

Community Outreach Update
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Funding Opportunities

BC Water Dept Grants

- Reviewed extensive list of grants offered to us by the county.
- Shared this list with Gallagher's office. No response on opportunities that are a fit/they can help us with.

USB Water Grant – Looking at the second round of funding due in July for the smaller grants. We did not have any projects that qualified for the larger grant.

Butte County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Continued to fill out materials for the upcoming grant.
- Will attend the next in person meeting scheduled for Mar. 13 at 1p.m.

Community Outreach Water Dept

- Vina GSA Management Committee – Next Mtg moved to Feb. 20
- Invited to participate interview panel for County Outreach Coordinator Interviews,
 - Scored RFQ submissions.
 - Met with team to review scores.
 - Interviewed top two firms on zoom and selected a firm.
- Butte Utility Council
 - Drafted Power Point and presented at the Feb. 14th meeting of the Butte Utility Council.
 - Good networking and relationship building opportunity for the district.
 - Now in contact with Lafco and Special Districts Association as a result of the meeting.

Legislative Outreach

- Shared grants list with Gallagher's office. No response on opportunities that are a fit/they can help us with.
- Coordinated a meeting with Doug LaMalfa Jan. 22 to share our goals and needs with the CIP, working on the follow up and outline for funding request.
- Tod Kimmleshue – will be attending the March meeting for the Butte Hazard Mitigation Plan in support of DID and our initiatives.
- Met and shared our priorities with Brenda Nayaran the new PG&E government affairs representative.

Up Next: District Emergency Notification System

- Reverse Text Notification system – Nicole and Jeannie will meet with our website vendor to determine if we can utilize their offering as the first step. The plan is to get 3 bids.
- Researching federal grant sources sent by LaMalfa's staff.
- USDA sources sent by LaMalfa's staff.
- Reviewing private funding through Instrumentl Database of grants

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Community Project Funding Request for the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Bills

Deadline 3/01/2024

Example From Congresswoman Jill Tokuda (HI CD2)

General Guidance on Community Project Funding

- The total amount available for CPFs in House appropriations bill is capped at one half of one percent of discretionary spending.
- Members may submit a maximum of 15 requests across all bills.
- Projects must be tied to a federal authorization law, and requests must include a written statement describing the federal nexus.
- Memorials, museums, and commemorative projects are not eligible for CPFs.
- Projects are subject to applicable requirements in the authorized programs (such as non-federal cost shares and audits) and may be selected for audit by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- For-profit recipients are not eligible for CPFs, which may only be directed at State, local, and tribal government grantees and eligible non-profit organizations, subject to federal law and subcommittee guidance (see below).
- Projects must have demonstrable merit and community support.

Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants

The Water and Waste Disposal Grant Program may be used to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and disposal; sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal and closure; and storm water collection, transmission, and closure. Members are strongly encouraged to provide details on the number of households and businesses served and details of the exact work to be completed. Eligible entities include rural areas and towns with population of 10,000 or less and Tribal lands in rural areas. The account has not been subject to CPFs in the previous years. Potential recipients will be required to provide a 25% non-federal cost share. The State (Hawaii) Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions, including eligibility.

Example of Community Project Funding Request Form

<https://airtable.com/appsIILQCInKuSddZ/shrjvUiVaZhxaF5Sk>

Project Title

Recipient Organization

Organization Address

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Name of Primary Contact

Position or Title of Primary Contact

Phone Number of Primary Contact

Email of Primary Contact

Requesting Organization Type

Appropriations Bill

Requested Funding Amount

Description of Proposed Project

Description of Benefits and Impact to Community (State/County)

Explanation of Funding Use

Please explain how the requested funds would be spent. For example, how much would be used for utilities, land acquisition, construction, etc. If this funding request is part of a larger project, please provide the total amount needed for the entire project, other sources of funding for the whole amount, and what those funds would be covering.

If your organization has secured or are seeking matching funds or other additional funds from state or local government grants or private contributions, please list those sources, programs, and amounts accordingly.

Has this request been previously submitted in the past to another congressional office?

Has the recipient organization successfully executed a similar project in the past?

Yes or No

Has the recipient organization received federal funding before?

Yes or No

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Local Support for Requested Project

Please list local support for the requested project, including from state and local elected officials, local organizations, and local press. For each listing, please provide corresponding contact information (name, email, and phone number) or link to the published support.

Please list all other congressional offices to which this request has been made.

Supporting Documentation

Congressman LaMalfa FY 2023 Project Funding Requests Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies appropriations bill:

Project Name: County of Glenn Countywide Groundwater Recharge Development Plan

Requested Amount: \$275,000

Intended Recipient: Glenn County Resource Conservation District

Full Street Address of Intended Recipient: 132 N Enright Avenue, Suite C, Willows CA, 95988

Explanation of the request: The plan would be phase 1 of a multiphase project and would develop priority sites most suitable for groundwater recharge in Glenn County. This would be accomplished by conducting research and conducting a suitability analysis; once compiled, data and analysis would be presented for community outreach and secure community input. The project would develop priority sites that would increase local recharge capabilities and as a result, create more usable water for California.

Member Certification Form (link): https://lamalfa.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/lamalfa-evo.house.gov/files/wysiwyg_uploaded/FY23%20Certification%20-%20Glenn%20County%20Groundwater%20Recharge.pdf

1.0 Million Gallon Water Storage Tank

- Recommend a 1.0 Million Gallon (MG) storage tank at station 5.
- A new tank would reduce energy strain on system by allowing well pumps to not run during peak energy use hours.
- The current system has no way of storing water, so the well pumps are forced to run constantly during peak hour flows in the morning and in the afternoon.
- When demand is minimal the well pump will be shut off as customers will be receiving water through the 1.0 MG storage tank and a booster pump that pumps water through the system instead of using the normal well pump.
- A new tank would provide excess water for emergency situations when all three pumps would usually be inoperable.
- A new tank would allow for constant water pressure to be kept through the entire system.
- A new tank would put less strain on the ground water table because the pumps would have to keep up with peak hour flows.

Storage Benefits

Operational Storage - it's recommended that the volume of water to be held in reserve be at least 25 percent of the total volume of water used on a maximum day.

Fire Storage - Fire flow requirements are dictated by the flow different buildings require (commercial, residential, school, industrial, etc), the size of the building (in square feet) and the type of material used in the building construction (wood frame, metal, masonry, if the building has a sprinkler system, etc). The recommended storage volume needed for DID for fire flow is 0.96 MG.

Emergency Storage - An emergency is defined as any unforeseen event that would degrade or decrease the quantity or quality of potable water supplies.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Technical Memorandum (West Yost Associates, 2008)



Tank Cost: \$2.67 million



Excess storage capacity would allow for citizens in the district not to resort to boiling water. This occurred during a storm in Sept. 29, 2023 when a lightning strike caused a power surge. This surge caused all of the well sites to become inoperable for about 5 days.