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## **\$35.4 Million Provided for Arkansas Water and Wastewater Projects**

LITTLE ROCK, AR – On June 1, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Arkansas Natural Resources Commission approved \$35,410,210 for nine water and wastewater projects and four technical assistance programs serving more than 211,372 Arkansans. The projects are as follows:

- **The Benton County Water Authority (WA) #4**, Benton County, received a \$4,530,260 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to replace a water main. The current customer base for this project is 250.
- **Central Arkansas Water (CAW)**, Pulaski County, received a \$4,000,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for upgrades to the Jack H. Wilson Water Treatment Plant. The customer base for this project is 156,000.
- **The City of Melbourne**, Izard County, received a \$139,050 loan from the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fund for water meter installation. The water customer base for this project is 1,769.
- **The City of Mountainburg**, Crawford County, received a \$50,000 grant from the Water Development Fund for a Cultural Resources Survey for the proposed North Central Crawford County Water System. The customer base is 767 with 342 potential new customers with the proposed water system expansion.
- **The Rock-Moore Public Water Authority (PWA)**, Independence County, received a \$4,262,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for a new water tank and water system improvements. The current customer base for this project is 1,390.
- **East End Improvement District No. 1**, Saline County, received a \$500,000 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund in additional funding for construction of a water storage tank and rehabilitation of existing water storage tanks. The customer base for this project is 2,297.
- **The McLean Bottoms Levee and Drainage District # 3**, Logan County, received a \$360,500 loan from the Water Development Fund in additional funding for levee repairs. The McLean Bottoms Levee protects 60 residences.
- **The Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority (NACA)**, Benton County, received a \$20,000,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund in additional funding for wastewater treatment plant improvements. The customer base for this project totals 8,543 in Bentonville, Tontitown, Elm Springs, and Bethel Heights.

- **The Searcy Board of Public Utilities**, White County, received a \$950,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund in additional funding for wastewater system rehabilitation. The customer base for project at 7,892.

The Natural Resources Commission also approved funding for the following technical assistance programs:

- **The Arkansas Environmental Training Academy (AETA)** received a \$150,000 grant from the Water Development Fund to provide training for members of Retail Water Provider boards pursuant to Act 605 of 2021.
- **The Arkansas Rural Water Association (ARWA)** received a \$125,000 grant from the Water Development Fund. This grant is for the Association's continued funding assistance for a Circuit Rider to provide onsite assistance to water systems with operation, maintenance, management, and financial problems.
- **The Arkansas Rural Water Association (ARWA)** received \$65,000 from the Water Development Fund to provide continued training and technical assistance to water and wastewater systems throughout the state.
- **H2Ozarks** received a \$278,400 grant from the Water Development Fund to administer the Septic Tank Remediation Pilot Program within the Buffalo River Watershed in Newton, Searcy, Marion, Baxter, Boone, Madison, Pope, Stone, and Van Buren Counties.

More information about the Natural Resource Division's water and wastewater programs can be found at [anrc.arkansas.gov/divisions/water-resources-development/](http://anrc.arkansas.gov/divisions/water-resources-development/) or by contacting Debby Dickson at [debra.dickson@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:debra.dickson@agriculture.arkansas.gov) or 501-682-0548. Learn more about the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/).