

**Project Name:**

Granite County Clean Water Infrastructure Project Phase 1

**Recipient:**

Granite County, Montana

**Address:**

P.O. Box 339, 104 South Sansome St. Philipsburg, MT 59858

**Amount Required:**

\$5,000,000

**Project Description:**

Provide a funding level of \$5,000,000 for the town of Philipsburg, Montana, located at 104 South Sansome St. Philipsburg, MT 59858, to construct a new water transmission line. The town of Philipsburg derives over 82% of its municipal water supply from the Fred Burr Reservoir, a high mountain lake located approximately 7 miles from the town. The dependability of the Fred Burr supply hinges on the reliability of the 7-mile-long transmission main that connects the lake to the town. The transmission line recently experienced a catastrophic failure. The pipeline traverses through rugged, forested, mountainous terrain at high elevations. Replacement of this transmission line is critical for the community to ensure clean and plentiful drinking water.

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

May 2, 2025

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: Philipsburg – Phase 1 Upgrading Main Water Transmission Line**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The funding would be used to construct a new water transmission line. Philipsburg derives over 82% of its municipal water supply from the Fred Burr Reservoir, a high mountain lake located approximately 7 miles from the town. The dependability of the Fred Burr supply hinges on the reliability of the 7-mile-long transmission main that connects the lake to the town. The transmission line recently experienced a catastrophic failure. The pipeline traverses through rugged, forested, mountainous terrain at high elevations. Replacement of this transmission line is critical for the community to ensure clean and plentiful drinking water for years to come.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes outlined in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. [Drinking Water Projects].

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