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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

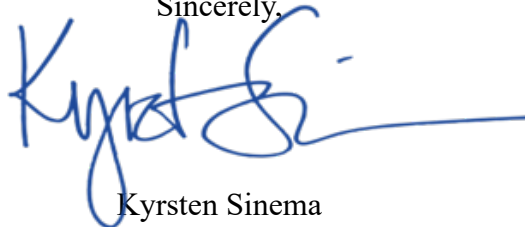
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2025 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your important work and leadership on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. None of the entities for which I have requested congressional directed spending are for-profit entities. If you have questions about any of these requests, please contact Austin Kennedy in my office ([Austin\\_Kennedy@sinema.senate.gov](mailto:Austin_Kennedy@sinema.senate.gov)). I appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senator

**Sinema, Kyrsten(D-AZ) Interior and Environment  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
City of Bisbee	The City of Bisbee is requesting funds for planning and design work to rehabilitate, upgrade and bring to code their wastewater treatment plant. The planning includes: NEPA environmental review, preliminary engineering report with feasibility Study and budget, designs 100% and permitting per ADEQ to	Bisbee AZ	\$439
City of Bullhead City	This project will allow for additional water to be available for the northern part of the city. This area is lacking redundancy which could be critical in the case of a fire or other unknown emergency.	Bullhead City AZ	\$2,000
City of Chandler	To address the concern of reduced water supply, the City's project proposes the addition of new water wells to be drilled to make up for the loss of Colorado River supply.	Chandler AZ	\$3,057
Town of Chino Valley	Funds will be used for designing a new groundwater well, storage tank, booster station, and transmission mains to deliver a new source of water into the water system.	Chino Valley AZ	\$1,600
Page Utility Enterprises	Funds will be used for construction of the water treatment plant expansion. Upgrades will increase capacity from 3.3 mgd to 6.6 mgd, providing the capability for water to be supplied to the City of Page and Navajo Tribal Village of LeChee during peak demands.	City of Page AZ	\$3,000
Town of Clarkdale	This project will provide direct reuse of reclaimed wastewater by routing it via "purple pipe" from our wastewater treatment facility directly to Clarkdale's Selna-Mongini Park.	Clarkdale AZ	\$422
Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District	The Hohokam Main Canal Syphon replacement project will replace an aging syphon that is part of the Bureau of Reclamation owned Hohokam main canal, which conveys water under the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD) Florence Canal for delivery to farms within portions of HIDD's service.	Coolidge AZ	\$2,411
City of Douglas	The Douglas POE West Side Wastewater Lift Station project aims to construct a lift station on James Ranch Road to enable wastewater services for the new commercial land port of entry.	Douglas AZ	\$3,321
Town of Eagar	The Town of Eagar Infrastructure Expansion project will allow the Town to bring water and a sewage treatment plant to the industrial zoned area that is currently sparsely utilized due to lack of utilities.	Eagar AZ	\$5,000
Town of Eagar	The purpose of this project is to completely rehabilitate a gravity fed water system that supplies the Town of Eagar water system with fresh spring water.	Eagar AZ	\$1,500
City of El Mirage	The purpose of this project is to replace all water meter infrastructure in the City of El Mirage. This includes the replacement of 12,000 meters for City residents with smart technology meters to assist the City in water conservation and reporting efforts.	El Mirage AZ	\$1,500
City of Flagstaff	The proposed project will design and partially construct a cutting-edge biochar facility at the Wildcat Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant in Flagstaff that can serve as a model for sustainable wastewater management.	Flagstaff AZ	\$4,000
Tri City Regional Sanitary District of Gila County, Arizona	This project is a critical infrastructure, sanitary sewer and economic development project that will construct a sanitary sewer system for residents of the District.	Gila County AZ	\$3,535
City of Globe	"The challenge the City of Globe faces is repairing and replacing the currently aged and failing water infrastructure. These century-old water lines must be replaced and upgraded to current standards to reduce water loss due to leakage and prevent service interruptions."	Globe AZ	\$1,800

Town of Huachuca City	This project entails replacing outdated analog water meters with smart water meters, along with a metering system, to improve the accuracy and accessibility of water usage data and provide better, more timely leak detection.	Huachuca City AZ	\$448
City of Kingman	The proposed project is to purchase and install automated meters and transmitters. The project will replace will replace 5,048 manual read meters with automated meters. This will allow the City of Kingman Utility Department the ability to retrieve real time data with being able to detect early leaks	Kingman AZ	\$2,500
Lake Havasu City	This project consists of converting the irrigation water source at three publicly owned parks from potable water to recycled water. Delivering recycled water to these facilities will ease effluent discharge limitation on the Water Treatment Plant.	Lake Havasu City AZ	\$2,781
Lake Havasu City	This project consists of designing and drilling a new well and developing this well with pumps, valves, piping, and controls to inject Class A + reclaimed water into the underground Vadose zone for recharge of the aquifer.	Lake Havasu City AZ	\$1,500
Lake Havasu City	The Water Main Improvement Project consists of upgrading existing 4" water mains to 8" water mains and replacement of existing fire hydrants and water valves. The City will focus on replacing aging water mains that are currently experiencing failures.	Lake Havasu City AZ	\$2,500
Archaeology Southwest	Taawaki, the Hopi Sun Clan House in Oraibi Village, plays an essential role in the Hopi calendar and ceremonial cycle. It has fallen into serious decline and could soon collapse without the rehabilitation effort proposed with CDS funding.	Oraibi AZ	\$750
Town of Parker	The purpose of this project is to renew and expand wastewater treatment capacity for the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and the Town of Parker in La Paz County, Arizona, mitigating sanitation issues and preventing the discharge of untreated wastewater into the Colorado River.	Parker AZ	\$4,000
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Town of Patagonia	To replace 1965 water service lines that are at end of life.	Patagonia AZ	\$900
City of Peoria	To maximize the City of Peoria's use of reclaimed water. This pipe finishes the connection between two Water Recovery Facilities in different topographical regions of the city to allow the bi-directional flow of reclaimed water.	Peoria AZ	\$3,000
San Carlos Apache Tribe	With funding, the Tribe will be able to complete the project which encompasses a 75-acre total retention lagoon and includes a sewer force main extension, two 18.6-acre primary ponds, yard piping with sanitary manholes, and site fencing.	Peridot AZ	\$4,000
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City of Safford	Due to the high elevation of the Safford Regional Airport, fire protection and service are provided by pump only. The city has designs for a 200,000 gallon storage tank and fire pump to assist with adequate fire protection to support growth and meet fire protection standards.	Safford AZ	\$2,250
Town of Sahuarita	Construction of a new inclusive playground structure and supporting features, to include shade structures, picnic tables, lighting, fencing, etc., at the Town-owned La Villita Community Center.	Sahuarita AZ	\$2,000
Town of Sahuarita	Improvements to construct an environmentally friendly perimeter wall around the recharge basins to safely separate the public from any hazards entering the basins.	Sahuarita AZ	\$2,250

City of Show Low	The Savage Sewer Main Line serves as one of Show Low's larger sewer transmission lines. The project will replace the main to meet current capacity needs.	Show Low AZ	\$1,919
Town of Superior	A CDS request of \$5,900,000 (through USDA's Community Wildfire Defense Grant) would be used to install fire hydrants to protect key assets at risk for wildland-urban interface fire.	Superior AZ	\$5,900
The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy	The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy is seeking support for essential conservation repairs and maintenance to preserve the historic O'Connor House, the adobe home of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.	Tempe AZ	\$100
City of Tolleson	This centralized water treatment plant will treat water from multiple well sites and distribute it to the community.	Tolleson AZ	\$4,000
City of Willcox	Willcox needs to construct a pipeline loop approximately 22 miles long significantly extending the potable water service area to users currently using private groundwater wells. Funding would provide the Engineering Plans and Specifications needed for a shovel-ready project qualifying Willcox for fu	Willcox AZ	\$1,000
City of Winslow	The purpose of this project is to address deficiencies in the existing sewer system along Apache Ave to improve the service to existing and future customers.	Winslow AZ	\$3,520
Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	This project will restore the exterior of the 103-year-old historic Yuma city hall building, including restoration of the exterior facade and replacement of the windows and front entry door to improve energy efficiency and to return this local landmark back to its original historic look.	Yuma AZ	\$398