

INDIANAPOLIS, June 2015—The Jackson County Water Utility closed a low-interest loan, in the amount of \$4,960,000, through the Indiana Finance Authority's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program to finance needed improvements to its drinking water utility. By utilizing the SRF Loan Program instead of securing a traditional loan, the Jackson County Water Utility will save an estimated \$1,559,367 of interest expense over the life of the loan.

Construction of upgrades and improvements to the Jackson County Utility treatment and distribution system were financed by the DWSRF. The DWSRF program is administered by the Indiana Finance Authority with joint funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Indiana. This project will replace pumps at the Rural Booster Station, replace aging water main in multiple areas, replace about 3000 meters, upgrade the SCADA system, create an emergency connection with Jennings Water, replace the Acme water tank, rehabilitate the pipe storage building, make improvements to the technology center, rehabilitate the sodium hydroxide room and the carbon feed system at the water treatment plant, and construct a small raw water main pipe swabbing facility in the existing well field. The project should provide public health benefits by completing upgrades that allow a compliant system to maintain compliance and continue to provide community residents and businesses in the service area with safe water.

DWSRF programs operate around the country to provide states and communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources nationwide. Communities can get more information about obtaining an SRF loan by contacting Bill Harkins at (317) 234-4862, wharkins@ifa.in.gov, or by visiting www.srf.in.gov.