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Community Water And Sewer Grants Announced

CHICAGO - Governor Rod R. Blagojevich today announced \$23.5 million in grants to 90 villages, cities, townships and counties for the improvement and upkeep of vital water and sewage infrastructure.

"Illinois families have a right to clean, healthy drinking water and these grants will assist dozens of communities in meeting this need," said Governor Blagojevich.

The Public Facilities Construction and Design Engineering grants, through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), will assist communities with construction and design activities which will address local water and sewer problems, and will mainly benefit low-to-moderate income residents.

The City of Bushnell in McDonough County will receive a grant to construct a water treatment plant to remove radium. Bushnell, with a population of approximately 3,200, has been placed on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) "Public Water Supply - Restricted Status/Critical Review List." In addition, to meet additional water storage needs, CDAP funds will be coupled with a low-interest loan from IEPA's Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$1.8 million.

"These grant funds not only make these projects affordable for these communities, but in some cases they would not even be feasible without this assistance," said DCEO Director Jack Lavin.

The grants are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and are awarded on a competitive basis.

A list of grant recipients is attached.



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