

**Project Name:**

Lolo Wastewater Well Upgrades Phase II

**Recipient:**

Missoula County Public Works

**Address:**

6089 Training way, Missoula, MT 59808

**Amount Required:**

\$2,240,000

**Project Description:**

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

March 20, 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: Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Missoula County Public Works located at 6089 Training way, Missoula, MT 59808.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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