



ARPA-21-9

ARP Application - Cabell County

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Internal Section

Decision

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Award Amount

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Additional Comments

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Certification

PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE US TREASURY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ELIGIBLE USES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Digital Signature

Susan Elliott
11/30/2021

Click here for more information
(<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>)

Contact Information

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City of Milton

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Project Summary

Please provide a narrative overview or summary of your proposal, including but not limited to the following:

1. Brief description of the proposal

This proposal is for funding to upgrade the Milton Water Plant to enable it to produce more potable water in a more efficient manner.

2. Purpose and key anticipated outcomes

The current filtration system at the Milton Water Plant allows the plant to only produce 864,000 gallons of water daily at maximum capacity. Our hope is to upgrade the water plant, including a pressurized filtration system, which will increase our daily output to approximately 1.5 million gallons per day. Another benefit to this plant upgrade is that the necessary run-time is reduced, thereby decreasing our operating and maintenance costs. In addition to our roughly 2500 customers, we anticipate population growth once the Grand Patrician Resort and proposed housing development is open. Currently, Milton Municipal Utilities Commission (MMUC) must purchase a portion of its potable water requirements from West Virginia American Water, which is very costly and puts a strain on MMUC's budget. In fact, the required minimum amount of water purchased from WVAW increases regularly, tightening the noose around MMUC's neck. With these upgrades we will be self-sustainable, thus saving money and allowing us to continue providing lower water and sewer rates to our customers, both current and expected.

3. Individuals or communities served

MMUC currently provides water and sewer utilities to approximately 2500 households and businesses. More than half of those households are outside of Milton City limits, yet within Cabell County. This project will benefit many Cabell County residents, not just those within the City of Milton.

4. How the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated this request

The pandemic made it clear how important the ready availability of an adequate supply of clean water is to the general public. We strive to ensure we can produce enough potable water to satisfy demand in as efficient a manner as possible.

5. Amount of funding requested

6,825,000

6. Amount of any bids or cost estimates received to date, if applicable

6,825,000

7a. Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

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7b. Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization

NA

8. How ARP funds, if awarded, will be used

The ARP funds will be used to upgrade the Milton Water Plant to include a more efficient filtration system.

9. How long it will take you to complete the project if awarded funding

We anticipate that this project could be completed approximately two years after funding is received.

Proposal Details

1. Please describe the problem or need which your project seeks to address

With the current filtration system in place, the maximum capacity of the Milton Water Plant, running 24 hours per day, is only 864,000 gallons of water daily. An upgrade to to the plant, including a pressurized filtration system, would nearly double the daily output to approximately 1.5 million gallons per day. In addition, the filter media used with the existing system has been replaced three times in the past five years, raising the operation and maintenance costs dramatically.

2. Please describe goals and expected outcomes of your proposal.

The increased and more efficient water production will satisfy the needs of our community, including anticipated growth. MMUC should then be able to cease purchasing water from an expensive outside source. Additionally, the decreased necessary run time will reduce O&M.

3. Please provide your project timeline

The Preliminary Engineering Report is nearly complete. If funded, the bidding, construction/installation and initiation of startup will take approximately two years.

4. Please provide your project's total proposed budget.

\$6,825,000

5. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

NA

6. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

MMUC will be responsible for the sustainability and upkeep of this project.

Organization Information

1. Please provide your organization's mission statement.

MMUC's goal is to provide potable water to our customers at a sufficient quality, quantity and pressure to meet domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection needs.

2. Describe the history of your organization, tell us about your current programs and activities

The original Milton Municipal Water Works System began supplying Milton with clean water more than 70 years ago. In 1975 property for the current water plant was purchased. Since that time, the population of Milton has grown by more than 50%; Multiple repairs and upgrades have been made, but a larger-scale upgrade is necessary to accommodate the current population plus the anticipated growth.

Recently, all fire hydrants in the City were tested, which identified several that needed repaired and/or replaced. All of the hydrant repairs have been completed and we will soon replace the hydrants that are irreparable.

Currently, we are nearing the bid process for a \$7.9 million sewer project. In addition, a project involving the replacement of water lines along Newman's Branch Road is underway.

We have also identified other areas which are in critical need of attention, including locations along Route 60, on North Main Street, and Connor's Addition. Replacement of water lines along these routes will provide a much more efficient water utility system. We are pursuing other areas of funding for these proposed projects.

3. Please describe three significant accomplishments of your organization.

1. The Milton Utilities has been providing potable water to Milton for 70 years.

2. The MMUC serves approximately 2500 water and sewer customers in Cabell County, only half of which are within City Limits.
3. MMUC has successfully partnered with Salt Rock PSD and Culloden PSD for nearly 20 years as part of the Regional Sewer Plant.
4. Because certified water operators are in short supply, MMUC is offering water operator training, which requires at least 2000 hours of experience before testing for certification.

1. The City of Milton has been diligently obtaining dilapidated structures and demolishing them.
2. Attracting investors to Milton has been a long-term goal for the City. The redevelopment of the old Morris Memorial Hospital and other structures in Milton will bring economic growth to the City of Milton and Cabell County.
3. The City of Milton has paved multiple streets, including adding curbs and sidewalks in certain areas.

4. Please list your Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, or other key members of your organization:

Tom Canterbury, Mayor
Dana Walters, Recorder
Bob Legg, Council Member
Tennis Adkins, Council Member
Carl Harshbarger, Council Member
Dakota Miller, Council Member, Utility Board Commissioner
Troy Nicely, Council Member
Charles Conard, Public Works Director
Timmy Chastain, Utility Board Commissioner
Dave Chittum, Utility Board Commissioner
Matt Meadows, Utility Board Commissioner

5. Please list the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:

The Mayor, Recorder, City Council and Utility Commissioners will make the final decisions for this project. Public Works Director Charles Conard will provide direct oversight, with the assistance of Chief Water Operator Jeff Miller.

6. Please upload/attach the following financial documents, if applicable:

Cash flow statement for applicant's most recent fiscal year

 Milton Cash Flow_001.pdf
Uploaded by Susan Elliott on Dec 2, 2021 at 12:41 pm

Two years of audited financial statements

 Milton Audits_001.pdf
Uploaded by Susan Elliott on Dec 2, 2021 at 1:21 pm

Current operating budget

 Milton 2021-22 Budget_001.pdf
Uploaded by Susan Elliott on Dec 2, 2021 at 12:51 pm

If the applicant has not been audited, please include an unaudited balance sheet and income statement as prepared by the applicant

 Milton 2020-21 Financial_001.pdf
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7. List any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last three years and the current status of those funds. If your organization has previously received funds from Cabell County, please list the amount, nature of the project(s) and current status of the funding and project(s).

MMUC received a grant from the DHHR in the amount of \$50,000 for a raw water intake monitor. MMUC, through the City, also was awarded a grant for \$2.1 million for a \$7.9 million sewer project which should go out for bids soon.

Recently the IJDC and WV Water Development Authority awarded MMUC \$970,000 to replace water lines along Newman's Branch Road.

To-date, the City of Milton has received ARPA funding in the amount of \$558,951.10, which has been slated for use to improve its water and sewer infrastructure.

The City of Milton has also received grants totaling \$7,500 from the Cabell County Commission for annual events, such as fireworks in 2018, 2019 and 2021. In 2019, the Cabell County Commission also awarded the City with a grant of \$9,500 to help repair the roof at the Milton Senior Center.

8. If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.

NA

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Please explain the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to your request.

The City of Milton and MMUC were both impacted by Covid-19. While City and Utility employees were not considered "essential personnel" which qualified for reimbursement of wages, City Hall and MMUC could not shut down; we stayed open with a skeleton crew each day to remain available to address the needs of our citizens and customers. Further, the Milton Water Plant had to remain operational to the fullest extent possible to provide water to our customers. When our water operators were absent due to Covid-19 or exposure to it, the amount of water we could pump each day was not sufficient and we had to purchase water, which was very expensive, to provide an adequate supply our customers.

Further, the cost of chemicals to treat the water, as well as parts to make repairs to equipment at the water plant has about doubled due to issues created by the pandemic, thus the cost of treating water has increased tremendously.

2. How will ARP funding, if awarded, aid in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?

If funding is awarded for this project, the Milton Water Plant will be capable of producing enough treated water to adequately supply all of our customers. As well as impacting how efficiently the Milton Water Plant produces water, it also benefits our customers who can continue to rely on a steady supply of water, necessary for maintaining basic personal hygiene (like hand-washing) to help protect their health and safety.

3. Are you requesting lost revenue due to COVID-19

No

Supplementary Information

1. Please enter contact information (name, email, and phone) for at least one third-party reference.

Delegate Daniel Linville
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2. Please include any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support, newspaper articles, etc) which you feel will be essential to the County's review.

 Milton Letters of Suppor_001.pdf
Uploaded by Susan Elliott on Dec 2, 2021 at 12:52 pm

Attachments

No attachments

History

Date	Activity
Nov 30, 2021 at 11:49 am	Susan Elliott started a draft of Record ARPA-21-9
Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 pm	Susan Elliott submitted Record ARPA-21-9
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Timeline

Label	Status	Activated	Completed	Assignee	Due Date
 Request Letter of Acknowledgement	Issued	Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 pm	Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 pm	-	-
 Application Review	Active	Dec 3, 2021 at 1:41 pm	-	-	12/03/2021