



Michael Mueller
Franklin County Judge/Executive

May 7, 2024

The Honorable James Comer
US House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20515

RE: 2025 Community Project Funding Request for Peaks Mill Water District (Franklin County, KY)

Dear Representative Comer:

This letter recommends the Peaks Mill Water District be provided **\$2 million** in Federal Community Project Funding to replace aging water infrastructure and improve public health. Peaks Mill Water is a small public water system, that serves 1,200 customers (population of 2,900) in rural northeast Franklin County.

The proposed funding will replace an inaccurate metering system with new advanced metering technology. Meter testing indicates over 50 percent of the existing meters do not meet industry standards. The scope includes replacement of 1,200 water meters plus installing new equipment and software to provide accurate billing to customers. The project also includes replacement of water mains, valves and service lines in the Stonewall subdivision (near US 127). This subdivision has a history of excessive water loss from leaking water pipes and service lines.

Peaks Mill Water was formed in the late 1960s and the original system of water pipes, valves and service lines are over 50 years of age and have reached the end of their useful life. The water system averages over 25 percent water loss. Replacement of inaccurate meters and replacing the Stonewall subdivision water mains will reduce water loss and operating costs, while improving customer service, water quality system reliability and public health.

As Franklin County Judge Executive, I recommend the Peaks Mill Water District be awarded project funding to assist in upgrading its public water system infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Mueller".

Michael Mueller
Franklin County Judge Executive



Franklin County Fiscal Court

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March 18, 2024

RE: Peaks Mill Water District (Franklin County, KY) Application for Federal Community Grant

Dear Representative Comer:

Peaks Mill Water District, located in northern Franklin County, is a small rural water district with 1,200 customers serving a population of 2,900 people. The District was formed in the late 1960's and the original water system infrastructure is over 50 years old. The District has a history of excessive water loss from leaking water pipes. The overall system water loss averages 25 percent, and the original system piping has a water loss near 50 percent. This results in excess water purchases from the Frankfort Plant Board, raising operating expenses that result in elevated water rates for all the District's customers.

The proposed project will address the primary causes of excessive water loss in the District: replacing inaccurate meters and replacing non-standard, failing water mains that leak continuously. The meter replacement project will replace a legacy metering and billing system with new smart meters that detect system leaks. The main replacement project will include new water mains, valves, flush hydrants and service lines. Both project components will improve billing accuracy and reduce water loss.

In my role as Magistrate serving the 4th District of Franklin County Fiscal Court, I fully support the Peaks Mill Water District pursuing project funding to assist in upgrading its public water system infrastructure. The District is prepared to fund the required matching dollars. This grant project funding will eliminate the need to raise water rates to unaffordable levels for this proposed scope of work.

Sincerely,

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Scotty Tracy

Franklin County Magistrate, 4th District

Cc: Church Quarles, Chairman, Peaks Mill Water District