

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.

## REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPGRADES PROJECT

**BORROWER:** City of Medford

**LOCATION:** Jackson County, Oregon

WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: \$147 million

**TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS:** \$303 million

**POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 166,000 people** 

**NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED: 962 jobs** 



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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City of Medford's Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility Upgrades Project will modernize wastewater infrastructure and ensure compliance with new discharge requirements. With this WIFIA loan, the city will complete several improvements to the wastewater reclamation facility, including the installation of nutrient removal technology and expansion of existing facilities. These projects will help the city meet new permit limits for ammonia, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus and enhance quality of the wastewater discharged into the Rogue River. The Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility is the only wastewater treatment system in Oregon's Rogue Valley and serves the cities of Medford, Central Point, Eagle Point, Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, and large unincorporated areas of Jackson County.

## **PROJECT AND FINANCING BENEFITS**

- Reduces nutrient discharges into the Rogue River.
- Modernizes wastewater infrastructure by installing new technology.
- Provides flexibility through a customized repayment schedule and deferred repayments, which will minimize impacts on ratepayers and save the City of Medford \$35 million over the life of the loan.

