

# Community Project Funding Requests for submission to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024.

- 1. Project Name:** STAG, City of Island Park  
**Recipient Address:** 3753 US-20, Island Park, Idaho 83429  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Island Park, Idaho  
**Requested Amount:** \$6,560,000  
**Grant Type:** Drinking Water SRF  
**Description:** This funding would be used to construct a new single municipal water system in Island Park, Idaho, to replace numerous disparate small systems. Funding would cover a new well, water storage tank, and booster pump station; 8,500 linear feet of water main; nearly 200 service lines with meters; and a SCADA system for monitoring and control of the water system. Island Park, a gateway community to Yellowstone National Park, currently has over 50 separate public water systems, many of which have experienced multiple instances of bacterial contamination over the past several decades due to the geology and environment. Replacing these many small, inadequate systems with one municipal system with access to deeper aquifers, guarantee a year-round water supply, and reduce the risk of further contamination caused by the number of individual holes drilled into the aquifer.

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- 2. Project Name:** STAG, City of Preston  
**Recipient Address:** 70 West Oneida, Preston, Idaho 83263  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Preston, Idaho  
**Requested Amount:** \$5,128,000  
**Grant Type:** Drinking Water SRF  
**Description:** This funding would be used to build a new water storage tank in Preston, Idaho. Preston's water is currently delivered to the city from a mountain spring through a 14-mile pipeline. The community has experienced two water line breaks in the past year, resulting in an inadequate water supply for residential use and emergency services, including fire protection. Preston is a small but quickly growing community. Its water storage capacity is currently 13% under capacity and projected to be 24% under by 2041. This project would ensure that the community has the reliable and sufficient water they need now and into the future.

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- 3. Project Name:** STAG, City of Rexburg  
**Recipient Address:** 35 N 1<sup>st</sup> E, Rexburg, ID 83440  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Rexburg, Idaho  
**Requested Amount:** \$9,184,480  
**Grant Type:** Clean Water SRF

**Description:** This funding would be used to upgrade the Headworks facility at the City of Rexburg Wastewater Treatment Plant and replace the regional sewer interceptor, lift station, and pressure sewer line that convey wastewater from northeast Rexburg and the towns of Sugar City and Teton to the treatment plant. The sewer lines and lift stations are shared by all three communities and are approaching capacity, have serious corrosion issues, and are in need of replacement. The current Headworks is not large enough to reliably treat current and future flows. This project would ensure that the system can both meet current needs and be prepared for projected growth in this area.

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4. **Project Name:** STAG, City of Pocatello

**Recipient Address:** 911 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201

**Project Sponsor:** City of Pocatello, Idaho

**Requested Amount:** \$3,300,000

**Grant Type:** Clean Water SRF

**Description:** This funding would be used to install approximately one mile of gravity sewer main within the City of Pocatello, which would provide the backbone needed to extend service to the City's sewer system to the Johnny Creek area of Pocatello. This area is made up of about 850 residences, about 220 of which are not connected to the municipal sewer system. A significant number of these homes have failed or failing septic systems, and more failures are expected until this part of the community can be connected to a new, modern municipal sewer system. This funding will complete phase one of the larger project.

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5. **Project Name:** Rock Creek Conservation Project

**Recipient Address:** 203 Main Avenue E Twin Falls, ID 83301

**Project Sponsor:** City of Twin Falls, Idaho

**Requested Amount:** \$4,000,000

**Grant Type:** NRCS

**Description:** The funding would be used to enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and provide flood control benefits in the lower Rock Creek watershed in Twin Falls County, Idaho. This project will help alleviate flooding while also providing sediment removal and total phosphorous reduction from agricultural runoff. If awarded, this funding will assist the City of Twin Falls continue its mission to support efforts in environmental stewardship by completing projects such as removal of invasive vegetation, water quality improvements through stream alteration and sedimentation cells and help improve historic pollution issues.

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6. **Project Name:** Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment

**Recipient Address:** 875 Perimeter Dr. MS 3010 Moscow, ID 83844

**Project Sponsor:** University of Idaho, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

**Requested Amount:** \$6,000,000

**Grant Type:** USDA ARS Building and Facilities account

**Description:** The University of Idaho (UI) is requesting \$6 million from USDA's ARS Buildings and Facilities account to build a flexible manure handling system at the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) site in Rupert, ID for testing and evaluating manure treatment and nutrient separation technologies. CAFE consists of 640 acres in Rupert, ID with a 2000-cow dairy that broke ground in 2022 and expected to be operational in 2024. CAFE is led by UI with USDA ARS Kimberly scientists heavily involved in the design of the dairy to address the sustainability of agriculture. The additional funding requested for FY 2024 will allow equipment to be used in different combinations and changed to accommodate new technologies.

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**7. Project Name:** Firth Fire Station

**Recipient Address:** 240 Lincoln Street, Firth, Idaho 83236

**Project Sponsor:** The Shelley/Firth Fire District

**Requested Amount:** \$5,868,750

**Grant Type:** USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program

**Description:** The funding would be used to construct a new fire station for the Shelly/Firth Fire District. The Firth fire station and most equipment burned in a fire caused by an electrical malfunction. The volunteer firemen now operate from a rented space in a vacant potato warehouse using donated, surplus, and salvaged equipment. This severely impacts the ability to provide for the health and safety services needed for residents.

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**8. Project Name:** Butte County Buildings Infrastructure Project

**Recipient Address:** 205 W. Grande Ave PO Box 737 Arco, ID 83213

**Project Sponsor:** Butte County, Idaho

**Requested Amount:** \$1,851,501

**Grant Type:** USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program

**Description:** The Butte County Buildings Infrastructure Project will use funding to replace roofing infrastructure at the Sheriff's Office, Butte County Business Center, and the Health Department; in addition to replacing crumbling sidewalks and parking lots. The current roofs are lacking structural integrity which is key to the safety of the public using the facilities. Public elections are held in the Business Center and the leaking has deteriorated the sheetrock and window support in rooms that are designated polling places. Crumbling sidewalks and parking lots increase the public risk of safely entering buildings

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**9. Project Name:** Mackay Dam Rehabilitation Project

**Recipient Address:** 4040 Guard St. Building 600, Boise ID 83705

**Project Sponsor:** Idaho Office of Emergency Management

**Requested Amount:** \$7,082,856

**Grant Type:** Pre-Disaster Mitigation

**Description:** This funding would be used to rehabilitate the nearly 100-year-old Mackay Dam by improving the tower, removing and replacing the spillway, relining the outlet tunnel, and moving control works downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping. A recent risk assessment found the dam to be in critical condition and the likelihood of dam failure during a flooding event extremely high, threatening towns throughout Custer and Butte Counties, as well as the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) facility. The Mackay dam not only protects downriver communities, but it also provides water to a largely agricultural economy. A possible dam failure and subsequent flooding would devastate the area and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs and rehabilitation costs, as well as lost income from agriculture and tourism. This project has broad local support.

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