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## Over \$217 Million Provided for Arkansas Water and Wastewater Projects

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – On September 20, 2023, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Commission approved \$217,767,302 in financial assistance for 16 water and wastewater projects serving more than 622,472 Arkansans. The projects are as follows:

- City of Altheimer, Jefferson County, received a \$1,606,172 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to install a new waterline from a new elevated tank. The current customer base for this project is 696.
- City of Arkadelphia, Clark County, received a \$4,250,000 loan from the Drinking Water State
  Revolving Loan Fund to complete all work required to bring the city into compliance with federal
  requirements. The current customer base for this project is 10,380.
- City of Ashdown, Little River County, received a \$12,510,650 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for water distribution improvements. The current customer base for this project is 4,261.
- Central Arkansas Water, Pulaski County, received a \$150,000,000 loan from the Drinking Water
   State Revolving Loan Fund for the Wilson Water Treatment Plant Renewal and Resiliency
   Project. The current customer base for this project is 500,000.
- Dorcheat Public Water Authority, Columbia County, received a \$548,825 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to replace existing water meters. The current customer base for this project is 11,562.
- City of Dumas, Desha County, received a \$154,884 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to install a waterline connecting Dumas and Pickens. The current customer base for this project is 5,238.
- City of Greenland, Washington County, received a \$3,204,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for a wastewater system rehabilitation project. The current customer base for this project is 1,259.
- City of Mountain Home, Baxter County, received a \$7,000,000 loan from the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bond Fund to replace and upgrade existing wastewater treatment plant equipment. The current customer base for this project is 12,825.

- North White County Rural Water, White County, received a \$2,721,045 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to install new water mains along Rocky Point Road. The current customer base is 5,973.
- City of Paragould, Greene County, received a \$9,482,814 loan from the Drinking Water State
  Revolving Loan Fund and a \$5,509,500 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for
  two projects to improve their water and wastewater treatment plants. The current customer
  base for these projects is 31,043.
- Runyan Acres Sewer Improvement District 211, Pulaski County, received a \$8,155,412 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund to improve their wastewater treatment plant. The current customer base for this project is 1,549.
- City of Texarkana, Miller County, received three loans totaling \$8,324,000 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for three separate projects. The city received a \$3,551,000 loan to replace failing mainline pipe, a \$1,533,000 loan to replace water mains along East Street, and a \$3,240,000 loan to construct and install an elevated storage tank. The current customer base for these projects is 29,387.
- City of Wynne, Cross County, received a \$4,300,000 loan from the Drinking Water State
  Revolving Loan Fund to complete all work required to bring the city into compliance with federal
  requirements. The current customer base for this project is 8,299.

More information about the Natural Resources Division's water and wastewater programs can be found at <u>agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/water-and-wastewater-funding/</u> or by contacting Debby Dickson at <u>debra.dickson@agriculture.arkansas.gov</u> or 501-682-0548.

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