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Bullock Announces Grant for Major Wastewater Improvements in Whitehall

HELENA - Governor Steve Bullock announced a \$200,000 grant to be awarded to the Town of Whitehall to install a new transmission main, connecting the Sugar Beet Row wastewater system and the town's wastewater system.

"The grant not only prevents some folks in Whitehall from losing their homes, it creates jobs," said Governor Bullock. "And it ensures that all members of the community—including those that could otherwise not afford to make system improvements—have access to safe and clean wastewater."

The grant is part of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, issued through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is meant to promote and develop local communities and their ability to provide essential services.

"We are all grateful for this grant as it will be very helpful," said Mayor of Whitehall Janacaro Hensleigh. "The small, private sewer system that serves 15 homes on the southern border of Whitehall had failed. The families faced fines and potential loss of their homes. With this grant, these families will be able to affordably connect to municipal sewer system, remain in their homes and be added to the tax base of the town of Whitehall."

More information on the grant can be accessed through the Community Development Division at the Montana Department of Commerce at (406) 841-2770 or by emailing DOCCDBG@mt.gov.

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