



Water & Sewer Infrastructure Advisory Commission

September 8, 2021

Dear Governor Gianforte:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Infrastructure Advisory Commission held a public meeting on August 26, 2021, where it considered applications for water and sewer infrastructure projects under HB 632 and ARPA (Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021)). The Advisory Commission recommends awarding ARPA Water and Sewer Minimum Allocation Grant funds to the 13 eligible projects set forth on the attached table entitled, "Table 1 – Infrastructure Advisory Commission Recommended Minimum Allocation Grants," for \$5,832,751.

The Infrastructure Advisory Commission recommends awarding a total of \$121,102,556 in Competitive Grant funds for 73 projects set forth on the attached table entitled, "Table 2 – Infrastructure Advisory Commission Recommended Competitive and Minimum Allocation Grants," with a maximum award of \$2 million per project. The Advisory Commission does not recommend awarding Competitive Grant funds for the Musselshell Judith Rural Water-Phase 2 Project submitted by the Central Montana Regional Water Authority. This recommendation does include awarding the associated Minimum Allocation Grant funds, totaling \$20,181,108, for those 73 projects.

The Advisory Commission also recommends delaying consideration of Competitive Grants and grants for regional water authorities pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill 632, until there is clarity regarding whether the projects will be funded under the proposed Congressional infrastructure bill—the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

The Infrastructure Advisory Commission thanks you for your thoughtful consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Bartel".

Representative Dan Bartel
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Table 1 – Infrastructure Advisory Commission Recommended Minimum Allocation Grants

Applicant	Project Title	Minimum Allocation Grant Recommendation
Big Sandy	Big Sandy Stormwater Project	\$ 100,000
Chouteau County	Geraldine Water Line Project	\$ 250,000
Chouteau County	City of Fort Benton Water System Improvements	\$ 150,000
Chouteau County	Big Sandy Stormwater Project	\$ 175,000
Columbus	Columbus - Water Source Replacement Well Development	\$ 425,641
Custer County	Tongue and Yellowstone Irrigation District - Kircher Flume Replacement	\$ 343,091
Deer Lodge County	Anaconda Water Distribution System Improvements	\$ 170,773
Deer Lodge County	Anaconda Wastewater Collection System Improvements	\$ 170,773
Fergus County	Fergus County Roy Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 500,000
Hill County	Hingham Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ 150,000
Park County	Wilsall Water District Water System Improvements Project	\$ 200,000
Plentywood	Plentywood Laurel Avenue Water Project	\$ 360,282
Yellowstone County	Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District Water Project	\$ 2,837,191
	TOTAL	\$ 5,832,751

Table 2 – Infrastructure Advisory Commission Recommended Competitive and Minimum Allocation Grants

Applicant	Project Title	Minimum Allocation Grant Recommendation	Competitive Grant Recommendation
Montana City School District #27	Montana City School New Well Pump and Treatment	\$ -	\$ 235,350
Darby	Darby Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 141,728	\$ 1,896,514
Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District	Worden-Ballantine Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District Water Project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
City and County of Butte-Silver Bow	Rocker Sanitary Sewer System Lift Station and Connection to Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ -	\$ 937,476

Applicant	Project Title	Minimum Allocation Grant Recommendation	Competitive Grant Recommendation
Philipsburg	Town of Philipsburg Sewer Lagoons Wastewater Treatment System and Capacity Increase	\$ 60,579	\$ 2,000,000
Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvement Project	\$ -	\$ 1,286,000
Hobson	Hobson Wastewater System Rehabilitation	\$ 84,971	\$ 2,000,000
Wilsall Water District	Wilsall Water System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Winifred	Winifred Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	\$ 76,296	\$ 2,000,000
Harlowton	Harlowton Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ -	\$ 1,436,300
Kalispell	Kalispell Stormwater Quality Treatment Facility- Main and Wyoming Street Outfall to the Stillwater River	\$ -	\$ 377,766
Red Lodge	Red Lodge Stormwater Improvements	\$ 529,811	\$ 2,000,000
Choteau	Choteau Water Distribution, Supply, and Storage Improvements	\$ 447,500	\$ 2,000,000
Manhattan	Town of Manhattan Water Resource Recovery Facility	\$ 400,714	\$ 2,000,000
Kalispell	Kalispell Stormwater Treatment Facilities -Priority Ashley Creek Drainage Basins from TMDL Action Plan	\$ -	\$ 528,264
Lakeside Water and Sewer District	Lakeside Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls Wastewater Improvements Projects	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Whitehall	Whitehall Treatment Facility	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Drummond	Drummond Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade	\$ 70,090	\$ 2,000,000
Lodge Grass	Lodge Grass Phase 2 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	\$ 100,138	\$ 1,437,984
Winnett	Winnett Wastewater System Retrofit	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Roundup	City of Roundup Phase 6 Water System Improvements	\$ 447,329	\$ 2,000,000
Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls Wastewater System Upgrades	\$ 857,186	\$ 2,000,000
Lewis and Clark County	Lewis and Clark County - Elk Creek Colony Water System Upgrades	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority	Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority Phase 3C Sewer Project	\$ -	\$ 1,157,138

Applicant	Project Title	Minimum Allocation Grant Recommendation	Competitive Grant Recommendation
Hamilton	Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades	\$ 398,375	\$ 1,701,754
Fort Smith Water and Sewer District	Fort Smith Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Joliet	Joliet Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 109,301	\$ 2,000,000
Clancy Water and Sewer District	Clancy Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Lewistown	Lewistown Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ 1,135,907	\$ 947,889
Superior	Superior Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ 197,163	\$ 2,000,000
Harlem	Harlem Water System Improvements Project	\$ 174,762	\$ 2,000,000
Simms County Sewer District	Simms Phase II Wastewater System Improvements - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	\$ -	\$ 1,400,660
Central Montana Regional Water Authority	Musselshell Judith Rural Water - Phase 2 project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Jordan	Jordan Wastewater System Upgrades	\$ 123,728	\$ 1,798,900
East Helena	East Helena Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ 210,886	\$ 1,738,695
Lincoln County	Lincoln County Solid Waste Groundwater Protection and Closure Cap System Excavation	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Power-Teton County Water and Sewer District	Power Sewer Collection System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 1,977,000
Missoula County Lolo Water and Sewer District	Missoula County, Lolo Sewer (Rural Special Improvements District (RSID) #8901 Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 1,930,000
Valier	Town of Valier Wastewater System Improvement Project	\$ 224,916	\$ 1,312,500
Big Sky County Water and Sewer District No.363	Big Sky Water Resource Recovery Facility Improvements Phase 1	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Terry	Town of Terry Wastewater Treatment Upgrades	\$ 255,544	\$ 1,300,000
Wolf Point	Wolf Point Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 478,789	\$ 2,000,000
Belgrade	City of Belgrade Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Missoula	Missoula South Hills Storm Water System Upgrades	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000

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Chester	Chester Wastewater System Improvements Project	\$ 110,398	\$ 2,000,000
Shelby	Shelby Water System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Power-Teton County Water and Sewer District	Power Water System Improvements - Phase 4	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 262,483	\$ 2,000,000
Richey	Richey Water System Improvements	\$ 74,237	\$ 2,000,000
Saco	Town of Saco Wastewater System Improvements	\$ 84,703	\$ 1,490,530
Miles City	Miles City North 7th St./MT 59 Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Plains	Plains Water Source Replacement	\$ 213,436	\$ 1,807,619
Sunny Meadows Missoula County Water and Sewer District	Sunny Meadows Missoula County Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 598,000
Broadview	Broadview Phase 2 Water System Improvements	\$ 21,446	\$ 1,115,529
Circle	Circle Water System Improvements	\$ 188,046	\$ 1,387,472
Missoula County	Missoula County - Buena Vista Community Wastewater Improvement Project	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Shelby	Shelby Stormwater System Improvements and Wastewater Sludge Dewatering	\$ 790,045	\$ 1,871,969
Billings	Billings 2021 Water Main Replacements	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Montana Department of Corrections	Montana Department of Corrections of Public Water System Upgrades	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Gallatin Canyon County Water and Sewer District	Gallatin Canyon Sewer	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Kalispell	Kalispell Replacement of Original 1920's Era Water and Sewer Mains in Downtown Kalispell	\$ 3,460,715	\$ 2,000,000
Wibaux	Wibaux Water Main Replacement	\$ 169,195	\$ 543,481
Billings	Billings Influent Lift Station	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Dillon	City of Dillon Main Waterline Transmission and Distribution Replacement	\$ 723,832	\$ 1,179,589
Flathead County	Flathead County Septage Treatment and Biosolids Composting Facility	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Billings	Billings West End Plant and Raw Water Delivery	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000

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Great Falls	City of Great Falls Lift Station No. 1 Facility Improvements and Supplemental Forcemain	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise	Paradise Wastewater System Improvements	\$ -	\$ 1,437,881
Missoula	Missoula Department of Public Works and Mobility - Grant Creek Realignment	\$ -	\$ 910,296
Plentywood	City of Plentywood Phase 2 Sewer Project	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Columbus	Columbus - Water Main Replacement Projects	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
Ronan	Ronan Water System Improvement	\$ 372,955	\$ 2,000,000
Helena	City of Helena Water System Improvements Project	\$ 5,193,903	\$ 2,000,000
	TOTAL	\$ 20,181,108	\$ 123,102,556