

Project Name:

Seeley Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase II

Recipient:

Seeley Lake Missoula County Sewer District

Address:

P.O. Box 403, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Amount Required:

\$18,616,710

Project Description:

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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: Seeley Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase II

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seeley Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase II in Fiscal Year 2027

The entity to receive funding for this project is Seeley Lake Missoula County Sewer District located at P.O. Box 403, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

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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)(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