The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

CITY OF ASHLAND

PROJECT NAME: 7.0 MGD Water Treatment Plant
LOCATION: Ashland, OR
INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: $36 million
POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 21,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The City of Ashland will construct a new 7 MGD Water Treatment Plant to replace their aging plant and conduct additional work to route utilities to the new plant and abandon components of the city’s existing water treatment plant. The purpose of the project is to build a new water treatment plant that will mitigate multiple defined risks and concerns that affect the current plant, including fluctuating water quality, flooding, water conservation, fire, and landslides.

FY 2021 SELECTION ROUND

NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED: 40
NUMBER OF PROJECTS WAITLISTED: 4
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT: $8.9 billion
TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED: $19 billion
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT: 50 million in 24 states

The WIFIA program will provide selected entities with innovative financing tools to address pressing public health and environmental challenges in their communities. Consistent with the announced priorities, selected projects will support infrastructure improvements in historically disadvantaged communities, modernize and protect infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and use new and innovative approaches to address community needs.