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Governor Bullock Announces Grant for Water System Improvements in Craig

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 Craig County Water and Sewer District.

The Craig County Water and Sewer District will use the TSEP grant, along with other state and federal grants and loans to construct a mechanical wastewater treatment plant and conventional gravity sewer system. The project will address separation requirements for well and septic siting and reduce contamination of groundwater and shallow wells from nearby septic tanks.

"A strong infrastructure is an important part of building a strong economy. This grant will improve the infrastructure in Craig and ensure that all members of the community have access to clean, safe water." said Bullock.

"This grant will be a huge boost to the infrastructure of the Craig community. It will allow us to better serve our residents and businesses, and will also create good-paying jobs in the process," said Lewis & Clark County Commissioner Andy Hunthausen.

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 public infrastructure improvements, creating jobs and protecting the health and safety of Montana's residents.

For more information regarding the TSEP program, please contact Community Development Division staff at (406) 841-2770 or e-mail DOCTSEP@mt.gov.

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