

Project Name:

City of Libby Water Filtration Phase 1

Recipient:

City of Libby

Address:

952 Spruce St, Libby Montana 59923

Amount Required:

\$3,000,000

Project Description:

Libby, Montana, was once a thriving timber and mining town boasting more than 3,000 kids in the school system. Today, less than 1,000 kids are enrolled as families and employers moved out of the area with the decline of extraction industries. With the deterioration of the tax base came the deterioration of public infrastructure to include the public water system. This funding will provide the city of Libby with the funds to improve the safety, reliability, and quality of the community's drinking water supply by implementing a phased water treatment strategy. Phase 1 will focus on long term repair of the existing treatment basins, designed to remove particulate matter, turbidity, and other contaminants identified in the preliminary engineering report (PER). This phase establishes the foundation for future treatment enhancements while delivering immediate public health benefits in a town that is still reeling with the lingering effects of the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site and the entire town being put under a Public Health Emergency by the EPA.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Libby Water Filtration Phase 1

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Libby Water Filtration Phase 1 in Fiscal Year 2027

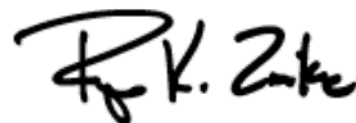
The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Libby located at 952 Spruce St, Libby Montana 59923

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress