



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Clean Water Loan
Letter of Interest and Rating Form
Fiscal Year 2026

Section I. Project Information

Provide complete and accurate answers to receive the highest possible rating for your project. When possible, DEQ recommends working closely with your engineering consultant to complete this form. If you would like help completing this form, please contact DEQ at grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov to discuss technical assistance opportunities.

A. System Identification

System Name: City of Sandpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant		
System Address: 1123 W. Lake St.		
City: Sandpoint	State: ID	Zip: 83864
Is the system located wholly within incorporated city limits?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
What City? Sandpoint	County: Bonner	
System Phone: 208-263-3407	System Email:	
Population Served: ~9,000	Owner's Name: City of Sandpoint	
Owner's Phone: 208-263-3407	System Ownership: <input type="radio"/> For Profit <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not-for-Profit	
Name/Title of System Contact (if different from owner):		
Contact's Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact's Phone:	Contact's Email:	
Do you have a predesignated, licensed and designated responsible charge operator for your system as described in the "Wastewater Rules" (IDAPA 58.01.16.203.)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Name: Deven Hull License Number: WWT4-22122		
Note: If the facility has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit, wastewater (WW) reuse permit, or a subsurface discharge permit, the permit number(s) must be provided.		
NPDES/IPDES Permit ID0020842	WW Reuse Permit	Subsurface Permit

B. Project Readiness

Determine your community's readiness for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding by answering the following questions: **Select all that apply:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.	Your system is current with all payments of fines, state revolving fund loans, penalties, or fee assessments due to DEQ.
<input type="radio"/>	2.	<p>Your community has completed a DEQ-approved wastewater facility plan (with a final environmental determination) in the last five years. Date of approval: <u>1/1/2019</u></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Your community is in the process of developing a new planning document and environmental determination that will be completed and submitted to DEQ for approval by December 31, 2024.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are proposing this loan to finance a planning document and environmental determination.</p> <p><i>The City has a technically approved wastewater treatment facility plan dated 01/01/2019. Environmental determination and public outreach need to be completed for final approval.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	For nonpoint source (NPS) applicants: Your project is designed to address an NPS water pollution problem.

If you did not select questions 1 and either 2 or 3, do not complete or submit this form to DEQ. If you are interested in receiving a wastewater planning grant, fill out the Wastewater Planning Grant Letter of Interest (LOI) form.

If you selected questions 1 and either 2 or 3, complete all applicable sections of this form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.	This LOI request is to address a budget shortfall or construction cost overrun for an existing project.	
	5.	When will your project be ready to begin design?	<u>7/1/2025</u>
	6.	When will your project be ready to begin construction?	<u>1/1/2027</u>
		<p>Provide a brief project timeline: The City has contracted with Keller Associates to develop the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project. The PER is anticipated to be submitted in March of 2025. The City is planning to go out for a revenue bond in 2025. The City intends to begin some design efforts in 2025 extending into 2026 with construction beginning in 2027 through 2029.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7.	<p>The planning document was funded by the system or by an agency other than DEQ.</p> <p>If you selected question 7, the planning document may need modifications to meet SRF Program requirements. See the Outline and Checklist for Planning Document in The Grants and Loans Customer Handbook (www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF).</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8.	<p>A final environmental determination has been issued. <i>No environmental determination has been issued.</i></p> <p>If you selected question 8, provide the environmental document title (if separate from the planning document), date submitted to DEQ, and DEQ environmental determination date:</p>	
		Title:	
		Submittal Date:	Determination Date:

C. Project Description							
1.	<p>Describe the known or anticipated problems identified in your existing DEQ-approved wastewater facility plan for your wastewater system: The majority of the City's WWTP facilities are beyond their useful life and date back to being constructed prior to 1983. These facilities are frequently failing and temporary solutions are completed to keep the system functioning. The city struggles to find equipment replacement parts which require specific fabricated solutions for interim fixes. The existing treatment infrastructure that does not meet treatment capacity for existing conditions. High peak flow rates due to inflow/infiltration lead to excessive energy use and reduced level of water quality during peak flow events as the facilities are not designed to treat these high flows. The system also struggles to treat for high levels of phosphorus, TSS, BOD, and ammonia at the WWTP. T</p>						
2.	<p>Describe the alternative selected to correct the identified problem(s). Use the selected alternative in the facility plan for your wastewater system: The City intends to upgrade and replace virtually all aspects of the plant as indicated in the facility plan including headworks screening and grit removal, influent pumping, primary filters, conventional activated sludge, secondary clarifier, ultraviolet disinfection, solids handling, administration and lab facility, digestion facilities, backup power and SCADA controls.</p>						
3.	<p>You intend to address emerging contaminants (e.g., PFAS, pharmaceuticals, etc.) in part or in whole with this project.</p> <p>If you selected question 3, contact DEQ's Grants and Loans Bureau at grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov to discuss additional funding opportunities prior to submitting this LOI.</p>						
D. Project Costs							
1.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Project Funding Requested from DEQ's SRF:</td> <td>\$130000000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project Funding from Other Sources:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Total Project Cost:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table>	Project Funding Requested from DEQ's SRF:	\$130000000	Project Funding from Other Sources:	\$	Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$
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2.	<p>Briefly describe or attach indicators or actions reflecting the community's interest or readiness to proceed on this project (e.g., minutes from public hearings): The City has developed a WWTP Facility Plan, previously submitted a letter of interest for the WWTP improvements project in 2024, and are currently developing the preliminary engineering report for the WWTP improvements. The City also completed a rate study with a scheduled rate structure to cover the loan debt for a \$61.5M loan.</p>						
3.	<p>Does the system have the legal authority to incur the debt associated with the proposed project?</p> <p>Select one:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> System does not yet have the legal authority to incur this debt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bond council or financial consultant retained</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bond election scheduled. Indicate the date if applicable: _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Legal instrument(s) in place (e.g., bond election, judicial confirmation)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Homeowners Association (debt authority provided through bylaws)</p>						

4.	What is the amount of debt that can be legally incurred?	\$0
5.	What length of loan repayment is preferable?	<input type="radio"/> 20 Years <input checked="" type="radio"/> 30 Years
6.	If you have already contacted an engineer about your project, indicate the status and provide contact information for the engineer (or firm): <input type="radio"/> Discussed with engineer <input type="radio"/> Obtained quote from engineer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Signed contract with engineer Engineer: Keller Associates - currently developing the Preliminary Engineering Report Address: 601 E. Sherman Avenue City: Sandpoint State: Idaho Zip: 83814 Phone: 208-946-3312 Fax: Email: kmeschko@kellerassociates.com	

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“Rules for Administration of Wastewater and Drinking Water Loan Funds” ([IDAPA 58.01.12.020](#)). Projects are identified for placement on priority lists by surveying eligible entities directly on an annual basis. Limited loan funds are awarded to projects based on priority ratings and readiness to proceed. Projects are rated by the Department on a standard priority rating form using public health, sustainability, the condition of the existing system and water quality criteria.

Answer the questions below and provide the requested documentation. Applicants or their consultants are encouraged to contact DEQ prior to the submittal deadline for assistance in answering the questions. **Rating will be determined by the answers and documentation provided.**

A. Public Health Emergency or Hazard – All Projects

[IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.a](#). Public health emergency or hazard certified by the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality, the Department, a District Health Department, or by a District Board of Health. Up to 150 points.

Note: An emergency declaration must come from the DEQ Board or DEQ (i.e., director, water quality administrator, or regional administrators) or health department officials and must explicitly declare an emergency, not incidentally use the word. Emergency declarations dated more than 24 months prior to the LOI may be disqualified.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. | An officially declared (as listed above) or designated public health hazard or emergency exists.
<i>150 points</i> |
| | | If you selected question 1 , attach a copy of board documentation or certification. Label the attachment as Section II.A.1. |

B. Regulatory Compliance Issues – Point Source Projects/Conventional Wastewater Projects

[IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.b](#). Regulatory compliance issues (e.g., noncompliance and resulting legal actions relating to infrastructure deficiencies at a wastewater facility). Up to 100 points.

Describe what the level of non-compliance this project is addressing by selecting one of the following:

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| 1. | <input type="radio"/> a. | Low-Level Noncompliance: Includes minor or inconsequential permit violations that will be resolved by the proposed project. <i>10 points</i> |
| | <input type="radio"/> b. | Moderate-Level Noncompliance: Includes a first state or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) warning letter, notice of violation, or equivalent that will be resolved by the proposed project. <i>25 points</i> |
| | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. | High-Level Noncompliance: Includes a second state or EPA warning letter, compliance agreement schedule, consent order, or equivalent that will be resolved by the proposed project. <i>50 points</i> |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i. | High-Level Noncompliance: The system has avoided formal litigation actions, court filings, or civil or federal court orders by negotiating compliance actions described in B.1.c with DEQ and/or a federal agency to address violations that are directly related to the proposed project. <i>25 points</i> |

	<input type="checkbox"/> ii.	High-Level Noncompliance: The system has satisfied all deadlines, milestones, and submittals to date associated with the compliance actions described in B.1.c. <i>25 points</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.	The system has received a draft permit with new or more stringent limits and compliance will be achieved by the proposed project. <i>75 points</i>	
C. Watershed Restoration – All Projects		
<u>IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.c.</u> <i>Watershed restoration (e.g., implementation of best management practices or initiation of construction at wastewater collection and treatment facilities as part of an approved total maximum daily load plan, implementation of nonpoint source management actions in protection of a threatened water or is part of a special water quality effort). Up to 100 points.</i>		
Select all that apply:		
1.	Surface Water:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.	Project will reduce impacts to surface water. <i>10 points</i> Describe current impacts and how the project will reduce impacts: Currently the plant discharges to the Pend Oreille River, which is a §303(d)-listed water body. The proposed project will reduce nutrient and organic loadings to the river with higher level of treatment as well as reduced chemical byproducts.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b.	Existing facility discharges to or is believed to be impacting a §303(d) water body. <i>10 points</i> Water Body Name: <u>Pend Oreille River</u> Note: 303(d) listed streams can be viewed at: <u>https://mapcase.deq.idaho.gov/wq2020/default.html</u> . Locate the discharging stream for your project and select status to view category. 303(d) listed streams are classified as category 4 or 5 on the map. Contact your regional DEQ office if you are within tribal boundaries to determine impaired status.	
<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Project is for a point source and is expected to reduce a pollutant concern in the §303(d)-listed water body. <i>10 points</i> List Pollutant: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> d.	Project is for a point source that is exceeding the waste load allocation (WLA) listed in the approved TMDL. <i>10 points</i> List TMDL Name and WLA: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> e.	Project is for a nonpoint source (NPS) and is expected to reduce a pollutant of concern in the §303(d)-listed water body. <i>10 points</i> List Pollutant: _____	
2.	Groundwater: Project will reduce impacts to groundwater by:	
<input type="checkbox"/> a.	Reducing pollutant concentrations in a designated sole-source aquifer (i.e., Eastern Snake River Plain, Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie, or Lewiston Basin). <i>10 points</i> <u>https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/ground-water/aquifers</u>	

	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Reducing nitrate concentrations in a designated Nitrate Priority Area. <i>10 points</i> (https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/ground-water/ground-water-quality)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Reducing nitrate concentrations in a critical groundwater area. <i>10 points</i> (https://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/critical-groundwater-areas/map/)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.	<p>Point source applicants: Your system owners would be willing and able to sponsor an NPS project. <i>10 points</i></p> <p>Note: See https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-and-loans/nonpoint-source-subgrants-in-idaho or contact the Grants and Loans Bureau for details. Sponsorships are structured so that there is no rate impact to system users.</p>
<p>Nonpoint Source Watershed Load Reduction: Points are awarded according to the expected effectiveness of the project and the transferability of the demonstrated technologies to other parts of Idaho. The proposed project will either restore designated or existing beneficial uses, reduce the severity of NPS impacts, or promote statewide nonpoint pollution reduction or remediation. Examples include: streambank stabilization, surface water restoration, wetland restoration, or agricultural best practices such as no-till. Supporting calculations must be provided.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.	<p>The proposed project will reduce the NPS impact on overall pollutant loading to the watershed <i>25 points</i></p> <p>List 8-digit hydraulic unit code name and number: <u>17020324</u></p> <p>Provide description and supporting calculations:</p>
<p>D. Preventing Impacts To Beneficial Uses</p>		
<p>IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.d/e. Watershed protection from impacts (e.g., improvement of beneficial use(s) in a given water body, evidence of community support, or recognition of the special status of the affected water body). Preventing impacts to uses (all projects). Up to 100 points.</p>		
<p>Select all that apply:</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	<p>Will your project be:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Implementing a new recycled water system or refurbishing an existing one. <i>50 points</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. Converting individual septic systems to centralized treatment? <i>25 points</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. Refurbishing an existing lagoon? <i>10 points</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> d. Removing and disposing of biosolids or seepage testing an existing lagoon? <i>10 points</i></p>

2.	Beneficial uses are designated by the “Water Quality Standards” (IDAPA 58.01.02.100.). To which of the following beneficial uses listed will the planning effort analyze reducing current or prevent future impacts? A sufficient description would describe each beneficial use designation as listed in 58.01.02, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, and 160 and explain how the planning effort will address impacts or improve beneficial uses designations. Failure to provide sufficient description(s) will result in no points awarded.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.	Aquatic life 25 points Designation (COLD, SS, SC, WARM, or MOD): <u>COLD</u> Describe impacts prevented or improved: The improvements are anticipated to improve water quality significantly from disinfection byproducts and reduced phosphorus loading. Additionally the existing treatment capacity of the plant does not accommodate peak inflows resulting in a lower water quality effluent which has the potential to harm aquatic life during these events.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b.	Recreation 15 points Designation (PCR or SCR): <u>PCR</u> Describe impacts prevented or improved: Excess nutrients promote growth of nuisance aquatic plants and impede navigation. The proposed project continues to reduces phosphorus and ammonia that contribute to this growth on the Pend Oreille River. Additionally the existing treatment capacity of the plant does not accommodate peak inflows resulting in a lower water quality effluent. Improvements will also improve the water quality for individuals using the river to swim in and recreate in.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c.	Other 10 points Designation (DWS): <u>DWS</u> Describe impacts prevented or improved: Downstream water quality will be improved as Sandpoint effluent quality is improved. Multiple water systems pull water downstream on the Pend Oreille River and overall effluent quality will improve downstream consumers.
3.	State Priorities: Preference is given to projects based on recognition of the special status of waters or uses of those waters. <i>10 points</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a.	Project will prevent impacts to or improve water body listed in Chapter 43, Title 67, Idaho Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> b.	Project will prevent direct impacts to or improve a designated wild and scenic river segment? (https://www.rivers.gov/idaho)

	<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Other: Describe and attach documentation of special status or uses that deem the project a state priority. Failure to provide sufficient documentation will result in no points being awarded. Description:
4.		Project will implement one or more of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> a. Removal of stormwater outlets. <i>5 points</i> <input type="checkbox"/> b. Conversion of a combined sewer to separate stormwater system. <i>5 points</i> <input type="checkbox"/> c. Or similar projects (contact DEQ first). <i>5 points</i> Indicate type of project(s): _____
E. Sustainability (Green) Infrastructure Efforts		
<i>IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.f. Sustainability Efforts (e.g., prospective efforts at energy conservation, water conservation, extending the life capital assets, green building practices, and other environmentally innovative approaches to infrastructure repair, replacement, and improvement). Up to 50 points.</i>		
Answers to the following questions can improve your overall rating. If you earn Priority List points for your responses in this section, you or your project engineer will need to evaluate or complete each item under the terms of the loan agreement.		
Although only 50 points can be awarded under Section II.E, DEQ will incorporate all sustainability items selected below into the scope of the loan agreement for inclusion in the construction loan. All the items selected shall be incorporated into the project design and completed during construction.		
Select all that apply – 5 points each (unless otherwise noted), up to a maximum of 50 points.		
1.	Management-based/Innovative Efforts: These efforts could include the following:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Project design will implement cyber informed engineering (CIE) analysis and incorporate recommended security measures into the project. The CIE analysis must be incorporated into the plan and specifications submitted to DEQ for review and approval. CIE resources can be found at: https://inl.gov/national-security/cce/ <i>20 points</i> <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. An ongoing capital budget has been funded and supported by a capital improvement plan. OR <input type="radio"/> Request assistance to develop a capital improvement plan using a third party technical assistance provider (DEQ will contact you regarding the opportunity).

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	c.	A rate study has been completed in the last five years and has been or will be updated as part of the proposed project. The rate study is based on consumption-based full-cost pricing for wastewater supported by a capital budget (submit documentation). This means that: 1) Utility rates must be based on the flow and strength of the wastewater treated and 2) Utility rates must generate revenue sufficient to cover both operating and capital costs. Identify the professional (or organization) preparing the rate study: <u>FCS Group</u> OR Request assistance to develop a rate study using a third party technical assistance provider (DEQ will contact you regarding the opportunity).
<input type="checkbox"/>	d.	A formal asset management system has been or will be implemented and updated routinely. Provide a description of asset management tools and implementation methods:
<input type="radio"/>	e.	System is currently a EPA Green Power Partner (submit documentation). OR System will evaluate becoming a EPA Green Power Partner as part of the proposed project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	f.	System is consolidating with an existing system as part of the proposed project. This must be addressed in the facility plan environmental determination and subsequent public participation. Identify which system(s): _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	g.	System will implement the recommendations of a professional energy audit. Identify auditor: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	h.	Proposed project will aid in preparation for adaptation to the long-term effects of climate variation, extreme weather, or drought. Provide description: The proposed project is preparing for adaption to long term effects of climate change by planning for improvements that replace aging infrastructure, upgrade facilities to industry standards with current technology and equipment. Improvements are planned to make the system more resilient to changing conditions and weather through backup power, redundancy and improvement system capacity.
<input type="checkbox"/>	i.	Project will recover phosphorus for beneficial reuse.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	j.	Project will significantly reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals in treatment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	k.	Project will significantly reduce or minimize the volume or toxicity of residuals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	l.	Project will recharge groundwater by land application of effluent for where there are other cost-effective discharge alternatives.
*Budget estimate allocated to management based-innovative efforts:		\$ _____

2.	Green Efforts: Attach documentation supporting the green efforts. Green efforts could include, but are not limited to, the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a.	Projects that involve the wetlands to improve water quality and/or support sustainable infrastructure efforts. This includes constructed wetlands as integrated into wastewater treatment unit process.
	<input type="checkbox"/> b.	Establishment or restoration of permanent riparian buffers, floodplains, wetlands, and other natural features, including vegetated buffers or soft bioengineered streambanks.
	<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Downspout disconnection to remove stormwater from sanitary sewers and separate storm sewers.
	<input type="checkbox"/> d.	Fee simple purchase of land or easement on land that has a direct benefit to water quality, such as riparian and wetland protection or restoration.
*Budget estimate allocated to green efforts:		\$ _____
3.	Water Conservation Efforts: Attach documentation supporting the water conservation efforts. Water conservation efforts could include, but are not limited to, the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a.	New wastewater reuse when other alternatives have been considered in the facility planning process. Including reclaimed water distribution system ("purple pipe").
	<input type="checkbox"/> b.	Nonpoint source project will utilize Natural Resources Conservation Service best management practices.
	<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Retrofit or replace existing irrigation systems with more efficient irrigation systems.
*Budget estimate allocated to water conservation efforts:		\$2000000 _____
4.	Energy Conservation Efforts: Attach documentation supporting the energy conservation efforts. Energy conservation efforts could include the following:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.	Variable frequency drive (VFD) pumps.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b.	Energy-efficient motors that meet National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) premium specifications.
	<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Heat pumps that reclaim heat from treated effluent.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d.	High-efficiency lighting/lighting controls.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e.	On-site energy generation, such as methane clean combustion, fuel cells, solar, or wind.
	<input type="checkbox"/> f.	Efficient replacements for vacuum dewatering systems.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g.	Aeration improvements, such as fine bubble aeration, VFD blowers, or automated dissolved oxygen control.
	<input type="checkbox"/> h.	Tertiary filtration that reduces ultraviolet disinfection power requirements.
	<input type="checkbox"/> i.	Pressure transmission line replacement resulting in reduced pumping costs.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> j.	Supervisory control and data acquisition system installation.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> k.	Infrastructure improvements that significantly reduce infiltration/inflow or eliminate lift station(s).
	<input type="checkbox"/> l.	Collection system infiltration/inflow detection equipment.

*Budget estimate allocated to energy conservation efforts:		\$8000000
*Note: Points may not be awarded if an estimated budget allocation is not provided. Planning Level estimates are acceptable for this purpose. Contact DEQ if further guidance is needed.		
Examples that have been accepted for Idaho projects are found in the Grants and Loans Program Customer Handbook: https://www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF .		
F. Affordability / Disadvantaged Status		
IDAPA 58.01.12.020.02.g . Affordability. Points shall be given when current system user charges exceed state affordability guidelines. Up to 10 points.		
Provide information for Section II.F. If you qualify as a disadvantaged community, you will receive 10 points.		
1.	How many equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) connections does your system serve? 3652	
2.	What is the current average user rate? \$/month/EDU85 Type of rate structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Fee - Fee amount: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumptive Use - Description: 2,000 gallons monthly and greater than 2,000 gallons <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
3.	What is the most recent date that user rates have been increased: 2024	
4.	Expected change in operation and maintenance cost upon completion, not including debt service: \$/month/EDU20	
5.	Does the current average user rate include charges to retire the SRF debt for which you are applying? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
a.	If YES , how much of the rate is devoted to debt retirement? \$/month/EDU _____	
b.	If NO , how much will rates be increased to cover debt retirement? Rates are planned to cover a \$61.5M debt obligation loan by 2028. \$/month/EDU25.00	
6.	Disadvantaged Community Loans: This section is intended to assist lower-income communities. Principal forgiveness and other potential loan adjustments are available to communities that demonstrate that the user rates exceed 2% of the community median household income (MHI). Contact DEQ's Grants and Loans staff if you have any questions.	
a.	Median household income calculation instructions:	
i.	Go to https://censusreporter.org/locate/ .	
ii.	Select "Use your current location" or enter an address for any residence or location in your community and select the choice provided by the application.	
iii.	Hover your cursor over each item in the list on the left of the screen and view the corresponding green area represented on the map.	

		iv.	Click on the smallest and most representative area for your community either on the map or in the list for the data.
		v.	Scroll down to economics and enter the MHI: <u>\$60208</u> If there was N/A for median income, choose the next largest area from the list.
		vi.	Provide the data to DEQ. Either take a screenshot of the data (Label attached documents as "Section II.F, part number(s)") and include it with your application or provide the citation (scroll to the bottom of the page and copy/paste the information after "Citation") here: https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US1672100-sandpoint-id/
	b.		Does the income level generally reflect your community's average MHI?
		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Yes , it is generally representative of the community.
		<input type="radio"/>	No , contact the DEQ Grants and Loans Bureau (grants.loans@deq.idaho.gov) for other means to evaluate your community's MHI.
	c.		If the annual residence user does not exceed 2% of the community's MHI, but exceeds 1.5% of the community's MHI, you can still qualify if the community's unemployment rate exceeds the statewide average and the community's population is decreasing.
		i.	Provide evidence from the U.S. Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics or Idaho Department of Labor showing the area's unemployment rate and
		ii.	Provide evidence of a declining population, such as comparing current census data to previous census data or using the population percent change from the U.S. Census QuickFacts.
	Label attached documents as "Section II.F, part number(s)".		
	Note: <i>If the annual residential user rates do not exceed 2% of the community's MHI, but exceed 1.5% of the community's MHI, you can still qualify if the community's unemployment rate exceeds the statewide average and the community's population is decreasing.</i>		

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Are you willing to allow us to share your LOI with other federal funding agencies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I understand that if awarded funding, costs incurred prior to the award are not eligible for reimbursement unless a written request and justification are submitted to and approved by DEQ.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided here is valid and correct:

Submitter Name:

Title:

Company:

Date:

If the submitter is different from the system contact, does the submitter have the authority to submit this LOI on behalf of the system contact? ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

Return completed form by January 10, 2025, to:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Garrett Deegear

1410 North Hilton St.

Boise, ID 83706

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