

Montana Department of Commerce  
Treasure State Endowment Program  
DNRC Renewable Resource Bureau RRGL Program  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my full support for the City of East Helena's water system improvements. Our community urgently needs improvements to our water facilities. Issues related to our water's facilities need to be addressed to eliminate threats to our health and safety and to our area's environment.

Two of the City's storage tanks are old (1928 and 1948), deteriorating, and leaking. To provide reliable storage, the City is in need of a new consolidated storage tank to replace these older structures. Also, one of the City's production wells may be threatened by contamination of a nearby selenium plume caused by past ASARCO smelter activities. To prevent future possible contamination, maintain water supply, and increase redundancy, the City needs a new production well. Some distribution work is also needed to maintain pressure, adequate fire flow, and prevent water quality issues.

With our small population, the high cost of the project will require all available grant assistance to keep user rates affordable. On behalf of the City of East Helena, I strongly encourage your favorable consideration of this project when ranking the need for TSEP and DNRC grant funds. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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