Project Name:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Recipient:

Lawton Public Utilities Authority

Address:

2100 SW 6th Street, Lawton, OK 73501

Amount Requested:

\$10,000,000

Project Explanation:

With the execution of Phase II, the Lawton Public Utilities Authority will have executed a significant improvement to the WWTP's environmental stewardship and level of service to Lawton water rate payers. The new facilities within Phase II will deliver improvements to critical facilities needed for protection of the environment. Namely, the WWTP's disinfection process, which keeps the receiving stream from containing harmful pathogens that could cause human illness and/or wildlife impacts, will be solidified and ready to serve the WWTP over the long-term, 50-year planning horizon. Further, the WWTP's solids handling processes will be replaced, which will allow for enhanced biosolids production and offer opportunities for future beneficial reuse of those dewatered biosolids. Finally, this project will provide vital public education opportunities that will be necessary for our citizens to embrace water resources as they become even more crucial over the coming generations.

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March 30, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in Lawton, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lawton Public Utilities Authority located at 2100 SW 6th St., Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

The funding would be used to improve critical facilities needed for environmental protection including improvements to the disinfection process and replacement of the solids handling processes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 8104 SE 15th St., Lawton, Oklahoma 73501. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide increased environmental stewardship, increased opportunity for community outreach, and increased education on the City's water and wastewater resources, and potential beneficial reuse of dewatered biosolids.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress



Congress of the United States House of Representatives



TOM COLE 4TH DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

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