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Waynoka receives \$999,949 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY –The City of Waynoka (City) received approval for \$999,949 in funding Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the City’s water infrastructure. Construction of upgrades and improvements to the water system will be financed by the Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program.

The City will utilize the proceeds to install water lines in under-served areas of Waynoka and to replace old water lines with new water lines.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the City’s customers will save an estimated \$1,121,000.00 compared to traditional financing. A city of Waynoka representative, stated, “This funding will be of great benefit to the city, and they are grateful for consideration.”

The ARPA grant program is administered by the OWRB with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through Senate Bill 429 and Senate Bill 13 for the Water and Wastewater American Rescue Plan Act grants program. This OWRB program has been structured to provide communities and other eligible entities financial resources necessary to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs within their systems. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.2 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Casey Murdock and State Representative Carl Newton for their continued support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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