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Section 1. Funding Request

1. Name of Proposal *

Genesee County Water Security and Resiliency North Water Storage Tank

2. Submitting Organization *

Genesee County

3. Tax Identification Number *

16-6002560

4. Specific County Where Project is Located *

Genesee

5. Congressionally Directed Spending Request *

Dollar amount

4788000

6. Needs Statement *

To avoid running out of water, the County is embarking on phase 3 of its water security, improvement, and resiliency project. This phase will be able to provide an additional 7.6 million gallons per day to its supply. The request for the North Road Water Storage Tank is a critical component of Phase 3. This project involves the construction of a new 1-million-gallon water storage tank along North Road in the Town of LeRoy. The tank will help stabilize the suction pressures for the North Road Pump Station.

7. Existing Resources *

The County has an annual budget for maintenance, water user fees to pay for the water used, and other grant funds are being pursued for these improvements. However, the County is being a good steward to their taxpayers by trying to seek funding to get the much-needed improvements complete. The County has not taken on projects that they could not pay for to keep the tax burden low. During phase 1 of this project, the County used \$2.9 million of its own Tobacco Settlement Funds towards the project to defray having to increase any fees or taxes. The remainder of the project's phase 1 and all of phase 2 has been done by user surcharges and the profit that comes from the City's WTP.

Once this project is complete, it will be paid for with the water fees and rates for the water users and the County can return to the "water pays for water" strategy as these improvements and costs are a burden that is difficult for our water users to bear. The County will be increasing the water surcharge to every water customer in the County to help pay for phase 3 and the County has already earmarked PILOT payments from two large recent economic development projects in the County. This kind of strategy will be used to allocate additional County resources as needed, but the County needs the resources to get this work done now.

8. Total Cost of Project *

135000000

9. Priority Ranking of Proposal (If multiple proposals are being submitted) *

If only one proposal is being submitted, please select #1.

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10. Was This Request Submitted To Another Member of the New York Delegation? *

Yes

10.1 Which office(s)?

Sen. Charles Schumer, Rep. Chris Jacobs,

11. Is the Organization a Not-for-Profit Entity? *

PLEASE NOTE: For-Profits are not eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending

No

12. I certify that Senator Gillibrand, or any direct member of her family, has no pecuniary interest in this project. *

Please type your full legal name

Matt Landers

Section 2. Bill and Account Specific Information

Please make sure to select your Bill AND your Account. If you do not select which account you are requesting, your application will not be processed.

1. Is this proposal for funds available in the Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and Rural Development bill? *

No

1.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

2. Is this proposal for funds available in the Commerce, Justice, Science bill? *

No

2.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

3. Is this proposal for funds available in the Energy & Water Development bill? *

No

3.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

4. Is this proposal for funds available in the Financial Services and General Government bill? *

No

4.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

5. Is this proposal for funds available in the Homeland Security bill? *

No

5.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

6. Is this proposal for funds available in the Interior, Environment bill? *

Yes

6.1 Please identify which account

EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

7. Is this proposal for funds available in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education bill? *

No

7.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

8. Is this proposal for funds available in the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill? *

No

8.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

9. Is this proposal for funds available in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill? *

No

9.1 Please identify which account

No answer.

Section 3. Needs Statement

1. Description of Proposal for User of Federal Funds *

Countywide water improvements have been a longstanding top priority for the County. These strategic improvements will yield both operational and supply benefits by consolidating County water systems under one regional operator. In addition, it will allow for water supply from the Great Lakes via the Monroe County Water Authority rather than from the limited and threatened supply within the County. The current facility at the City of Batavia is over 100 years old and does not have the capacity to grow the water supply. The County needs to go with this planned solution that will provide quality water to all its users and be sufficient for expansion and economic development throughout the County. This is an immediate urgency to advance additional supply within this phase in order for Genesee County to avoid water restrictions, improve the state of the water, increase economic development and avoid needing to deny the formation of new water districts for future growth. In addition, the increasingly intense weather events threaten water quality, streambank stability, natural habitats, and the built environment within the County. Each component of this water strategy is important and will impact the residents and businesses positively as the County works to change where they are sourcing their water.

2. Description of Importance to New York *

This project will improve water quality for drinking water, increase the capacity to supply hydrants for emergency response, spur economic growth and job creation for New Yorkers and help to guard the County against water insecurity as a result of more frequent and more extreme weather events. Delaying these improvements puts the County's economy at risk and ultimately increases the cost of making these improvements. The County has already seen the results of industry passing it by due to water capacity issues and cannot afford to see prime economic investments look elsewhere. For example, water access has allowed dairy farms to boost production by almost 20%. Several farmers have contributed upfront to aid in the residential expansion of public water systems because of the benefit to their cows' production. In addition, the County is committed to ensuring that water supply issues do not burden current business and industry. At present, water conservation measures are being employed and this can result in slowed production and loss of revenue. We want Genesee County businesses to thrive.

3. Description of Benefit to Local Community *

This project will eliminate dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP; the partnership with the Monroe County Water Authority (WCWA) will provide an enhanced system reliability through financial, operational, and managerial assets and provide safe and reliable water to a known distressed community exposed to threatened water sources and lead service lines; this project will attract industry leaders to make significant financial investments into a growing and stable infrastructure within Genesee County; and this will allow for continued job creation and development of the local workforce in food processing and advanced manufacturing. The current average day county water demands are 6.9 MGD. On peak days this demand spikes to nearly 9.7 MGD, which exceeds the county's supply capacity of 8.9 MGD. Genesee County has a population estimated to be 57,853 in 2021. Within the County's population, over 10% of its residents live in poverty; almost 20% are 65 and older; 3,696 are veterans; and its median household income is \$60,635 according to the US Census Bureau. Genesee County has a concentration of manufacturing, agriculture, retail, and healthcare-related jobs and each of these industries relies on a reliable clean water source.

4. List Any Entities or Organizations Partnering in or Supporting the Project *

There are several organizations and County departments that are in support of this project. Please see the attachments for letters of support from the Genesee County Highway Department Director, County Legislature Chair, County Chamber of Commerce Director, Genesee County Economic Development Center President and CEO, Town of Batavia Supervisor, CEO of OATKA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc, CEO of Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc, and members of the New York State delegation.

5. Three Concise Points to Justify Use of Congressionally Directed Spending *

This project is worthy of a federal investment for the following reasons:

Genesee County's agri-business economy depends on clean water

The County is at risk of running out of water. In addition to conservation measures the County has a multi-phased water security and resiliency plan to address this shortfall.

Access to clean water is a public health and safety issue and the federal government has a role to play.

Section 4. Funding History

1. Has This Project Received Congressionally Directed Funding in the Past? *

No

1.1 Please identify when and what funding

No answer.

2. Was This Project Request Submitted to Senator Gillibrand in the Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Process? *

Yes

2.1 Was This Project Included in the Relevant Senate Appropriations Bill?

No

3. Is This a One-Time Request for Congressionally Directed Support? *

Yes

4. Is Additional Federal Funding Required, Beyond the Sources Identified in the Budget Submitted? *

Yes

4.1 When and how will the project become self-sustaining?

The County has an annual budget for maintenance, water user fees to pay for the water used, and other grant funds are being pursued for these improvements. However, the County is being a good steward to their taxpayers by trying to seek funding to get the much-needed improvements complete. The County has not taken on projects that they could not pay for to keep the tax burden low. During phase 1 of this project, the County used \$2.9 million of its own Tobacco Settlement Funds towards the project to defray having to increase any fees or taxes. The remainder of the project's phase 1 and all of phase 2 has been done by user surcharges and the profit that comes from the City's WTP.

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Section 5. Contact Information

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Legal grantee name

Genesee County

Primary Point of Contact

2. Name *

Matt Landers

3. Title *

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No answer.

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Batavia

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Head of Organization / Department / Agency

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Rochelle Stein

12. Title *

Chair of the Genesee County Legislature

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