

## ASHLAND WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

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**BORROWER:** City of Ashland

**LOCATION:** Ashland, Oregon

**WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT:** \$73 million

**TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$113 million

**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT:** 21,000 people

**NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED:** 360 jobs



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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Ashland's Water Treatment Plant Project will enhance water quality and create a more reliable water system that can withstand the impacts of natural disasters. The city's existing water treatment plant is outdated and located in a forested canyon prone to flooding, landslides, and wildfires. With this WIFIA loan, the city will build a new water treatment plant in a safer location, construct transmission pipes to the new water treatment plant, and replace aging transmission pipes. Additionally, the city will incorporate technology at the new water treatment plant to address algal toxins and harmful algal blooms. This project will ultimately increase the reliability and efficiency of the sole water treatment plant for this small community.

### PROJECT AND FINANCING BENEFITS

- Increases system reliability by replacing an outdated water treatment plant.
- Relocates the water treatment plant to a safer location to prevent damage from natural disasters.
- Incorporates treatment technology to address harmful algal blooms.
- Locks in funding early and provides a customized repayment schedule. These flexibilities will minimize impacts on ratepayers and save the City of Ashland \$11 million over the life of the loan.