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Bullock Announces Grant for Water System Improvements in Manhattan

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock and Montana Department of Commerce Director Meg O'Leary announced a grant of \$750,000 to be awarded through the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) to the Town of Manhattan for water system improvements.

"This grant will improve public health and safety in the Manhattan," said Bullock. "It not only helps address the current water system demands, but also creates construction jobs needed to build a new water storage tank."

The Town of Manhattan will use its TSEP grant, along with other state and federal grants and loans, to construct a new water storage tank and 9,500 lineal feet of transmission main to connect the tank to the existing distribution system. The project will address inadequate fire flows, low system pressure and lack of fire protection due to these conditions.

"The TSEP program creates a vital partnership between the State and local governments to deal with critical public health and safety needs," said Department of Commerce Director Meg O'Leary. "It makes public facilities projects affordable for our communities, creates jobs and generates local revenue."

The TSEP program is administered by the Community Development Division at the Montana Department of Commerce. The program is funded by interest earnings on the Coal Tax Severance Fund to help local governments, tribal governments, and local water and sewer districts complete needed public infrastructure improvements, while creating jobs and protecting the health and safety of Montana's residents.

More information on the TSEP program may be found by contacting the Community Development Division staff at (406) 841-2770 or DOCTSEP@mt.gov.

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