



March 2, 2021

On Monday, February 22, 2021, the City of Westminster sent out an income survey to its' customer's living outside the city limits and its' wholesale customer, TESI and their customers.

The City of Westminster is applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the SC Department of Commerce to help fund the repairs and replacements of our raw water intake pumps and motors. These pumps and motors are responsible for pumping water from the Chauga River to the Water Plant for treatment and distribution to our customers. The equipment was installed in 1989 and is now in serious need of replacement.

The CDBG grant is a "financial needs based" program and the program requires the City perform an income survey in the residential neighborhoods served by our water system. Your location is part of the area we serve. We already have the data we need for customers living inside City limits. If you did not receive a survey, this is the reason why.

Participation in this survey is very important and we appreciate any help you can provide. You will be supporting your community by securing current and future supplies of clean, safe drinking water.

For residents that do not participate, it reduces our chance of obtaining grant funds; (which we do not have to pay back) vs. pursuing a loan, which we would have to pay back. Our goal is to avoid the second option if possible.

If awarded the grant funds, it will keep the financial impact to our customers to a minimum.

The results of the survey will be compiled by Ms. Arlene Young, the Grants Services Director with the Appalachian Council of Governments and the information is strictly confidential.

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