

Governor announces more than \$5 million in grants in the state

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 28, 2020) – In collaboration with the Department for Local Government, Gov. Andy Beshear today announced more than \$5 million in grants to six local governments for water and sewer projects across Kentucky including Estill County Water District.

Estill County Water District (ECWD) currently loses 39 percent of all water produced at its water treatment plant. To correct this issue, the Estill County Water District received \$500,000 from the ARC in conjunction with \$2,399,450 in local funds to replace failing metering equipment and install new equipment to prevent water loss during line breaks. This project will provide cleaner, more efficient water access to 215 businesses and 3,600 households.

“On behalf of the Estill County Water District (ECWD), the Board of Commissioners and staff, I want to thank Governor Andy Beshear, Department for Local Government, the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Bluegrass Area Development District for supporting Estill County Water District’s water loss project,” said ECWD General Manager Audrea Miller.

“This funding will provide a much-needed upgrade to our distribution system and will equip our staff with the tools they need to reduce the unaccounted-for water in Estill County therefore allowing us to continue providing clean, reliable and affordable access to water to our community and be better stewards of a precious resource. We are thankful for this funding and what it will mean for the citizens of Estill County.”

“This project has done a great thing for this area,” said Judge Executive Donnie Watson. “It will eliminate a major health hazard, will improve living conditions in this area and will keep water from standing in ditches.”

Others receiving grants including Hart and Perry counties, and the cities of Edmonton, Lancaster, and Manchester.

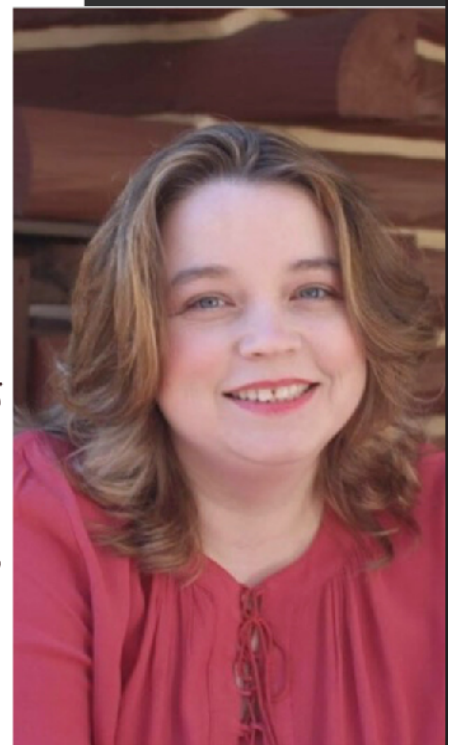
“I wish we could physically celebrate these awards together, but as we continue to keep Kentuckians safe from COVID-19, I am glad these projects will improve the quality of life for our families in these areas,” said Gov. Beshear. “Reliable water and sewer are basic human necessities.”

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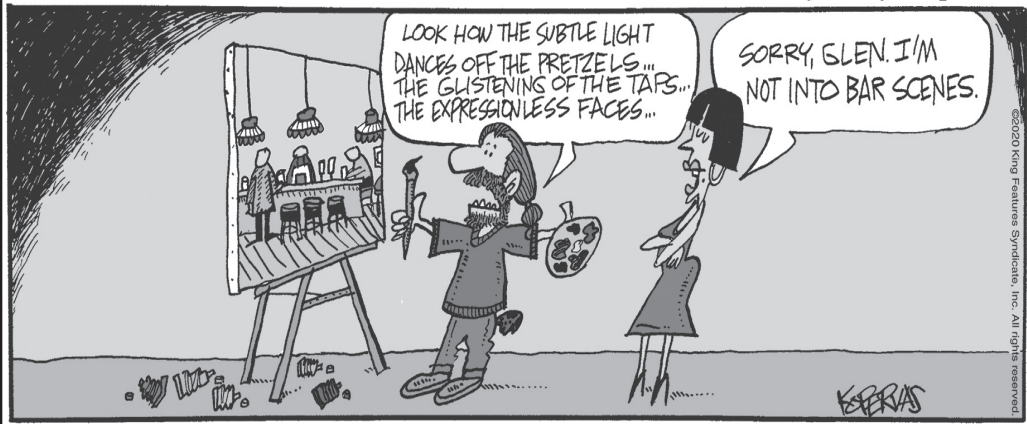
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