

**Project Name:**

Ravalli County Water Treatment Plant Phase II

**Recipient:**

Ravalli County

**Address:**

215 South 4th Street Suite A, Hamilton, MT

**Amount Required:**

\$11,587,000

**Project Description:**

Ravalli County is one of the most rapidly developing counties in Montana, and one of the greatest in need of affordable housing for working families. One of the most significant barriers to addressing the housing shortage is a lack of capacity for water and sewage treatment. After the neighboring county terminated their agreement to treat Ravalli County's sewage, septic seepage in Ravalli County has reached a dangerous level which risks water quality and environmental integrity. To address these issues and allow for further development, the county must build a water treatment plant.

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

March 27, 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: Ravalli County Water Treatment Plant Phase II**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ravalli County Septage Treatment Facility Phase II in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ravalli County located at 215 South 4th Street Suite A, Hamilton, MT.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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