Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Lydia Mihalik, Director

VILLAGE OF ROSEVILLE Receives \$187,500

in State Funding for **Critical Water Infrastructure Upgrades**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) –Village of Roseville is one of 76 projects receiving state grants to address critical water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Ohio communities. In total, 59 counties will receive \$122.7 million.

The funding is part of the sixth round of the Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infrastructure for Local Development Success) Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program. Funding will provide \$84.5 million in support of 43 new critical infrastructure projects and \$38.2 million in gap funding for 33 previously funded projects with costs that exceeded initial estimates.

Since 2021, the Ohio BUILDS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program has provided nearly \$620 million to support hundreds of local water projects in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

"The investments we've made through this program have been transformational in many Ohio communities," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "The projects we're funding are about more than new pipes - they're about protecting the health and wellbeing of Ohioans across the state."

The grants announced today will help reduce or eliminate the financial burden community leaders face in addressing critical infrastructure needs such as new water distribution systems, waterline extensions, water tower replacements, and new pipes and water mains. Grants will also fund projects to replace sanitary sewer systems, prevent sewer system backups, and extend sewer lines to support economic growth.

Today's award will support the Village of Roseville with water system upgrades by providing a 6" CR900 DR18 high pressure distribution line from Muskingum County Water and tie in on Ransbottom Rd. This would eliminate booster stations for Rose Hill Rd, Tad Dr and Twp Rd 71A and/or needs for back-up generators. This line would provide approximately 155 PSI to all three points and allow for future development if the need was to arise to support surrounding areas.

"Investments in our communities' infrastructure are key to expanding sites for new businesses and housing that the people who work at these businesses will need to live and thrive," said Lt. Jon Governor Husted. "This program is a key part of our efforts to ensure every community has the foundation in place to improve the quality of life to make Ohio a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly and awarded through three rounds in October, November, and December 2021, as well as rounds in June and July 2023. The sixth round of funding was made possible through continued support in the 2023 biennium budget bill, which included more than \$120 million to support water infrastructure projects. The Ohio Department of Development administers the program.

"Whenever I travel the state, I'm inevitably greeted by Ohioans who share the transformative impact water/wastewater projects have had on their communities," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. "But our work is far from over, and thanks to Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and our partners in the Ohio General Assembly, we have the opportunity to create sustainable solutions in even more parts of the state."

The program received 703 grant applications for this round, requesting more than \$1.4 billion in funding, demonstrating the continued need for water infrastructure improvements across the state.

Village Administrator Jeff Slack said "The Village of Roseville was awarded \$187,300 in July of 2023. Unfortunately, with costs increasing, that amount would no longer fund the project. We applied for additional funding and now with the news today we will be able to proceed."

In addition to water infrastructure upgrades, Ohio BUILDS strategically invests in a broad range of projects to improve quality of life and support economic growth, such as broadband expansion, brownfield redevelopment, the demolition of blighted buildings, and more.

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