

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 429

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8 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources  
9 Board; making appropriations; stating purposes;  
10 requiring that portions of certain funds be utilized  
11 for certain grants; establishing certain priority for  
12 certain funding; providing requirements and  
13 limitations for the grants; allowing certain funds to  
14 be reserved; and requiring promulgation of rules and  
15 establishment of procedures for administration of  
16 grants.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma  
19 Water Resources Board from any monies not otherwise appropriated  
20 from the Statewide Recovery Fund created pursuant to Enrolled House  
21 Bill No. 3349 of the 2nd Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature,  
22 the sum of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) or so much thereof  
23 as may be necessary to establish grant programs that facilitate the  
24 design, construction, and maintenance of water and wastewater  
infrastructure, and to improve the condition of publicly owned,  
deficient dams regulated by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

1           SECTION 2. From the funds appropriated by Section 1 of this  
2 act, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is hereby authorized to  
3 expend Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for a grant  
4 program for communities with a population of seven thousand (7,000)  
5 or less as reported in the most recent decennial census published by  
6 the United States Bureau of the Census or to rural water districts  
7 with less than 2,300 non-pasture taps for projects that meet the  
8 federal eligibility requirements of the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus  
9 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule for water and  
10 wastewater investments. The Board may reserve not more than four  
11 percent (4%) from this expenditure authority for purposes of  
12 administering the program.

13           SECTION 3. From the funds appropriated by Section 1 of this  
14 act, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is hereby authorized to  
15 expend Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) for a grant program  
16 for communities with a population greater than seven thousand  
17 (7,000) as reported in the most recent decennial census published by  
18 the United States Bureau of the Census or to rural water districts  
19 with more than 2,300 non-pasture taps for projects that meet the  
20 federal eligibility requirements of the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus  
21 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule for water and  
22 wastewater investments. The Board may reserve not more than four  
23 percent (4%) from this expenditure authority for purposes of  
24 administering the program.

1 SECTION 4. From the funds appropriated by Section 1 of this  
2 act, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is hereby authorized to  
3 expend Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for a grant program for  
4 communities that own dams with the latest condition assessment of  
5 poor or unsatisfactory. Priority for funding shall be given to  
6 communities that have a population of less than seven thousand  
7 (7,000) as reported in the most recent decennial census published by  
8 the United States Bureau of the Census. Projects funded by the  
9 grant program shall be limited to up to One Million Dollars  
10 (\$1,000,000.00) per community and must meet the federal eligibility  
11 requirements of the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local  
12 Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule. The Board may reserve not more  
13 than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) from this expenditure  
14 authority for purposes of administering the program.

15 SECTION 5. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate  
16 rules and establish procedures for evaluating and awarding grant  
17 applications for grant programs provided for in Sections 2, 3, and 4  
18 of this act.

19 SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Water  
20 Resources Board from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the  
21 Statewide Recovery Fund created pursuant to Enrolled House Bill No.  
22 3349 of the 2nd Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of  
23 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be  
24 necessary to match tribal investment in rural water infrastructure

1 projects within areas of the state that are tribal reservations.  
2 Projects shall meet the federal eligibility requirements of the U.S.  
3 Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final  
4 Rule for water and wastewater investments.

5 SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Water  
6 Resources Board from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the  
7 Statewide Recovery Fund created pursuant to Enrolled House Bill No.  
8 3349 of the 2nd Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of  
9 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or so much thereof as  
10 may be necessary to promote water conservation, encourage economic  
11 longevity, and ensure reliable food supply by converting portions of  
12 an open ditch irrigation system to pipe within the Lugert-Altus  
13 Irrigation District. Projects funded shall meet the federal  
14 eligibility requirements of the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus State  
15 and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule.

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