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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for Newport Critical Wastewater Improvements, Newport, Oregon in the amount of \$3,000,000 within the Committee's Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Newport, located at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. The project will be located at 429 NW Nye Street, Newport, Oregon, 97365.

The City of Newport requests \$3,000,000 to update its outdated and malfunctioning wastewater system. In 2023, the City of Newport updated its Wastewater Treatment Master Plan and identified several critical needs to improve its system. The \$7,890,000 total project cost will fund influent pump station pipe replacement, de-chlorination, centrifuge replacement, and replacing and upgrading the outdated and malfunctioning system at the Northside Pump Station. At the Northside Pump Station, the City will replace mechanical screens, replace the grit system, add an automatic conveyer, and modify the existing electrical and HVAC systems to accommodate the wastewater upgrades. This work is urgent and essential to meet compliance requirements and current demands on the system. The existing infrastructure is antiquated and consistently fails, which requires operators to manually collect and physically transport the treated waste using a wheelbarrow. This unnecessarily puts plant operators at risk of bodily injury.

In addition to \$3 million from federal funds, the City intends to use \$3.825 million in state funds and \$1.04 million in local wastewater fees. Without this financial assistance from the federal government, the City would not be able to complete these critical upgrades.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports essential infrastructure that is necessary for a reliable, safe wastewater system that promotes the health and safety of Newport residents and complies with state and federal regulations. Newport is also an economic and tourism hub on the rural Oregon Coast, and ensuring Newport has sufficient infrastructure will indirectly benefit communities throughout the Coast.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Val T. Hoyle
Member of Congress