



Lewis County Water District #1

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Dear Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

I am writing to formally request that Lewis County apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding this year on behalf of Lewis County Water District 1 (LCWD1) for a new 158,000 gallon water reservoir and replacement of approximately 1,600 linear feet of water line on SR 131, including a bridge crossing.

Background

LCWD1 completed a Water System Plan Update, which was approved by Department of Health Office of Drinking Water (DOH ODW) in Summer 2020.

Need for Project – Reservoir. Several years ago, DOH ODW required LCWD1 to disconnect the water system's 'Hampton reservoir' from the rest of the water system, due to concerns about water quality. Since then, the Hampton reservoir has been bypassed except for high demands such as significant fire flow. However, if used during a fire, unsafe water from the reservoir would be injected in large quantities into potable distribution piping. The Hampton reservoir's connection to the system thus represents a health safety hazard which must be eliminated.

In February 2021, DOH ODW notified LCWD1 that the Hampton reservoir poses an unacceptable contamination hazard to potable water supply. That hazard must be eliminated by disconnection of the reservoir or equivalent means soon.

This impacts the ability of LCWD1 to provide the required fire flow to the White Pass School District property in Randle. LCWD1 Board President Bill McMahan has discussed this situation with officials from the school district. LCWD1 proposes to address this situation by building a new water reservoir that is sized to provide the required fire flow to the school district.

Water Main Replacement. The existing 2-inch water main is undersized and in poor condition. The line is responsible for a large portion of the current high level of distribution system leakage.

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Income Survey

In March 2021, LCWD1 conducted a CDBG-required household income survey in order to determine if the district is eligible to receive CDBG area benefit funding. We are in the process of validating the survey, however it appears LCWD1 is well above 51% low- to moderate-income, therefore eligible to receive CDBG funding.

Cost Estimate

Our engineering consultant, Grayling Engineers, is updating cost estimates. At this point we anticipate the overall cost estimate will be \$1,500,000 or less. We would like to apply for \$900,000 from CDBG, and we will apply for a Public Works Board loan on July 15 for the remainder of needed costs.

Lewis County BOCC April 6 Public Hearing

I plan to attend your April 6 public hearing (remotely), at which you will be taking proposals for CDBG applications this year. Please let me know if you would like any additional information before then.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bill McMahan
LCWD1 Board President

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