

GOVERNOR TOMBLIN PRESENTS 3 LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANTS

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CHARLESTON, WV (NEWS RELEASE) – Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin today presented more than \$12 million in Small Cities Block Grant funds for 12 critical infrastructure projects to support communities across West Virginia. In total, more than \$47 million in other federal, state and local funds will support these projects, serving more than 6,500 residents and approximately 1,000 West Virginia households, improving infrastructure reliability statewide.

“During my time as governor, we have awarded hundreds of improvement projects to cities and communities across West Virginia, and I am pleased to continue that tradition once more with these awards,” Gov. Tomblin said. “The economic development projects and infrastructure improvements supported by the Small Cities Block Grant program truly do make a difference. Not only do they improve our statewide infrastructure and poise West Virginia for future economic growth, they support West Virginia households in need and improve the quality of life for our residents.”

Small Cities Block Grant funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Division of the West Virginia Development Office manages the administration of these funds.

GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION

\$1,300,000



This \$10 million project will enable the Greenbrier County Public Service District to extend water service to 405 unserved households in Crawley, Shawver's Crossing, Sam Black Church, Clintonville, Alta, Williamsburg and Trout. The installation of water lines, hydrants and a storage tank will also include an interconnection with the Town of Rupert. Overall, this project will serve more than 900 households.

TOWN OF PAX (Fayette County)

\$200,000

This \$2.3 million project will provide 52 households in the Willis Branch area with public sewer service to alleviate contamination of the local watershed. The project will also upgrade the existing Town of Pax treatment facility which will benefit more than 160 households and increase capacity for future expansion.

CITY OF RICHWOOD (Nicholas County)

\$1,300,000

This \$6.53 million project will upgrade and expand water service to the Hinkle Mountain and Little Laurel areas of the city in which residents do not have a reliable source of water. The upgrade will benefit approximately 1,200 households, and extend water service to 100 unserved households.