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## Drinking water loans support North Dakota communities

BISMARCK, N.D. - The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, jointly administered by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and the North Dakota Public Finance Authority, awarded four loans in December to support critical water infrastructure.

- **Grand Forks** was awarded a \$1.1 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan to bring infrastructure in a recently-annexed commercial and residential area into compliance with municipal design standards.
- **South Central Regional Water District** was granted a \$5.6 million DWSRF loan which will help connect the city of Napoleon to the water district, replacing the city's water source, which is high in manganese, with an alternative safe and reliable water source.
- **Valley City** received a \$1.5 million DWSRF loan for water system improvements including a new water tower replacing Northwest Standpipe and pressure zone modifications.
- **Western Area Water Supply Authority** received a \$16 million DWSRF loan for several rural water projects including intake remediation for the Williston water treatment plant and several rural water user expansion projects, providing rural water users with safe and reliable drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides part of the DWSRF program's funding, which offers below-market interest rate loans to political subdivisions for financing projects authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act. DWSRF programs operate nationwide to provide funding to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our vital water resources.

Loans are awarded to projects listed on the project priority list based on project eligibility determined by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Public Finance Authority's review of repayment ability. The Public Finance Authority is overseen by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Kelly Armstrong as chairman, Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley, and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. Please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at [ndsr@nd.gov](mailto:ndsr@nd.gov) regarding specific detail on any of the projects mentioned above.

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