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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

GOVERNOR CUOMO AWARDS MORE THAN \$23 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Grants Leverage \$70 Million in Water Quality Investments, Providing \$48 Million in Savings for Taxpayers

Investment Will Support the Creation of More Than New 1,100 Jobs

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$23.3 million in grants to support 14 critical municipal water infrastructure projects in Western New York. This funding represents \$47.9 million in taxpayer savings and supports the creation of more than 1,100 jobs. The grants are funded through the state's highly successful Water Infrastructure Improvement Act program.

"Investing in our state's water infrastructure is critical to regional growth and prosperity and maintaining safe, healthy communities," **Governor Cuomo said.** "By improving our water infrastructure, we are protecting our natural resources, laying the groundwork for future prosperity and helping to create a stronger, healthier, New York for all."

"It's critical that we ensure our drinking water is free of contaminants and safe for all New Yorkers," **said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.** "This investment in grants for infrastructure improvements in Western New York will address needs to enhance and protect water quality, and also help to create more than 1,000 jobs in the area. We want to make sure that communities have the resources they need to make upgrades to their water treatment systems and ensure the health and safety of residents."

The Governor's Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 dedicated \$2.5 billion for water quality protection across New York. Today's announcement is part of a statewide total of \$270 million in grants being awarded to communities, including over \$19 million to support projects that address cyanotoxins associated with harmful algal blooms (HABS), and previously announced grants totaling \$15 million for projects addressing emerging contaminants such as PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4 dioxane.

To date, \$750 million in Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and Intermunicipal Grant funding supports nearly \$2.65 billion in total project costs for vital drinking and wastewater infrastructure projects statewide. Combined with zero- or low-interest financings through the State Environmental Facilities Corporation, New York taxpayers will save nearly \$1.8 billion. Furthermore, these projects are expected to support more than 47,000 jobs in the construction, supplier and service sectors.

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WIA Grant	Awardee	County	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Grant Award
Drinking Water	Alfred, Village of	Allegany	\$4,836,000	\$2,901,600
Clean Water	Alfred, Village of	Allegany	\$1,964,000	\$491,000
Clean Water	Amherst, Town of	Erie	\$4,877,586	\$1,219,397
Drinking Water	Chautauqua County	Chautauqua	\$11,750,000	\$3,000,000
+Clean Water	Chautauqua County	Chautauqua	\$11,888,000	\$2,972,000
Drinking Water	Erie County Water Authority	Erie	\$5,921,820	\$1,722,159
Drinking Water	Evans, Town of	Erie	\$4,830,000	\$2,898,000
Drinking Water	Newstead, Town of	Erie	\$1,325,000	\$795,000
Drinking Water	Niagara Falls Water Board	Niagara	\$5,495,000	\$2,760,000
Clean Water	North Tonawanda, City of	Niagara	\$5,899,450	\$1,474,863
Drinking Water	Olean, City of	Cattaraugus	\$689,290	\$413,574
Clean Water	Royalton, Town of	Niagara	\$1,032,700	\$258,175
Clean Water	Silver Creek, Village of	Chautauqua	\$3,487,000	\$871,750
Clean Water	Sloan, Village of	Erie	\$6,084,891	\$1,521,223
		TOTALS:	\$70,080,737	\$23,298,741
+HABS Related Project				

New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation President and CEO Sabrina Ty said, "Under Governor Cuomo, New York State is leading the nation in water infrastructure investment. The Environmental Facilities Corporation is proud to be able to provide significant funding to communities in need. We're helping to secure a critically important resource for both current and future New Yorkers."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "At Governor Cuomo's direction, New York continues to be an environmental leader in protecting our precious water resources. This funding will improve water quality, promote economic development, and provide much-needed water infrastructure improvements as we combat emerging water quality issues including harmful algal blooms and contaminants like PFOA, PFOS, and 1-4 dioxane."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard A. Zucker said, "At the direction of Governor Cuomo, New York State has committed unprecedented funding to implement the infrastructure upgrades and state-of-the-art filtration technology that safeguards clean and efficient drinking water for decades to come. Protecting our water resources is an essential part of maintaining the health and well-being of communities statewide."

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