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The City of Lamar is Awarded \$2,340,181 in Missouri ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Governor Mike Parson has announced the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is awarding \$410 million to help Missouri communities improve drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. House Bill 3020, was passed by the Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Parson, to support Missouri American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021 State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

In July, the City of Lamar applied for two ARPA grants for drinking water infrastructure and wastewater infrastructure. On November 18th, the city was notified its application for drinking water infrastructure had been approved for funding. Lamar's application ranked 36 out of the 370 received by the state. Only the top 41 applications received funding. Unfortunately, the wastewater application was denied funding.

The City of Lamar will be receiving \$2,340,181 from the grant funding. These funds will be used to drill and construct the next drinking water well and replace aging water lines. The project is estimated to cost \$2,962,252, with Lamar contributing the balance of \$622,071. Lamar's contribution will utilize ARPA funds already received by the city.

The funds must be obligated by December of 2024 and expended by December of 2026.

Russ Worsley
City Administrator

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