

# House Bill 3676

Sponsored by Representative EDWARDS

## SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act tells OHA to create a grant program for small city drinking and waste water facilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality, to establish a program to provide grants to repair or replace certain community drinking water and wastewater facilities.

Establishes the Small Community Water Infrastructure Fund.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a grant program for community water infrastructure.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Eligible community" means a city with a population of less than 20,000.**

6 (b) **"Sewage treatment works" has the meaning given that term in ORS 448.405.**

7 (c) **"Water system" has the meaning given that term in ORS 448.405.**

8 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of Environmental**  
9 **Quality, shall establish a program to provide grants to eligible communities to repair or re-**  
10 **place water systems or sewage treatment works.**

11 (3) **An application for a grant under this section shall be made in the form and manner**  
12 **prescribed by the authority. Before awarding a grant under this section for the repair or**  
13 **replacement of sewage treatment works, the authority must provide a copy of the grant ap-**  
14 **plication to the department for comment.**

15 (4) **Grants awarded under this section shall be made from moneys credited to or depos-**  
16 **ited in the Small Community Water Infrastructure Fund established under section 2 of this**  
17 **2025 Act.**

18 (5) **The authority, in consultation with the department, may adopt rules as necessary for**  
19 **the administration of this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) The Small Community Water Infrastructure Fund is established in the**  
21 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Small**  
22 **Community Water Infrastructure Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

23 (2) **Moneys in the fund shall consist of:**

24 (a) **Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-**  
25 **sembly; and**

26 (b) **Other amounts deposited in the fund from any public or private source.**

27 (3) **Moneys in the Small Community Water Infrastructure Fund are continuously appro-**  
28 **priated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of awarding grants under section 1**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **of this 2025 Act.**

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