



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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### WIFA Announces \$1.8 Million in Loans to City of Flagstaff for Two Water Projects

PHOENIX (June 25, 2009) – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) announced today that awarded two loans totaling \$1.8 million to the City of Flagstaff to improve the city's water supply.

The \$1 million loan will fund infrastructure upgrades and improvements to connect the Fort Tuthill Wells to the city's water distribution system. The project consists of installing more than 8,000 feet of 12- inch and 16-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water lines, hydrants, and valves. Construction of the Fort Tuthill Wells also was funded by WIFA in a previous loan.

The second loan of \$800,000 will help the city secure the water rights and conduct an aquifer study to determine water adequacy associated with the Red Gap Ranch, which the city previously purchased with a WIFA loan.

“These funds provide much-needed help for important drinking water supply projects in Flagstaff and Coconino County. We're pleased to make these loans, making the most of Arizona's precious water resources and boosting infrastructure services to protect public health and safety,” said WIFA Board Chairman Benjamin H. Grumbles, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

WIFA, [www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov), provides communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical help needed for basic water infrastructure.