](#) project may impact when outreach occurs but if there are specific timing issues that we should be aware of please contact us, there may have alternative state or federal loan funding available depending on entity type.

If you have any questions, or if your project has specific timing issues that we should be aware of, please contact me at 971-719-6710 or via email to tracy.loomis@biz.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Tracy Loomis

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