

Oregon & Wyoming Storage Funding Packages:

Oregon: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/FundingOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

1. Planning grants

- The Department values place-based, integrated approaches to water supply planning. Through a collaborative planning process, planning groups should build upon existing knowledge, identify and fill information gaps, coordinate efforts, and explore innovative solutions to meet multiple needs. Effective planning can help places develop a shared understanding and vision, identify multi-benefit water projects, prioritize actions, and gather the support and resources they need to implement those actions.

2. Feasibility Study Grants

- Feasibility Study Grants fund qualifying costs of studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, and storage projects. This competitive funding opportunity helps individuals and communities investigate whether a project is worth pursuing. Grants are offered on an annual basis, with applications due each fall. Grants require a 50% cost match of the total cost of the feasibility study, up to \$500,000. Any local government, Indian tribe, or person may apply for funding.

3. Water Project Grants and Loans

- This program provides grants for water projects to evaluate, plan, and develop instream and out-of-stream water projects that have [economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits](#). Projects must provide benefits in each of these three categories to be eligible for funding.
- This competitive funding opportunity is meant for implementation-ready projects. Eligible projects include: conservation, reuse, above-ground storage, below-ground storage, streamflow protection or restoration, water distribution, conveyance or delivery systems, and other water resource development projects that result in economic, environmental, and social/cultural public benefits.
- Grants require a 25% cost match.
- Any local government, Indian tribe, or person may apply for funding.
- If an applicant or co-applicant is required to have a [Water Management and Conservation Plan](#) (WMCP), the plan must be submitted to the Water Resources Department and receive approval prior to the application due date.

Wyoming: <https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2022/HB0073>

BILL NO. HB0073 (2022 BUDGET SESSION)

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing specified level I and level II studies; providing appropriations; requiring reports; providing for the reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated projects as specified; providing an appropriation for the office of water programs; extending reversion and study dates; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

[2022-2023 WATER PROGRAM]

[AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES – NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other reconnaissance study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

PROJECT LOCATION APPROPRIATION

- Clarks Fork Upper Shoshone
- Watershed Study Park County \$396,000
- Dayton Water Master Plan Sheridan County \$167,000
- Riverton Regional Water
- Master Plan Fremont County \$256,000
- UW Water Research Program Statewide \$310,277

Total appropriation for Section 1 **\$1,129,277**

Section 2. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other feasibility study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

PROJECT LOCATION APPROPRIATION

- Cloud Seeding: Operations
- Hydrological Assessment Medicine
- Bow & Sierra Madre Mountain Albany and Carbon
- Ranges Counties \$300,000
- Fontenelle Reservoir Storage Lincoln and Sweetwater Counties \$1,700,000
- LaGrange Groundwater Supply
- & Improvements Goshen County \$725,000
- Pavillion Groundwater Supply Fremont County \$687,000

Total appropriation for Section 2 **\$3,412,000**

Section 3. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES – REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular study that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete any other reconnaissance study listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2024 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

PROJECT LOCATION APPROPRIATION

- Critical Aging Irrigation
- Infrastructure Assessment Statewide \$500,000
- West Afton/Nield String
- Master Plan Lincoln County \$88,000

Total appropriation for Section 3 **\$588,000**

Section 4. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility study as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2025 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on the following study prior to the 2024 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

PROJECT LOCATION APPROPRIATION

- Dowlin Diversion Rehabilitation Albany County \$110,000

Total appropriation for Section 4 **\$110,000**

Section 5. There is appropriated one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to the water development commission from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to fund the office of water programs established under W.S. 41-2-125 for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2024.

Section 6. 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 65, Section 5 is amended to read:

Section 5.

LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – DAMS AND RESERVOIRS.

(a) The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project which that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the any other feasibility study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated Except as provided in subsection (b), appropriated funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2022 shall revert to water development account III. The Except as provided in subsection (b), the commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2021 legislative session:

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

PROJECT LOCATION APPROPRIATION

- Big Wind River Storage Study, Fremont County \$475,000
- Phase II
- Greybull Valley ID Storage Big Horn and Park \$500,000
- Enlargement, Phase II Counties
- Little Wind River Storage Fremont County \$475,000 \$625,000
- Study, Phase II
- New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Sublette County \$450,000
- Phase II
- Stateline Dam Enlargement, Uinta County \$300,000^{a1}
- Phase II
- West Fork Reservoir, Phase III Carbon County \$6,220,000

Total 2017 appropriation for Section 5 **\$8,420,000**

Total 2022 appropriation for Section 5 \$150,000

Footnotes:

(a)(1) Funds from this appropriation shall not be expended until the water development commission has accepted the Level II, Phase I Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement study.

(b) Funds not obligated prior to July 1, 2027, for the Little Wind River Storage Study, Phase II and the West Fork Reservoir, Phase III studies, shall revert to water development account III. The

commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of these studies prior to the 2026 legislative session.

Section 7. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

section 1	\$ 1,129,277.00
section 2	\$ 3,412,000.00
Section 3	\$ 588,000.00
section 4	\$ 110,000.00
section 5	\$ 8,420,000.00
total:	\$ 13,659,277.00