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IV. ICDBG Application Information Form

Applicant : City of Idaho City Chief Elected Official: Jackie Bridwell
 Address: 511 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631 Phone: 208-392-4584
 DUNS # 169192861 CAGE Code _____

Sub recipient (if applicable): _____ Chief Elected Official: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____

Application Prepared by: Shawn Charters Phone: 208-741-1113
 Address: 1022 S. Washington, Emmett, ID 83617
 Architect/Engineer/Planner (Contact Name): Joshua Reed, Pharmer Engineering Phone: 208-433-1900
 Address: 1998 W. Judith Lane, Boise, ID 83703

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE (MARK ONE)

LMI Area LMI Clientele Imminent Threat
 LMI Jobs Slum & Blight LMI Housing

PROJECT TYPE (MARK ONE)

Public Facility Community Center
 Infrastructure for Jobs Senior Center
 Downtown Revitalize Imminent Threat

PROJECT POPULATION TO BENEFIT (PERSONS): (Census/Survey/Clients/Jobs)

TOTAL # TO BENEFIT: 457 **TOTAL # LMI TO BENEFIT:** 279

% LMI TO BENEFIT: 61.1 %

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This request for ICDBG funding consists of upgrading the existing water system. The upgrades will include installing new distribution lines in several areas of town. The water plant will be updated with new fixtures and fittings. In addition, new wells and a reservoir are planned to augment the existing system.

SOURCE	AMOUNT	DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	RESERVED/ CONDITIONAL AWARD	FUNDS COMMITTED/ CONTRACT AWARD DATE	DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX ***
ICDBG	500,000				
Local Cash					
Local Loan* DEQ	2,354,000			August 2010	G
Local In-Kind**					
USDA-RD Grant					
EDA Grant					
State Grant					
Foundation Grant					
Private Investment					
Other (identify)					
TOTAL PROJECT FINANCING	2,854,000				

* Identify Loan Source(s) DEQ, SRF Loan Date Bond or Necessary and Ordinary Passed August 2010, 76% Approval Rate

**Describe In-Kind match by type (i.e., materials, labor, waived fees, land value) and amount.

***Identify which appendix corresponding documentation is in. Documentation should be a letter from the appropriate source.

V. **Economic Advisory Council Page:** *(One Page)*

Idaho City's water treatment and distribution system is inadequate for the City's current needs. Although the plant typically provides high quality water for residents, boil notices have been issued annually over the past four years to address high turbidity levels in the source water and for depressurizations of the distribution system. The water plant is also the sole source of potable water for the community. If a major forest fire were to occur upstream of the water treatment plant, the town would not have drinking water.

According to the Long Term Enhanced Surface water Treatment Rule (LTI) slow sand treatment system the maximum turbidity level is limited to 5 NTU. During the spring when rain fall and snow melt increase runoff into Elk Creek, turbidity levels spike and the current slow sand filter is unable to meet the LTI requirements which require the City to implement a boil notice.

Depressurizations of the system can occur when sections of the distribution system fail unexpectedly due to age. After a depressurization event, the City must issue a boil notice and disinfect the system.

In addition to the public health concerns associated with high turbidity levels and depressurization, the current system does not provide enough pressure for the water system users or enough pressure or flow under fire flow demands.

According to IDAPA 58.01.08.542.13 the City should provide a minimum of 40 psi of dynamic pressure for users. The City is currently not able to meet this requirement. The City is also not able to meet IDAPA 58.01.08 requirements which state that the water sources and distribution system must be adequately sized to provide the required fire flow for the minimum duration during a MDD condition, while maintaining system pressures above 20 psi with the largest pump out of service. Currently, areas of town are not able to meet the 20 psi requirements during times of low demand, let alone during a fire.

Key reasons why this project is critical is:

- City has experienced Annual Boil Notices.
- Not enough water storage to provide adequate fire flows
- Low water pressure
- No backup power to provide water during power outages
- Large plant water losses due to lack of automated control
- City only has a single water source
- Without improvements, DEQ may classify the Water System as Non-compliant. If the System is Non-Compliant:
 - Banks will not loan money for home purchases
 - Homeowners cannot borrow against the value of existing homes
 - New connections to water or sewer systems are not allowed
 - No home sales are possible

In preparing for this project, a Drinking Water Facility Plan has been prepared and approved by DEQ, A Bond election has been held and DEQ has awarded the city with a \$2,354,000 SRF loan. An Environmental Review has been completed and the project is ready to move forward with the assistance of ICDBG funding.

VI. Threshold Factors

A. Eligible Applicant:

The applicant is a city The applicant is a county

B. Eligible Activities:

The proposed project includes upgrading and improving the existing city's water system eliminating health and safety hazards which are deemed eligible under the Public Facility Grant Category.

C. National Objective: There are six National Objectives listed below. Complete only the National Objective that will be met with the project.

C.1. Low- and Moderate-Income Area Benefit:

Total number of households* in project benefit area 201

*Note: For water and sewer projects, this is the number of households hooked onto the system and any households that will hook onto the system once the project is complete.

LMI Percentage Determined by: (Check one and complete requested information)

Census Data – provide supporting documentation in Appendix A.

Income Survey – provide Survey Report in Appendix.

Census and Survey – provide supporting documentation/report in Appendix.

D. Citizen Participation:

The City of Idaho City has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan and stands by its commitment to comply with the Plan. The notice of public hearing was published on November 2, 2011 with the public hearing held at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2011, at the Idaho City Hall in Idaho City, Idaho. A copy of the plan, public notice, and affidavit of publication, meeting minutes, and sign-in list of attendees is included in Appendix B

Date of Notice November 2, 2011 Date of Hearing November 9, 2011

E. **Statewide Goal and Strategy:** (*✓check applicable*)

Check the goal and strategy that best corresponds to the project.

- Increased access to decent affordable housing (goal)
 - Sustain and increase homeownership (strategy)
 - Sustain and increase affordable rental housing (strategy)
 - Support equal access to a continuum of housing services (strategy)
- Preserved and enhances suitable living environments (goal)
 - Improve safety and livability of communities (strategy)
Example – consent order
 - Increase access to quality facilities and services (strategy)
Example – new construction
 - Improve affordability and sustainability of quality facilities and services
Example – rehab or renovation
- Expanding economic opportunities (goal)
 - Create jobs primarily for low- and moderate-income persons (strategy)
 - Revitalize downtown business districts (strategy)

F. **Administrative Capacity:**

1. Applicant Capacity

The City of Idaho City has the administrative staff to successfully manage and implement this project. Tammy Ellsworth, City Clerk/Treasurer, will supervise the implementation of this project. She will work closely with the Grant Administrator and Project Engineer and the Idaho Department of Commerce to implement the proposed project. The City has successfully administered other projects that included funding from a variety of federal and state programs. Their success is evidence that the City has the resources to coordinate and implement the proposed project.

2. Grant Administrator.

The City of Idaho City has been working with Shawn Charters with project planning and grant writing. Ms. Charters is a Certified Grant Administrator with over 24 years experience with administering numerous Community Development Block Grants. An RFP for grant administration services was sent out September 26, 2011 to several ICDBG Certified Grant Administrators. Proposals for services were due October 14, 2011. The selection committee reviewed the proposals and selected Shawn Charters as the grant administrator as outlined in the RFP found in **Appendix C**.

G. **Fair Housing:**

Idaho City has adopted a Fair Housing Resolution on February 24, 2010. A Summary of the Fair Housing Resolution was published on March 3, 2010 and can be found in **Appendix D**. The Fair Housing Resolution Summary will be republished in February 2012.

H. Anti-Displacement Resolution:

Idaho City has signed the ICDBG Certification Page and complies with the Idaho Department of Commerce’s Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

VII. Program Income:

It is not anticipated that any program income will be generated as a result of this project. However, if any funds are generated from this project they will be used for operations and maintenance of the City systems.

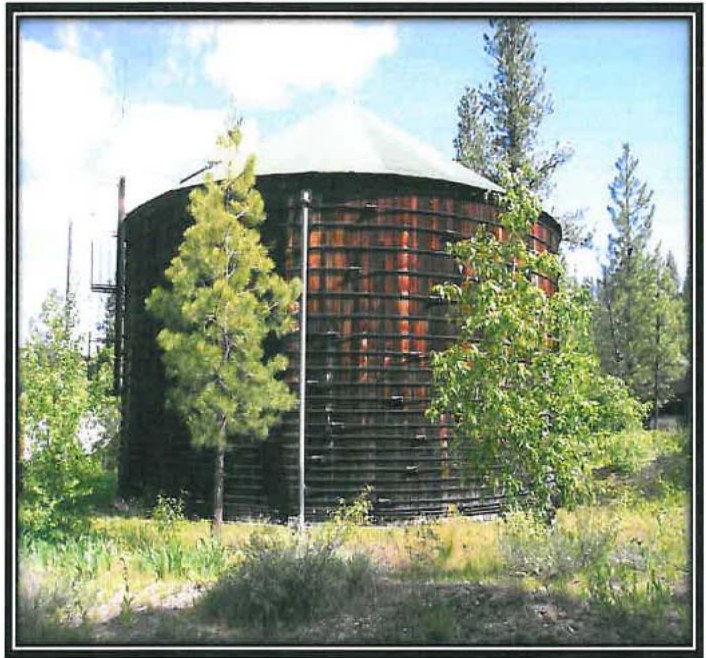
VIII. Project Description and Property:

A. Project Description:

The system is currently classified as a Class 1 plant. The drinking water treatment system takes raw water from Elk Creek from two infiltration galleries. The water is pumped to a slow sand filter with three bays. Each bay is limited to producing 120 gpm to meet pathogen removal requirements based in a maximum surface loading requirements. With one bay out of service the filters can produce 240 gpm. The effluent is treated with chlorine gas and sent into approximately 6 miles of distribution piping.

Connected to the distribution system is a 200,000 gallon red wood storage tank located on East Hill road. The tank was constructed in 1978 and sets the hydraulic grade of the town. The tank has reached the end of its design life and does not adequately provide the hydraulic pressure needed for the City.

The filter bays and distribution lines are in a deteriorated state. The existing water storage is at full capacity and needs repaired or replaced along with a new storage tank to provide for future anticipated growth.



The current system can only provide water from a single source which can be an issue when water quality in the creek decreases. Elk Creek typically has high quality surface water, however, with the spring snow melt, turbidity levels increase to levels which are difficult for the slow sand filter to treat. This has produced periodic boil water advisories. Additionally,

the distribution system is aging which causes many leaks. Some of these leaks depressurized the system, leading to further boil water advisories.

Certain areas of Idaho City do not meet the requirement for pressure. In turn a pressure pump needs to be installed at those locations. The water system could fail to meet the IDEQ Circular 1, “Standards for Waterworks”, because fire hydrants are connected to 4” lines (the standard is at least 6”) and lines as small as 4” serve as water mains (the **minimum** is 6”). Idaho City needs to improve fire flows for fire fighting in many parts of the City. Also, the high consumption stresses the water treatment plant, distribution system and storage facility.

The solution to the issues is for the City to continue to use the slow sand filter and add two groundwater wells to the treatment system. The additional wells will provide needed volume to meet future demands and will serve as the sole water source during times when the slow sand filter cannot be used due to turbidity.

The current storage tank does not meet the current sizing requirements. To address this issue a new tank or tanks need to be constructed to meet the 480,000 gallon design volume. Constructing two tanks instead of one larger tank will provide redundancy for the distribution system and will allow more operator flexibility to address tank maintenance.

Upgrades to the distribution system will need to be addressed in two ways. First, additional piping required to improve looping and sizing upgrades to improve fire flows will need to be completed along with the tank installation. This will allow the distribution system to meet state requirements for pressure and fire flows.

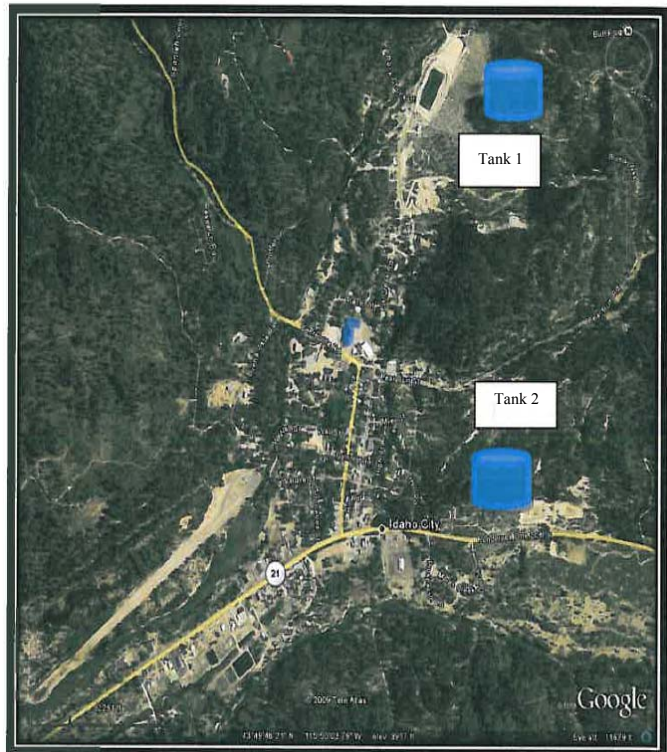
In Summary, the proposed project involves drinking water supply, storage, and distribution system improvements. Drinking water improvements include the following four phases.

Phase 1: Distribution pipeline replacement along Highway 21, Meyer Street, and along Place Street.

Phase 2: Drilling two municipal groundwater wells (wells #1 and well #2) north of town.

Phase 3: Construction of two 240,000 gallon storage reservoirs.

Phase 4: Installation of the well house equipment, connection to the city water system, and improvements to the slow sand filter plant.



B. Project Property & Permits: Answer the following questions and attach documentation.

1. Has any property and easements been purchased for this project? Yes No
If yes, does the applicant have title to the property? Yes No
Provide copy of deed in Appendix.

2. Will any property be needed for this project? Yes No
Status of the purchase: Locations will be determined during the preliminary engineering report development _____
Estimated date of final purchase: Summer 2012
What funds will be used to make purchase? IDEQ SRF

3. Will any easements/or rights-of-way be needed for this project? Yes No
Status of the purchase: _____
Estimated date of final purchase: _____
What funds will be used to make purchase? _____

4. Is anyone living on the land or in the structures at the proposed site?
 Yes No

5. Is any business being conducted on the land or in the structures at the proposed site?
 Yes No

6. Are there any businesses, individuals, or farms being displaced as a result of this project?
 Yes No

7. Are there permits that will be needed for the project, i.e., well, water rights, land application, demolition permits, zoning permit, air quality permit, etc?
 Yes No
Status of the permits (include plan for securing permits and estimation of issue completion date): Well drilling permit will be obtained once the well location(s) have been determined

8. Describe the ownership or lease arrangements for the property involved in the project.
City is investigating locating improvements on existing City Owned property and on Forest Service property leased to the City.

IX. Budget Narrative:

A. Government

The City of Idaho City is requesting \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's sponsored Idaho Community Development Block Grant program. This amounts to 17% of the project costs. No other federal funds are included in the budget.

B. Local

The City of Idaho City held a bond election in August 2010 for \$2,400,000. The bond was approved with a 75% approval rating. The City has been working with DEQ and has received a \$2,354,000 interest-free loan through the State Revolving Loan Fund. This amount is 83% of the project costs.

C. Private

There are no private funds included in the budget.

Summary of ICDBG Project Budget:

Sources of Funds:

DEQ SRF Loan	\$2,354,000
ICDBG Grant	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
Total Sources of Funds	\$2,854,000

Uses of Funds:

Construction	\$2,121,200
Engineering	\$ 318,180
Contingency	\$ 212,120
Mobilization, Bonding, City Admin	\$ 162,500
Grant Administration	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total	\$2,854,000

X. Idaho Community Development Block Grant Budget Form

Applicant or Grantee:		Project Name:						
LINE ITEMS	CDBG	Cash	City In-Kind	Federal*	DEQ SRF Loan	Private Cash	Private In-Kind	Total
Administrative*	40,000							40,000
Design Professional	318,180							318,180
Planning								
Construction	141,820				2,191,500			2,333,320
Legal & Audit					162,500			162,500
Equipment								
TOTAL COSTS**	500,000				2,354,000			2,854,000

*Identify funding source.

** Administrative expenses and project planning design costs, when totaled, shall not exceed 10% of the total ICDBG amount.

XI. Detailed Cost Analysis

1. Have preliminary plans and specs been submitted to regulatory agencies for review? Yes No
If yes, list date submitted: _____
If no, list expected date to be submitted: _____

2. Has final design (for bidding) begun? Yes No
If yes, % complete: _____%
If no, what is expected start date: December 2011

3. Will project include bid alternatives to meet project budget if necessary?
 Yes No

4. Are Davis Bacon wage rates applicable to the project? Yes No
If yes, are they included in the project costs? Yes No

5. Have known environmental measures been included in project costs? (e.g., dust mitigation, archaeological survey, storm water drainage, wetland mitigation etc.)
 Yes No

6. List the last date the owner and design professional discussed project design and details.
Date: 11/10/11

7. Design Professional Cost Estimate may be found in **Appendix E**.

XII. Project Schedule

Project Activity	Date (to be) Completed	Documentation in Appendix
Design Professional Contract Executed	July 2008	C
Grant Administration Contract Executed	April 2012	C
Environmental Release	May 2012	F
Bid Document Approval	May 2012	
Bid Opening	June 2012	
Construction Contract Executed	June 2012	
Start Construction	July 2012	
Construction 50% Complete	November 2012	
Second Public Hearing	November 2012	
Certificate of Substantial Completion	March 2013	
Update Fair Housing Plan	November 2012	
Update 504 Review and Transition Plan	November 2012	
Construction 100% Complete	March 2013	
Final Closeout	May 2013	

Name of Professional and Agency Contacts	Firm/Agency	Phone with Extension
Examples:		
Design Professional	Carl Hipwell/Josh Reed, Pharmer Engineering	433-1900
Attorney	Michael Moore, Moore Smith Buston & Turcke Chartered	331-1800
Funding Agency	Monty Marchus, DEQ	373-0502
Environmental Officer	Shawn Charters	741-1113
Regulatory Compliance	Barry Burnell, DEQ	373-0502
Mayor	Jackie Birdwell, City of Idaho City	392-4584
Finance Officer / Clerk	Tammy Ellsworth, City of Idaho City	392-4584

Section II. Sewer System (only – Input information for the sewer system (entity) that is expected to utilize the Idaho Community Block Grant funds.

Sewer Treatment Method _____

Do you have a Pre-treatment system? ___ Yes ___ No

Number of people served by the system _____

Number of residential connection on the system _____

Number of commercial connection on the system _____

Number of industrial connection on the system _____

Number of new connections within the last year _____

What are the current residential sewer rates \$ _____

When was the last rate increase _____

How much were the rates increased \$ _____

Residential Connection Fee \$ _____

Commercial Connection Fee \$ _____

Industrial Connection Fee \$ _____

Annual sewer system revenue \$ _____

Current dollar amount owned by customers in arrears \$ _____

Annual sewer system expenses \$ _____

Identify outstanding indebtedness:

Years remaining	Annual Payment	Lender
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Section III. All Applicants (except Sewer and Water):
Grantee or Sub-Recipient Taxing Authority:**

A. Identify how the organization obtains its operating funding, i.e., bonds, district assessments, other: Property Taxes, Rentals, Licenses, Permits, Fees, State Appropriations and Revenue Sharing, Donations, Cemetery Plots and Franchise Fees

B. Does the organization have taxing authority? Yes ___ No (if no, skip to Section IV)

1. Do you tax? Yes ___ No

a) If yes:

(1) What is the tax rate? Levy Rate .004598341 FY 11/12

(2) What is the annual tax amount generated? \$107,761.00 FY 11/12

(3) What are the taxes used to pay for, i.e., equipment, operating expenses, etc.? Law, fire, and street fund operating expenses

2. If your organization does not tax explain why. _____

Section IV. All Applicants (City or County)

Land Use Planning related to Fair Housing

As part of the ICDBG program cities and counties are required to further fair housing within your community.

Coincidentally, the understanding and applicability of fair housing laws has become very important for cities and counties. In a recent legal case, Alamar Ranch LLC v. Boise County, a jury ruled that Boise County had committed three separate violations to the Fair Housing Act:

- (1) failure to make reasonable accommodations,
- (2) disparate treatment of the handicapped, and
- (3) intentional interference with the construction of handicapped housing

by changing a conditional use permit (CUP). Boise County is now required to pay the plaintiff \$4.0 million in damages.

In a recent state study of impediments to fair housing, an impediment that has been identified is the lack of cities and counties providing for the allowance of group homes in designated residential zones or their narrow definitions of the types of group homes allowed (e.g., nursing and rest homes) Why is this a barrier? The regulation may treat residents who are disabled, differently. Therefore;

Have you reviewed your zoning codes specific to group homes to ensure that you are in compliance with the Fair Housing Act? (group homes are allowed in residential zones and that your definition of a group home is not too restrictive)

Yes No

If No, what steps are you taking to address the issue? The City does not have any planning and zoning regulations to prevent group homes.

_____.

The state study also identified a concern related to the lack of basic accessibility standards for new residential construction. Does your building code or ordinance encourage accessibility standards in housing? (example: at least one entrance with no step, doors at least 32 inches wide, switches no higher than 48 inches, hallways 36 inches wide, etc.)

Yes No

If Yes, explain the standards. We require building permit applicants to follow the International Building Code

_____.

XIV. ICDBG Environmental Scoping – Field Notes Checklist

Applicant City of Idaho City Sub-Recipient _____

This site and desk review checklist is to be completed by the Applicant and submitted with the application.

The purpose of the checklist is to help the Applicant and Commerce better understand what environmental statutes or provisions per 24 CFR 58 might impact the proposed project. The information will assist in understanding what studies, documentation, and mitigation measures could be applicable and to assist in completing the environmental review record. The Applicant may choose to attach this scoping checklist as part of the environmental review record.

1. Limitations on Activities

Is the Grantee planning or in the process of acquiring property for this proposed project? Yes No

If yes, is the Applicant aware that land acquired or site work after submission of the ICDBG application is subject to 24 CFR 58.22 Limitation on Activities Requiring Clearance? Meaning once an application for ICDBG funds is submitted, neither Applicant or sub recipient, may commit Non-HUD funds to a project for land acquisition or site work (except for minor testing) before the environmental review is complete, unless the land acquisition or contract is conditioned on completion of the ICDBG environmental review.

2. Historic Preservation

Has the SHPO or THPO been notified of the project? Yes No

Have tribes with possible cultural and religious sites been notified of the project? Yes No

3. Floodplain Management

Is the project located within a floodway or floodplain designated on a current FEMA map? Check Web site www.store.msc.fema.gov Yes No Not Sure

If yes what is the floodplain map number? 16015C0417 B

If the project is located in a floodway or floodplain, is the community where the project is taking place a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Check Web site www.idwr.idaho.gov/water/flood
 Yes No

4. Wetland Protection

Are there ponds, marshes, bogs, swamps, drainage ways, streams, rivers, or other wetlands on or near the site?
 Yes No

If yes, has the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) been notified? Yes No

Has the Corps indicated what permit level will be required? Yes No N/A

5. Sole Source Aquifers (Clean Water Act)

Is the proposed project located over an EPA designated aquifer area including stream flow source area?
 Yes No (Check website www.epa.gov/safewater/ssanp.html)

Is it known at this time if construction will disturb more than one acre of land? Yes No

If yes, has a general permit for storm water discharges from construction sites been applied for from the EPA?
 Yes No

6. Endangered Species Act

Has U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA Fisheries, and Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office been notified about the project? Yes No – NOAA Fisheries were not contacted

7. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Is the project located within one mile of a designated wild and scenic river? Idaho wild and scenic rivers include portions of the St. Joe, Lochsa, Selway, Middle Fork of the Clearwater, Snake, Rapid, and Middle Fork of the Salmon. Check Web site www.nps.gov/rivers/ Yes No

8. Clean Air Act

Is the project located in a designated non-attainment area for criteria air pollutants? Yes No

For building demolition or improvements, has an asbestos analysis been planned for or conducted?
 Yes No N/A

For housing rehabilitation, has a lead based paint assessment been planned for or conducted?
 Yes No N/A

9. Farmland Protection Policy Act

Is the project located on a site currently zoned as residential, commercial, and/or industrial?
 Yes No

Is the project area currently being utilized for farm or agricultural purposes? Yes No

If yes, has the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service or local planning department been notified about the project? Yes No

10. Environmental Justice

Does project have a disproportionate environmental impact on low income or minority populations?
 Yes No

11. Noise Abatement and Control

Is the project new construction or rehabilitation of noise sensitive use (i.e., housing, mobile home parks, nursing homes, hospitals, and other uses where quiet is integral to the project functions)?
 Yes No

If yes, is the project located within 5 miles of an airport, 1000 feet of a major highway or busy road, or 3,000 feet of a railroad? Yes No

12. Explosive and Flammable Operations

Is the physical structure (not necessarily infrastructure) intended for residential, institutional, recreational, commercial or industrial use? Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, are there any above ground explosives, flammable fuels or chemical containers within one mile of the physical structure? Yes No

If yes, have you been able to identify what the container is holding and the container's size?
 Yes No

13. Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials

Are there any known hazardous materials, contamination, chemicals, gases, and radioactive substance on or near the site? Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, explain _____

During the visual inspection of the site, are there signs of distressed vegetation, vents or fill pipes, storage/oil tanks, stained soil, dumped material, questionable containers, foul or noxious odors, etc.
 Yes No

If yes, explain _____

At this time, are the site's previous uses known to have been gasoline stations, train depots, dry cleaners, agricultural operations, repair shops, landfill, etc.? Yes No

Are other funding agencies requiring the Grantee to perform an American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) environmental assessment? ASTM assessment involves analysis of site uses and ownership, inspection of site, and possible testing. Yes No

14. Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones

Is the project located within a designated airport runway clear zone or protection zone? Yes No

Does the project involve acquisition of land or construction/rehabilitation of building or infrastructure in an airport runway clear zone or protection zone? Yes No

If yes, is the grantee aware that the airport operator may wish to purchase the property at some point in the future as part of a clear or accident zone acquisition program? Yes No

15. Energy Efficient Designs

For building construction, has the owner investigated possible incentives from power providers, such as Idaho Power, Avista, or Utah Power for incorporating energy efficient design into their building?
 Yes No

16. Sediment Control (Clean Water Act)

Will the construction project require storm and surface water discharge from the construction site?
 Yes No Unknown at this time

If yes, has an application to EPA been submitted for a Construction General Permit (CGP)?
 Yes No

17. Other Environmental Reviews

Have facilities studies or other environmentally related site reviews been conducted or in the process of being conducted? X Yes No

If yes, identify who is conducting the review. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality reviewed the environmental information document (EID) and determined a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this project.

18. Information Letters

The advanced mailing of environmental information letters is sought in an effort to minimize the project’s timeline in waiting for necessary documentation or information. It will assist in earlier responses to required mitigation measures should the proposed project receive grant funding.

Check the agencies that have been mailed an environmental information letter.

Note: If other funding agencies have sought comment, in writing, from the agencies listed below for the same project, you may not need to send an information letter. Contact your Specialist if other environmental information or scoping letters have been sent.

- X Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer
- X Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or Tribal Office
- X Idaho Department of Water Resources – Local Regional Office
- X Army Corps of Engineers (if wetlands are applicable)
- X U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- NOAA Fisheries (if salmon and/or steelhead are applicable)
- X Idaho Fish and Game
- X USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (if farmlands are applicable)
- X Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- X Local Government – Planning Department
- X Others Idaho Department of Commerce, USDA-RD, Idaho Department of Lands, Central District Health, US EPA, IDEQ

Completion of the scoping checklist does not constitute that all environmental provisions or clauses related to 24 CFR 58 Environmental Reviews have been met or are known at this time.

Joshua Reed, E.I.T.
Completed By: Joshua Reed

11/15/11
Date

XV. **Review and Ranking Narrative:**

Part B: Forms

I. **Program Impact**

A-D is based upon information provided in Chapter 5. No action required. Staff will calculate the points.

E. **Eligible Activity Priority Ranking Sheet**

Fill in the percentage of the project’s budget that will be spent on the following activities. The Total Points Awarded column will be completed by department staff.

Eligible Activity	Points Possible	Percentage of ICDBG Budget Spent on Activity	Staff Points Awarded
Acquisition of Real Property	100		
Acquisition of Real Property for Housing Projects	50		
Public Facilities and Improvements-Health and Safety Related	100	42%	
Public Facilities and Improvements-Housing Related	75		
Public Facilities and Improvements-Social Service Related	50		
Engineering-Architectural	100	50%	
Code Enforcement	50		
Clearance and Demolition	10		
Removal of Architectural Barriers	50		
Rental Income Payments	0		
Disposition of Property	10		
Public Services	0		
Completion of Urban Renewal Projects	0		
Relocation Payments	25		
Planning Activities	0		
Administration Activities	100	8%	
Grants to Nonprofit Community Organizations	0		
Grants to Nonprofit Community Organizations for Housing Projects	75		
Energy Planning	0		
Housing Rehabilitation	75		
Total Points Awarded to Project			

II. National Objectives:

A. **Low- and Moderate-Income Percentage Points:** Scoring is based upon information provided in Chapter 5. No action required. Staff will calculate the points.

B. Need:

Idaho City's water treatment and distribution system is inadequate for the City's current needs. Although the plant typically provides high quality water for residents, boil notices have been issued annually over the past four years to address high turbidity levels in the source water and for depressurizations of the distribution system. The water plant is also the sole source of potable water for the community. If a major forest fire were to occur upstream of the water treatment plant, the town would not have drinking water.

According to the Long Term Enhanced Surface water Treatment Rule (LTI) slow sand treatment system the maximum turbidity level is limited to 5 NTU. During the spring when rain fall and snow melt increase runoff into Elk Creek, turbidity levels spike and the current slow sand filter is unable to meet the LTI requirements which require the City to implement a boil notice.

Depressurizations of the system can occur when sections of the distribution system fail unexpectedly due to age. After a depressurization event, the City must issue a boil notice and disinfect the system.

In addition to the public health concerns associated with high turbidity levels and depressurization, the current system does not provide enough pressure for the water system users or enough pressure or flow under fire flow demands.

According to IDAPA 58.01.08.542.13 the City should provide a minimum of 40 psi of dynamic pressure for users. The City is currently not able to meet this requirement. The City is also not able to meet IDAPA 58.01.08 requirements which state that the water sources and distribution system must be adequately sized to provide the required fire flow for the minimum duration during a MDD condition, while maintaining system pressures above 20 psi with the largest pump out of service. Currently, areas of town are not able to meet the 20 psi requirements during times of low demand, let alone during a fire.

Key reasons why this project is critical is:

- City has experienced Annual Boil Notices.
- Not enough water storage to provide adequate fire flows
- Low water pressure
- No backup power to provide water during power outages
- Large plant water losses due to lack of automated control
- City only has a single water source

- Without improvements, DEQ may classify the Water System as Non-compliant. If the System is Non-Compliant:
 - Banks will not loan money for home purchases
 - Homeowners cannot borrow against the value of existing homes
 - New connections to water or sewer systems are not allowed
 - No home sales are possible

C. Impact:

This project will directly impact the entire population of the City of Idaho City which is comprised of 61% low and moderate income individuals. Many of the residents are on a fixed income and cannot afford to fully fund the entire \$2,854,000 needed to fix the water quality problems. Overall this project will have long term positive effects by providing safe drinking water, water conservation, adequate water pressure and fire flows.

Since the drinking water plant serves the entire area, no landowners will benefit substantially over others and no disadvantaged groups will be adversely affected by the upgrades. Greater plant capacity and higher quality water will allow the communities residential and commercial areas to grow and this may affect property values. The 2000 census report provides information about Idaho City compared to the average US population. The median household income of Idaho City is approximately 40% less than the national average and the per capita income is 50% less than the average. If median home values are used to compare the cost of living, Idaho City is currently 12% less than the average US value. These indicators show that the average citizen in Idaho City is financially worse off than the US population.

DEQ categorizes a community as eligible for disadvantage funding benefits when the annual water costs make up more than 1.5% of the per capita income. The current billing rate for City residents is approximately \$39 per month or \$468 per year. Based on an annual per capita income of \$13,370 the water utility rate is 3.5% of the annual income. With a rate increase to \$60 per month the annual water utility cost will make up 5.4% of the annual income.

III. Project Categories

A. Planning, previous actions, and schedule

1. Design Professional:

On May 28, 2008, Idaho City issued an RFP for Engineering Services for Improvements to the City's Water System. Pharmer Engineering was selected as the Engineer for these services and is documented in **Appendix C**.

2. **Grant Administration:**

The City of Idaho City has been working with Shawn Charters with project planning and grant writing. Ms. Charters is a Certified Grant Administrator with over 24 years experience with administering numerous Community Development Block Grants. An RFP for grant administration services was sent out September 26, 2011 to several ICDBG Certified Grant Administrators. Proposals for services were due October 14, 2011. The selection committee reviewed the proposals and selected Shawn Charters as the grant administrator as outlined in the RFP found in **Appendix C**.

3. **Plans or Studies:**

Pharmer Engineering completed the Idaho City Drinking Water Facility Plan (DWG 97-2009-4) in February 2010. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in **Appendix H**. Specific items included in the plan is a Background, Existing Conditions, Land Use and Zoning, Existing Populations, Existing Water Demands, Existing Fire Flow Requirements, Existing Storage Requirements, Historical Water Quality, Existing Water Facilities, System Needs and Repairs, Hydrologic Model, Existing User Charges and O & M Budget, Cross Connection Control Program, Water Conservation, Drinking Water Rules, Future Conditions, Water Supply Improvement Alternatives, Recommended Improvements, and Funding Sources. The Drinking Water Facility Plan has been submitted to DEQ and has been approved.

4. **Environmental Scoping:**

In addition to the Drinking Water Facility Plan, Pharmer Engineering has also completed in February 2011, an Environmental Review Document that has been accepted by DEQ. DEQ has concurred with the Finding of No Significant Impact. A copy of this Environmental Review and the Environmental Scoping Checklist is included in **Appendix F**.

5. **Agency Viability:** Complete only one of the following that corresponds to the project.

Water or Sewer:

- a. Provide utility rate underwriting or pro forma in Appendix.
- b. Financial profile worksheet – Page 13.

6. **Property Acquisition:** (Information provided in Chapter 5. No action required.)

City is investigating locating improvements on existing City Owned property and on Forest Service property leased to the City.

7. Funding Commitments:

Please see letter issued from the City's Bond Counsel, Mike Moore documenting approval of a \$2,400,000 bond election in August 2010 in **Appendix G**. You will also find documentation from DEQ dated July 21, 2011, establishing a \$2,354,000 loan to the City of Idaho City.

8. Schedule:

Please see schedule on page 12.

9. Administrative Capacity:

- a. Has the applicant completed a Section 504 or ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan? Yes No

Coordinator Tammy Ellsworth

- b. What is the most current building code the applicant has adopted?

Idaho City uses the latest version of the International and Residential Building Code.

- c. Are the Fair Housing Accessibility Standards a component of that building code?

Yes No

9. Cost Analysis:

Please see stamped detailed cost estimates in Appendix E.

XVI. CERTIFICATIONS

I certify the data in this application is true and correct, that this document has been duly authorized by the governing body of Idaho City and we will comply with the following laws and regulations if this application is approved and selected for funding.

- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Civil Rights Act of 1964 Pub.L 88-352
- Civil Rights Act of 1968 Pub.L 90-284
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended (49 CFR Part 24)
- Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended Pub.L 93-383
- Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a - 276a-5)
- Historic Preservation Act
- OMB Circular A-87, and ensure that sub-recipient complies with A-110 and A-122

- Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Recovery Act of 1983 certifying to:
 - Minimize displacement as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds by following the Idaho Department of Commerce’s anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan;
 - Conduct and administer its program in conformance with Title VI and Title VIII, and affirmatively further fair housing;
 - Provide opportunities for citizen participation comparable to the state’s requirements (those described in Section 104(a) of the Act, as amended);
 - Not use assessments or fees to recover the capital costs of ICDBG funded public improvements from low and moderate income owner occupants;
 - Abide by all state and federal rules and regulations related to the implementation and management of federal grants;
 - Assess and implement an Accessibility Plan for persons with disabilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
 - Adopt and implement an Excessive Force Policy;
 - Prohibition of Use of Assistance for Employment Relocation, Section 588 of the Disability Housing and work Responsibility Act of 1998 Pub. L 105-276.
 - Anti-Lobbying Certification: No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of, employee of a member of, officer of or employee of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant or loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement and the extension, renewal, modification or amendment of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of, employee of a member of, officer of or employee of Congress in connection with this federal grant, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

Signed by Chief Elected Official

Date

Jackie Bridwell, Mayor
Typed Name

APPENDICES AND MAPS