

CHAPTER 190**(HJR 81)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, KRS 224A.320 establishes the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (Kentucky WWATERS) Program under the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to provide for an orderly process for eligible public water or wastewater systems to apply for funds for eligible projects and for those applications to be evaluated, scored, and presented to the General Assembly for consideration for funding; and

WHEREAS, KRS 224A.320(7)(g) requires the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission no later than December 1 of each year detailing the evaluations and scores of the proposed funding recipients for the year, to allow for the General Assembly to make the determinations for funding the proposed funding recipients; and

WHEREAS, the required report for 2025 has been received and reviewed;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby approves and authorizes the Office of State Budget Director to release \$52,502,260 in General Fund moneys for use by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, as appropriated by 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1(4), to be used for the Kentucky WWATERS Program in the amounts specified for the following projects:

- (1) \$926,000 to the City of Evarts for a water treatment plant;
- (2) \$964,850 to the Martin County Water District for the Kentucky Route 292 booster station and water line;
- (3) \$6,471,900 to the Martin County Water District for the Davella pump station and line replacement;
- (4) \$3,294,561 to the Martin County Water District for debt service;
- (5) \$769,210 to the Martin County Water District for tank repair and painting;
- (6) \$514,800 to the City of Martin for infrastructure rehabilitation;
- (7) \$12,563,000 to the City of Liberty for Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements;
- (8) \$3,106,890 to the Southern Water and Sewer District for mains;
- (9) \$900,500 to the Southern Water and Sewer District for the tank replacement project;
- (10) \$4,211,643 to the Southern Water and Sewer District for repayment of debt;
- (11) \$1,296,212 to the City of Elkhorn for repayment of debt;
- (12) \$1,164,665 to the City of Smithland for disinfection byproduct mitigation and system improvement;
- (13) \$2,000,000 to the City of Oak Grove for the Kentucky Route 115 North and Carneal Lane waterline extension and tank;
- (14) \$1,687,380 to the Martin County Sewer District for the Blacklog gravity line replacement;
- (15) \$6,596,750 to the Martin County Sewer District for the county-wide lift station replacement;
- (16) \$2,169,799 to the Martin County Sewer District for debt service; and
- (17) \$3,864,100 to the Martin County Sewer District for Inez wastewater system improvements.

➔Section 2. Whereas it is critical that the eligible funding applicants to the Kentucky WWATERS Program that have been selected for funding receive their awards as soon as possible to help address the problems affecting their public water or wastewater systems, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor April 20, 2026.