

## CLEAN WATERS PROGRAM

**BORROWER:** City of Sandy

**LOCATION:** Sandy, Oregon

**TOTAL WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** \$24 million

**TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$32 million

**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 13,000 people

**NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:** 74 jobs



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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Sandy's Clean Waters Program will increase the wastewater system's resiliency and improve water quality. With this WIFIA loan, the city will modernize its existing wastewater treatment and collection system. In addition, they will complete planning and design for a new outfall to the Sandy River. As a result of these improvements, the city will significantly reduce the risk of storm events causing sanitary sewer overflows into nearby Tickle Creek and help meet permit requirements. As a small community, the city is eligible to receive WIFIA loan for up to 80 percent of their total project cost. They are combining their WIFIA loan with funding from the Oregon State Revolving Fund program to keep the costs of implementing this project affordable. By implementing the Clean Waters Program, the city's wastewater system will be better able to handle extreme weather conditions, provide capacity for the growing population, and protect local waterways.

### PROJECT AND FINANCING BENEFITS

- Improves resiliency of the wastewater system and protects water quality.
- Increases system capacity to address population growth.
- Maximizes benefits to a small community by providing WIFIA financing for up to 80 percent of project costs.
- Utilizes loan features like deferred repayments for 3 years post-project completion and a flexible reimbursement process where the city can draw funds at any time during construction. These features help minimize rate increases, saving the city approximately \$2.6 million over the life of the loan.