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AS AMENDED

By: Hall, Frix, and Pederson of
the Senate

Caldwell (Trey) of the
House

[Oklahoma Water Resources Board - Program - rules -
Revolving Fund - contracts - allotments -
codification - effective date -

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall establish and

B. The duties of the Board in administering the program shall

1. Delivering direct grants to communities in need;
2. Deploying a water education outreach campaign;

1 3. Incentivizing regional water system planning grants;

2 4. Expanding current programs;

3 5. Deploying environmental compliance programs; and

4 6. Other actions as deemed pertinent by the Board.

5 C. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate rules to
6 effectuate the provisions of this act.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1086.9 of Title 82, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
11 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to be
12 designated the "Water Infrastructure Enhancement Revolving Fund".
13 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
14 limitations, and shall consist of all monies appropriated pursuant
15 to Section 3 of this act. All monies accruing to the credit of the
16 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
17 Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the purposes provided for in
18 Section 1 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made
19 upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
20 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
21 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

22 2. The Board may enter into contracts with financial
23 institutions and execute such instruments as may be necessary to
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1 hold and disseminate funds in accordance with applicable regulations
2 and Board policies.

3 B. Monies allocated to the Water Infrastructure Enhancement
4 Revolving Fund pursuant to this section may be expended in the
5 following allotments:

6 1. Twenty percent (20%) for the Rural Economic Action Plan
7 grant program as provided for in Section 2003 of Title 62 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes;

9 2. Ten percent (10%) for technical assistance, regional
10 planning, and outreach programs;

11 3. Fifty percent (50%) for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
12 Low-Interest Revolving Fund as provided for in Section 4 of this
13 act; and

14 4. Twenty percent (20%) to launch a site-ready grant program.

15 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1086.11 of Title 82, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
19 for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to be designated the
20 "Oklahoma Water Resources Board Low-Interest Revolving Fund". The
21 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
22 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
23 Oklahoma Water Resources Board from the Water Infrastructure
24 Enhancement Revolving Fund pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection B

1 of Section 2 of this act. All monies accruing to the credit of the
2 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
3 Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the purpose of providing low-
4 interest loans. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
5 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
6 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
7 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

8 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

9 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
14 February 18, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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