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## News Release

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### **DEQ Awards Grant Money to Sardis Lake Water Authority for Water System Improvements**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has awarded a grant to Sardis Lake Water Authority to help the water system come into compliance with federal regulations. The funding is through a DEQ grant program that is designed to assist public water supply systems that serve less than 10,000 people. Systems can use the money for planning and design services for drinking water projects from a licensed professional engineer.

The maximum grant amount available for each project application is \$125,000. Grants are awarded based upon the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Priority System. Through this system, high consideration is given for projects to protect public health, comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and correct design deficiencies.

"I am always pleased to see improvement of the quality of water for the constituents in my district," said state Sen. Jerry Ellis.

"This grant will be of great assistance to the Water Authority. The quality of water in a community is of vital importance," said state Rep. R.C. Pruett.

"This grant opportunity affords water systems the ability to plan and design projects that may not have otherwise been possible due to lack of funds," said DEQ Executive Director Steve Thompson.

More information on this grant opportunity is available at [http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/dwsrf/engineering\\_grant.html](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/dwsrf/engineering_grant.html). Interested public water supply systems can also contact Brad Cook at (405) 702-8237 or [brad.cook@deq.ok.gov](mailto:brad.cook@deq.ok.gov).

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