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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 6, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Kingsport, Beech Creek Water Line Upgrade and Extension in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kingsport, located at 415 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN 37660. The funding would be used for extending and upgrading water lines to residents on Beech Creek Road, who currently rely on poor well and spring water. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the residents of Beech Creek Water Line currently do not have potable water to drink from, and further this will increase access to public drinking water for Kingsport residents to prevent contamination caused by leaks of existing lines.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Harshbarger".

Member of Congress



FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

April 30, 2024

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Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger
Washington DC Office
167 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Harshbarger:

Regarding your office's request for a letter of support for the City of Kingsport, Beech Creek Water Line Upgrade and Extension STAG application, the project is part of the First Tennessee Development District Infrastructure Survey of Community and Utility Needs Plan. The City of Kingsport project has been part of the plan for the past nine years and the City and Hawkins County have been looking for opportunities to find a viable funding source. Addressing the water needs of residents with poor well and spring water is an utmost priority.

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Sincerely,

Ken Rea
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May 8, 2024

Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger
Washington DC Office
167 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Harshbarger:

The City of Kingsport is pleased to apply for State and Tribal Assistance (STAG) funds for the Beech Creek Water Line Upgrade and Extension. The City of Kingsport and Hawkins County have been trying for many years to get public water service to the community but have not been able to find a viable funding source. Addressing the water needs of residents with poor well and spring water is an utmost priority.

The City of Kingsport understands that there is a twenty percent match required for STAG funded projects.

Please contact my office or Chad Austin, our Assistant Utilities Director, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick W. Shull".

Patrick W. Shull
COL USA (Ret)
Mayor, City of Kingsport

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Hawkins County Government

Mark DeWitte
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May 8, 2024

Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger
Washington DC Office
167 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Harshbarger:

Hawkins County is pleased to provide a support letter for the City of Kingsport's effort to apply for State and Tribal Assistance (STAG) funds for the Beech Creek Water Line Upgrade and Extension. The City of Kingsport and Hawkins County have been trying for many years to get public water service to the community but have not been able to find a viable funding source. Addressing the water needs of residents with poor well and spring water is a high priority. The high levels of sulfur and calcium in well and spring water are causing residents issues.

I hope all is well with you and I'm sure I'll see you soon. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark DeWitte", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark DeWitte
Mayor

c. Julia Block, Legislative Assistant
Chad Austin, City of Kingsport
Ken Rea, First Tennessee Development District