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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Grant Program
US Department of Homeland Security
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Washington, DC. 20472

CC: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, City of Billings, Montana
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, City of Billings, Montana

Regarding: City of Billings Water Supply Flood and Drought
Mitigation Project

The City of Billings, Montana has identified the need of the Water Supply Flood and Drought Mitigation Project as critical to the safety and health of our community and is of the highest priority to have operational expeditiously.

The proposal to provide resilience to the water supply through a raw water reservoir and redundant water treatment facility in the west end of Billings has been reviewed and approved in its functionality. The success of this project will impact our community beyond the assurance of water crisis mitigation, it is an investment in our future growth and prosperity. This project will bring additional jobs to our local workforce, both at the City to maintain and operate the facilities, but also by providing water utility service security for businesses in the area, allowing them to expand their operations. It will create the canvas for community recreational features and support suburban development in the City's West End, making our City an even more desirable place to live and attracting professional migration to the area.

We fully support the application to the FEMA BRIC Grant Program to further our goal of seeing this project completed.

Sincerely,

Bill Cole
Mayor, City of Billings, Montana

CC:
Billings City Council