

Congressman Jack Bergman (MI-01)

FY 2025 Community Project Funding Requests

DUE DATE: Please email the completed form and demonstrated community support to the appropriate staff member (names and emails next to subcommittee information below) by NOON on Wednesday May 1, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The following instructions and questions are based on requirements established by the House Committee on Appropriations.

- **Enclosed is the FY25 Community Project Funding request form for the office of Congressman Jack Bergman. Please email the completed form to the appropriate Rep. Bergman staff member.**
 - The relevant sections of the form must be filled out completely and in Microsoft Word format. Incomplete forms will not be considered. PDFs will not be considered.
 - Do not change the format, rearrange question order, or make any alterations to the form. Doing so will render the form invalid.
 - Only one request can be submitted per form. Please submit a separate form for each request.
 - Please do not attach or include any other materials within this Microsoft Word document.
- **In the same email as your completed form, you must also submit attached examples of demonstrated community support compiled in a single PDF.**
 - **The House Committee on Appropriations will only consider projects submitted by Members of Congress which have demonstrated community support.**
 - Examples of these include, but are not limited to:
 - Letters of support from elected community leaders (e.g. mayors or other officials);
 - Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project Funding;
 - Support from newspaper editorial boards;
 - Projects listed on State intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents; or
 - Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.
 - Combine multiple letters and submit one (1) file only. 20 MB limit. Allowed types: pdf jpg jpeg.

- Additional information regarding funding eligibility and guidance on application details can be found in additional email attachments and you are responsible for reading individual subcommittee guidance (hyperlinked below) to ascertain whether more information is required for the account to which you are applying. **It is your responsibility to add additional questions applicable to the account to which you're applying.**
- Please note that any information provided in the form will be disclosed publicly on Rep. Bergman's website, per House Committee on Appropriations rules. All Members of Congress must certify publicly that they, their spouse, and their immediate family have no financial interest in the projects they request. Members should also be fully aware of any other financial aspects or relationships associated with the proposed project that might raise ethical concerns. These include but are not limited to lobbyists, donors, or other affiliated parties that have an interest in the project.
- Please note that completion of this form does not guarantee Rep. Bergman will submit it to the House Committee on Appropriations. Furthermore, each Member of Congress is only allowed a maximum of 15 submissions.
- Please note, there is a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit grantees and certain accounts have a ban on not-for-profit funding as well. Please review the hyperlinks to the subcommittee and account to which you're applying.
- **Subcommittees and Eligible Agency/Account:** These are the only accounts eligible for Community Project Funding. You must read the specific requirements for the subcommittee which oversees the account you are applying to. That information is linked directly next to each subcommittee and labeled "more information" except for programs in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee which will have a "more information" link next to each account.
 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies [More information](#)
 - Staff Member: Alec Zender alec.zender@mail.house.gov
 - *Department of Agriculture—Farm Production and Conservation Programs*
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (Conservation Operations)
 - *Department of Agriculture—Research, Education, and Economics*
 - Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities)
 - *Department of Agriculture—Rural Development*
 - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities)
 - Rural Utilities Service (ReConnect Program)
 - Rural Utilities Service (Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants)
 - Rural Utilities Service (Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants)
 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies [More Information](#)
 - Staff Member: Ben Monticello ben.monticello@mail.house.gov
 - *Department of Commerce*
 - NIST—Scientific and Technical Research
 - NOAA—Coastal Zone Management

- *Department of Justice*
 - COPS Technology and Equipment
 - Byrne Justice
 - *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*
- Safety, Security, and Mission Services
- **Energy and Water Development** [More Information](#)
- **Staff Member: Alec Zender** alec.zender@mail.house.gov
 - *Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works)*
 - Investigations
 - Construction
 - Mississippi River and Tributaries
 - Operation and Maintenance
 - *Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation*
 - Water and Related Resources
- **Homeland Security** [More Information](#)
- **Staff Member: Alec Zender** alec.zender@mail.house.gov
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency*
 - Federal Assistance—Emergency Ops. Centers
 - Federal Assistance—Pre-Disaster Mitigation
- **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies** [More Information](#)
 - *Environmental Protection Agency*
 - STAG—Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies** [More Information](#)
- **Staff Member: Alec Zender** alec.zender@mail.house.gov
 - *Army*
 - *Army National Guard*
 - *Army Reserve*
 - *Navy & Marine Corps*
 - *Navy Reserve*
 - *Air Force and Space Force*
 - *Air National Guard*
 - *Air Force Reserve*
 - *DoD, Defense-Wide*
- **Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**
- **Staff Member: Colin Gwillim** colin.gwillim1@mail.house.gov
 - *Department of Housing and Urban Development*
 - CDBG – Economic Development Initiatives **(Not-for-profit's are not eligible)** [More Information](#)
 - *Department of Transportation*
 - Airport Improvement Program [More Information](#)
 - Highway Infrastructure Projects [More Information](#)
 - Transit Infrastructure Projects [More Information](#)
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements [More Information](#)
 - Port Infrastructure Development Program [More Information](#)

Please Answer the Following Questions:

- If a question does not apply, please enter N/A.

REQUEST

- 1. Project Title : Village of Beulah Wastewater Treatment Facility and Wastewater System Improvements**
- 2. Project Description (2,000 CHARACTER limit -- **not word limit**) :** The Village of Beulah wastewater treatment facility and wastewater system improvements include the following aspects: influent metering, headworks building, mechanical plant, upgrade power, lagoon closure procedures, spray irrigation field improvements and sanitary sewer system improvements. An influent metering manhole will be placed in prior to a new headworks building to accurately report the influent flow to the plant. The treatment system will begin with a headworks to remove inorganics prior to being conveyed into the proposed equalization tanks. The equalized wastewater will then be pumped into parallel, pre-anoxic reactors to begin the biological nutrient removal process. The pre-treated wastewater will then be moved into four, parallel/series, aerobic integrated fixed-film activated sludge reactors where the organic treatment and nitrification will occur (a.k.a. – moving bed bioreactor or MBBR). Parallel recycle chambers will follow the MBBR where nitrate is conveyed back to the equalization chambers for denitrification. Additional denitrification will occur in two additional post-anoxic chambers with a final nitrogen polishing in two additional re-aeration chambers. Final solids/biomass settling will occur in the two parallel clarifier tanks with a portion of the activated sludge being recycled back to the front of the plant and another portion of sludge being wasted to be “cooked” for an additional period of time in an aerobic digester. Coagulant feed will occur prior to the clarifiers for phosphorus removal. Effluent will be discharged to two existing lagoons (3A and 5) for final discharge via spray irrigation using center spray pivots. The Village is required to close the four unused Lagoons which requires sludge removal and cleaning of the Lagoons. Lagoon 3A and 5 will be used to store effluent during the winter and repairs will need to be made to Lagoon 3A for continued use. During March of 2023, the Village completed sanitary sewer inspections and determined areas of the system that need to be replaced or lined. Finally, the irrigation field improvements will include removing the existing spray irrigation, grading, and installing center pivot irrigation zones.
- 3. Estimated Start Date (month/day/year) : January 19, 2023**
- 4. Estimated End Date (month/day/year) : October 1, 2027**

REQUEST INFORMATION

- 5. Amount Requested for FY25 : \$8,100,000**
- 6. Total Project Cost : \$10,125,000**
- 7. FY 25 President's Budget Request Amount (If not included in the budget request, write 0) : 0**
- 8. FY 24 Enacted Amount (if not enacted, write 0) : 0**
- 9. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? (YES/NO) : YES**
- 10. Request Submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year? (YES/NO) : NO**
- 11. Did you submit this request to one or both of your Senators? NO**

PROJECT/RECIPIENT INFORMATION

- 12. Is the funding requested by a governmental or non-profit organization? (choose: government/ nonprofit/ other) : Government**
- 13. Recipient Point of Contact (This cannot be a lobbyist; this must be an individual employed by the grantee who will serve as a point of contact for the funding agency) :
Jeri VanDePerre**
- 14. Recipient Phone Number : 231-882-4451**
- 15. Recipient Email Address : president@villageofbeulah.net**
- 16. In which congressional district(s) is the recipient located? : MI-1**
- 17. Recipient Legal Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip : Village of Beulah, 7228
Commercial St., P.O. Box 326, Beulah, MI 49617**
- 18. Project Legal Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip : Village of Beulah, 7228
Commercial St., P.O. Box 326, Beulah, MI 49617**
- 19. If Project is not located in MI-1, please identify congressional district : N/A**

DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY

20. Project Information URL (Please provide a URL link to the webpage containing project information. This must be an external URL such as <http://example.com>.)
<https://www.villageofbeulah.net/2023-sewer-project>

21. Request Explanation (Explanation of the request must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds) (2-3 SENTENCES) : The proposed improvements project is to meet the Administrative Consent Order the Village is under with EGLE and to have an approved and active groundwater discharge permit to treat their customers wastewater. The proposed wastewater treatment process is modular and expandable. The future of the wastewater treatment facility is to allow for expansion after this project is complete and would be funded separately.

22. Will any of the requested funding be directed to a for-profit entity? *NOTE: The House Committee on Appropriations is imposing a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit entities.* : NO

23. Will any of the requested funding be directed to a non-profit organization? If so, please supply the Employer Identification Number or an IRS determination letter. : NO

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

- Please only answer the questions for the one (1) Subcommittee that is relevant to the project.
 - Please refer to the “Subcommittee and Eligible Accounts” bullet on pages 2 and 3 of this form. Click on the hyperlink to the appropriate subcommittee find out whether more information is needed for your account.
 - If so, please copy the questions and answer the them in the section below
 - If a question within the relevant Subcommittee section does not apply, please enter N/A.

ANSWER SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS BELOW:

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

- Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project? **Unfunded Clean Water SRF project**
- Is the project on your State’s most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)? **YES**
- Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe. **On 10-30-23 the Village received a \$2,000,000 grant from SPHRP.**
- Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20% cost share requirement? **Yes, with rural development loan funding \$2,025,000.**
- Given the Federal nexus requirement, does the project help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards? If so, please describe.

The Village of Beulah's WWTF wastewater treatment facility and wastewater system improvements project was initiated due to the violations of Part 31, Part 22 Rules, and Part 41. Notice Letter dated June 30, 2004, details most, if not all of the continuing non-compliance of the WWTF. There is concern that the lagoons are leaking and are not maintained properly. The irrigation zones are irrigated onto an area of wetter soils that is not maintained properly and soil sampling has not been conducted as required by the permit. From monitoring well sampling, nitrates are elevated in upgradient wells. There appears to be groundwater infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system that is overburdening the irrigation zones. The Groundwater Compliance Evaluation Inspection dated December 10, 2015, shows concern that the lagoons are not maintained properly. The Imhoff tank and sludge drying beds are not being maintained properly. The irrigation zones are overgrown and the groundwater monitoring wells are hard to access. There appears to be groundwater infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system that is overburdening the irrigation zones. The WWTF fencing has not been maintained properly. System Assessment dated October 21, 2022, describes the Imhoff tank, sludge drying beds, lagoons, valves, irrigation zones, irrigation pumps, and property (including fencing) are not being properly maintained and the monitoring wells are hard to access. Violation notice, VN-013843, was issued on December 22, 2022 regarding the previous ongoing issues and operation concerns pertaining to record keeping. The existing facility has the following issues according to EGLE: treatment capacity to remove phosphorus, treatment capacity for the forest crop to remove TIN, and disposal capacity due to the unfavorable soils in the irrigation zones. Based on the mismanagement of the lagoons and spray the irrigation discharge, the Village will need to install a mechanical treatment plant to comply with state regulations. The Village will also need to replace or rehabilitate inspected sewers showing groundwater infiltration and inflow.