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JOHNSON COUNTY ANNOUNCES WATER RESOURCE MATCH RECIPIENTS

(Johnson County, MO) The Johnson County Commission has announced the Water Resource Match (WRM) funding preapprovals under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A total of \$1,111,500 was preapproved for seven applications across Johnson County.

The Johnson County Commission announced earlier this month that a portion of the county American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money would be made available for local cost share purposes through the Johnson County Water Resource Match (WRM) application program.

Using state ARPA funding, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Financial Assistance Center is administering four separate ARPA grant programs to complete drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects as well as lead service line inventories. Local cost share is required in order to apply for State ARPA funding. Applicants receive priority during the scoring process based on the percent of local cost share contributed. The local Johnson County WRM program enhances an applicant’s competitiveness by assisting with a portion of the local cost share requirement. The maximum amount an entity could receive through the Johnson County WRM Program was not to exceed fifty percent of the local match applied and approved for with the Missouri DNR grant.

“My fellow commissioners and I feel strongly that assisting local entities by leveraging the county ARPA Funds as a portion of local cost share will further invest in our county’s future. If approved by Missouri DNR, these seven unique projects will greatly impact access to safe water resources for citizens and businesses in Johnson County,” said Presiding Commissioner Densil Allen.

The Missouri DNR application scoring is expected to conclude by October 12, 2022. Recipients will only be eligible for the WRM program if their application(s) to the Missouri DNR is approved, or if placed on the waiting list. All applicants will be required to enter into a written agreement with the County prior to disbursement of awarded funds. Pending the above items, the Johnson County Commission approved not-to-exceed funding awards for the below organizations, for a not to exceed total of \$1,111,500.

Applicant Name	Category	Not-to-exceed Award Amount
City of Centerview	Drinking Water	\$ 31,500.00
City of Holden	Drinking Water	\$ 150,000.00
City of Holden	Stormwater	\$ 105,000.00
City of Holden	Wastewater	\$ 150,000.00
City of Knob Noster	Wastewater	\$ 150,000.00
City of Leeton	Drinking Water	\$ 137,500.00
Public Water Supply District #3	Drinking Water	\$ 387,500.00

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