

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-2024**

Introduced by Joel Hagy

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF AN APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST APPLICATION TO U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR FY25 INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM RELATING TO THE HURON RIVER RAW WATER ALTERNATE INTAKE AND SLUDGE LAGOON PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huron has made an appropriations request to U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's FY25 Interior, Environment Community Project Funding Program relating to the Huron River Raw Water Alternate Intake and Sludge Lagoon Project (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City meets basic eligibility requirements for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huron has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's FY25 Interior, Environment Community Project Funding Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huron must direct and authorize the City Manager, Matthew Lasko, to act as the Authorized Representative for the application and Project, if awarded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Council of the City of Huron hereby ratifies submission of an appropriations request to U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's FY25 Interior, Environment Community Project Funding Program to become eligible for potential funding assistance relating to the Huron River Raw Water Alternate Intake and Sludge Lagoon Project in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand and xx/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).

**SECTION 2.** If grant funds are awarded, the City Manager is further authorized and directed to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City of Huron, Ohio with U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's FY25 Interior, Environment Community Project Funding Program in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand and xx/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and which agreement shall be in substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**SECTION 3.** That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall go into effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ATTEST:

Jessie Welkener  
Council Clerk

Monty Tapp  
Mayor

ADOPTED:

26 MAR 2024

# Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur - FY25 Interior, Environment Community Project Funding Request Form

**Please read all information before providing all requested information.**

## **General Eligibility**

This year, the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will only consider a Community Project Funding request in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account for a water infrastructure project otherwise eligible for funding from a State Revolving Fund loan program established under the Clean Water Act (Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) or the Safe Drinking Water Act (Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12).

To be eligible for STAG funding, a project must be either publicly owned or owned by a non-profit entity. The Committee considers State, municipal, local, territorial, or Tribal governmental entities to be the primary grantees to oversee projects funded in the STAG account. In general, a request for funding directed to a non-profit entity will be considered on a limited basis, if the non-profit entity performs inherently governmental functions.

Specific examples of both eligible and ineligible projects can be found in the guidance accessible through this link:


<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Interior%2C%20Environment%2C%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Guidance.pdf>.

## **Matching Requirements**

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. The Committee will not waive matching requirements.

For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$800,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining \$200,000 the responsibility of the grantee. In almost all cases, other Federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. One notable exception to this rule: Assistance provided by a SRF may be used to fund a project's matching requirement.

## **Determining the Amount to Request**

 A CPF request should include only the amount of fiscal year 2025 funding needed for the project. Multi-year requests will not be considered.

The Committee suggests using the range of project amounts funded in FY 2024 as a general guide when making requests. In FY 2024, most EPA STAG infrastructure projects funded in the House bill ranged from \$250,000 - \$5,000,000. Note that the Committee may consider higher project amounts for fiscal year 2025, and any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

**Additional Requirements**

A Community Project Funding request must be supported by a description of the project's merit and value to the taxpayer, and by evidence of community support.

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\* Indicates required question

**Requesting Organization: \***

City of Huron, Ohio

**Point of contact name: \***

Matt Lasko, City Manager

**Point of contact email address: \***

citymanager@huronohio.us



**Point of contact phone: \***

4194335000

**Please provide website of the entity to receive funding: \***

www.cityofhuron.org

**Legal Name of the Organization that will be receiving funds (Please do not include abbreviations, acronyms, or use a "The" before the recipient name. ) \***

City of Huron

**Please identify the category of eligible recipients that includes your organization: \***

- public entities (State, municipal, local, territorial, or Tribal governmental entities)
- non-profit organizations qualifying under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

**If you identified your category as "non-profit organizations" in response to the previous question, please describe the inherently governmental functions performed by your organization. \***

Your answer



## Project Description (LESS THAN 1,000 characters) \*

The project would construct a secondary raw water intake to supply the City of Huron and surrounding Erie County areas from the Huron River.

### History:

The current single raw water intake was constructed in 1957 and is located in Lake Erie, at the water filtration plant. Records dating back to the 1980's show the intake system has been plagued by freeze ups due to frazil ice occurring in Lake Erie. Frazil ice is a term for ice crystals that have formed in the water column due to turbulence, such as waves and currents. At Huron, Lake Erie is relatively shallow and frazil ice can easily develop. Frazil ice crystals easily cling and accumulate on the existing intake structure and piping, causing blockages. Removal is nearly impossible as the intake is one half mile offshore, below the surface of the lake.

Frazil ice accumulation issues occur almost every winter season and at times render the filtration plant inoperable due to the blockage. The city has made attempts over the last three decades to mitigate the icing using several measures, but none of these has been successful. On occasion, the Fire Dept. had to be called in to assist in creating an opening in the lake ice covering and temporary pumps utilized to bring water to the plant. This solution does not supply the total necessary amount needed for the city and puts personnel at risk along with tying up safety forces. There was one incident during an ice blockage that a business caught fire and there was insufficient water supply for the firefighting efforts.

In recent years, harmful algal blooms in the western areas of Lake Erie have also affected the current intake source quality.

### Project:

The project would create an intake at the west bank of the Huron River. The river source is not subject to frazil ice issues. A pump station would be constructed that consists of a 30-foot deep, 12-foot diameter wet well with pumps and backup generator. A 20-inch pipeline would be constructed to transport the raw water to the treatment plant for processing.

The project is currently in engineering design. It is anticipated that it will be ready to bid late in 2024, with construction in 2025.



Please provide the requested funding amount: \*

\$1,500,000

Please select the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program under which your project is \* otherwise eligible to compete for loan funding:

- the Clean Water SRF (Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.)
- the Safe Drinking Water SRF (Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12)

Is the project on your State's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water \* SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)?

- Yes
- No

Please explain how the project will help meet or maintain Clean Water Act or Safe \* Drinking Water Act standards.

Primarily, public health related to the drinking water provided by City of Huron Water Dept. would be maintained. The safe and reliable water source provided by the project would keep drinking water available at all times, eliminating the current issues of winter weather freezing stoppages and summer weather algal bloom issues.

Public safety through consistent supply of water for firefighting would also be provided.



**Budget Summary - A) Describe in detail how the requested funds will be used \***

Estimate for Construction costs is \$1,335,000.

Estimate for Construction Services is \$165,000

**Budget Summary - B) Please provide a budget breakdown for this project - maximum of 10 budget items \***

Engineering Design	\$344,840
Construction	\$3,200,000
Construction Inspection/Administration	\$302,000

**Please confirm that the amount of your request complies with the following requirements by checking the boxes. Your request must comply with both requirements. \***

- The amount only includes funding for project activities planned for fiscal year 2025.
- The amount is limited to the federal share of the anticipated costs for FY25 project activities.

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Please provide a short description of your organization's plan to meet the project's matching requirement within the next 12 months. \*

Municipal water utility fees and capital budget allocations will be utilized to obtain the matching funds necessary

Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe. \*

No

If partial funding is provided in response to your request, can the project proceed? Please select one of the following options: \*

- Yes, additional funding from other sources can be used to carry out the current fiscal year 2025 scope of work for the project.
- Yes, a useful increment of the project's current fiscal year 2025 scope of work can be accomplished with partial funding.
- No, the project cannot proceed with partial funding.



**Please explain why this project is a good use of taxpayer funds (PLEASE NOTE: \* This information will be posted on Congresswoman Kaptur's website).**

In the City of Huron during winter months, the existing water intake in Lake Erie for the water filtration plant is subject to icing and related blockages caused by ice. The proposed secondary water intake in the Huron River would insure a reliable, consistent, uninterrupted source of water for the filtration plants' continuing operations. Water rationing or disruptions to the water supply to the city would be prevented. In addition to residents, all businesses, agriculture and manufacturing facilities will not have water service interruptions.

Second, in summer months, the lake source water can be potentially contaminated due to harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie. The river water source would provide a reliable, safe source of water, free from harmful algal bloom issues that could otherwise contaminate the drinking water supply in the summer months. The public health will be insured from being affected.

Third, the water supply for any firefighting needs/efforts in the community will not be jeopardized by potential outages caused by the seasonal issues noted above.

Having a consistent uninterrupted water source will ensure community safety.

**Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? \***

Yes

No



Please list materials you have available to submit as supporting documentation of community support or additional relevant information (Kaptur staff will follow-up if the request is selected for advancement) You may also email any existing letters of support to repkapturcdfrequests@gmail.com.

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 2Grant Support L... X

 Intake FD letter\_... X

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