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Section 1. PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. Project Title *

Genesee County Water Security and Resiliency North Water Storage Tank

2. Submitting Organization *

Genesee County

3. Specific Location in New York *

Genesee County 43.777 N 83.6774 W

4. County in New York *

Genesee

5. Project Description *

Please limit this section to one or two sentences on specifically what the requested funds will be used for. A project narrative may be provided at the end of this form.

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.

6. Congressionally Directed Spending Request *

Dollar Amount

4788000

7. What Is The Minimum Dollar Amount Needed To Begin or Sustain This Project? *

(In The Event The Committee Cannot Provide The Full Amount Requested.)

Dollar Amount

4788000

8. What Is The Total Cost Of The Project You Are Requesting Funds For? *

Dollar Amount

135000000

9. Which Appropriation Bill Does This Request Fall Under? *

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (Interior)

10. Which Account Does This Request Fall Under? *

Interior - EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

11. Does this project meet the necessary criteria for certain accounts as outlined in the list of eligible CDS accounts? *

Click Here: [FY22 - Eligible Accounts](#)

Yes

12. Please Explain In Two or Three Sentences Why Funding This Project Would Be In The Interest Of the Taxpayer. *

Please note that if your project is submitted to the committee for consideration, this text will be displayed on Senator Schumer's website as required by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Genesee County has been recognized as the northeast's number one micropolitan for 17 straight years. As home to North America's largest green hydrogen project (Plug Power's \$232M investment) and a leader in food processing and Agri-business which supports the nation, access to clean plentiful water is needed to sustain and grow the Agri-business economy. Without improvements to the existing water system the County is at risk of running out of water.

13. Description Of Project's 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.

14. Description Of Benefit To The 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.

15. Priority Ranking of Project Proposal *

If multiple proposals are being submitted, please rank the proposal below.

If only one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1.

1

16. If This Is A Construction Project, Has Work Begun? *

No

17. Has The Requesting Organization Received Non-Federal Funding For This Project *

If yes, provide source and amount below.

No

17.1 Source 1

No answer.

17.2 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

17.3 Source 2

No answer.

17.4 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

17.5 Source 3

No answer.

17.6 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

18.Has The Requesting Organization Applied For Or Does It Intend To Apply For Any Non-Federal Funding For This Project *

If yes, provide source and amount below.

Yes

18.1 Source 1

States sources

18.2 Amount

Dollar Amount

0

18.3 Source 2

Local sources

18.4 Amount

Dollar Amount

0

18.5 Source 3

TBD

18.6 Amount

Dollar Amount

0

19.Has the Requesting Organization Received Federal Funding For This Project *

If Yes, Provide Source and Amount Below

No

19.1 Source 1

No answer.

19.2 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

19.3 Source 2

No answer.

19.4 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

19.5 Source 3

No answer.

19.6 Amount

Dollar Amount

No answer.

20. Is This Project In The President's FY22 Budget? *

No

20.1 If Yes, Provide The Funding Level Included in the President's FY22 Budget

Dollar Amount

No answer.

21. Was This Project Proposal Submitted To Other Members of the New York Delegation? *

Yes

21.1 If Yes, Which Member Of The House Of Representatives Is (Are) Also Making This Request?

Select Senator and/or Representative name from the list below. Do NOT select "Check all."

Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (Senate), Jacobs, Chris (NY-27),

Section 2. FUNDING HISTORY

1. Has Your Organization Previously Received Federal Funding (Including For The Project Being Requested Here)? *

If Yes, Provide The Information Requested Below

Yes

1.1 Name of Project Listed in Bill

Genesee County Water Improvements Phase 1

1.2 Amount of Funding Received

Dollar Amount

0

1.3 Bill Funding Was Included In

Interior & Environment

1.4 Member Of Congress (Senator Or Representative) Who Secured Funding

Congressman Tom Reynolds (prior to 2010)

2. Did Your Organization Submit a Request to Senator Schumer in the Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Process? *

Yes

2.1 Was Your Project Selected For Funding In the Relevant Senate Appropriations Bill?

No

3. Has Your Organization Previously Received Federal Grant Funding (Including For the Project Being Requested Here)? *

No

3.1 Name of Grant Program

No answer.

3.2 Amount of Grant Funding Received

No answer.

4. Has the Requesting Organization Failed to Adequately Manage Or Execute A Prior Federal Funding Award (including For The Project Being Requested Here)? *

No

4.1 If Yes, Explain Below

No answer.

Section 3. CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Legal Name of Submitting Organization *

Genesee County

Address of Submitting Organization (No PO Boxes)

If you are a lobbyist or submitting on behalf of an organization, please provide the mailing address for the organization the request is being made on behalf of.

2. Address Line 1 *

7 Main Street

3. Address Line 2

No answer.

4. City *

Batavia

5. State *

NY

6. Zip Code *

14020

7. Website Address *

<https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/>

8. Is the requesting organization a for-profit entity? *

No

8.1 For-profit organizations are NOT eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending.

9. What Type Of Entity Is Your Organization? *

County government

10. Tax Identification Number *

166002560

Primary Point of Contact

Who on your staff is familiar with this project?

11. Name *

Matt Landers

12. Title *

County Manager

13. Phone *

585-815-7819

14. E-mail *

Matt.Landers@co.genesee.ny.us

Head of Organization/Department/Agency

Who may the Senator contact?

15. Name *

Tim Hens

16. Title *

Highway Superintendent

17. Phone *

585-344-8508

18. Email *

tim.hens@co.genesee.ny.us

Government Affairs Representative For The Organization/Department/Agency

(As Written)

19. Name

Julie Minerva

20. Title

Partner

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Section 4. PROJECT ABSTRACT

1. Please Use The Space Provided To Describe Your Project In Greater Detail *

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.

In this request the County is seeking funds for the North Road Water Storage Tank. 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.

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. Due to this, the county has enacted voluntary water restrictions to its residents for the last three summers. When completed, Phase 2 will boost the daily supply capacity to 11.3 MGD, but demand growth is on pace to again exceed this total by 2027 putting the county back on water restrictions and throttling economic development. To avoid this, and to replace the threatened City WTP, the county is moving ahead with a Phase 3 project that will bring 7.6 MGD more MCWA sourced water into Genesee County. With the replacement of the City WTP, the county will net an increase of 3.1 MGD. A further Phase 4 project is envisioned by 2032 bringing the total county water supply close to 23 MGD. These increases in water capacity will allow the county to no longer rely on the threatened water sources of the City WTP to supply 50% of the water to county customers. The increased water capacity achieved through Phase again allows the county to seek economic development opportunities that have been missed while the county was on water restrictions.

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.

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.

2. Please provide a detailed budget of the requested project. *

Phase 3 Distribution

Subproject Description & Capital Cost:

- Randall Road 36" Water Main (North Road PS to Prole Road) \$32,400,000
- Prole Road Water Main (NYS Rt 33 to NYS Rt 5) \$4,827,000
- Batavia Ag Park 1,070' HGL Water Storage Tank (2.0 MG) \$ ---
- Walker Road 1,070' HGL Water Storage Tank (0.8 MG to 1.5 MG by MCWA) Contribution \$ ---
- Misc. Control & Water Quality Improvements (meters, PRVs, telemetry, THM, CL2, flushers) \$1,000,000
- Galloway Road, Macomber Road, & Stafford Parallel Water Mains \$2,060,000
- Subtotal \$40,287,000

Pandemic Contingency (25%) \$10,071,750

Distribution Total \$50,358,750

Phase 3 Non Pandemic Project Total \$108,046,000

Phase 3 Project Total \$135,057,500

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.