

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is the most significant investment in our nation's infrastructure in more than half a century. This includes the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administrations (PHMSA) first ever infrastructure grant program. The legislation designated \$200 million a year in grant funding with a total of \$1 billion in grant funding over the next five years.

The grant funding is to be made available to a municipality or community owned utility (not including forprofit entities) to repair, rehabilitate, or replace its natural gas distribution pipeline systems or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) to avoid economic losses.

In the program's inaugural year, PHMSA allocated nearly \$196 million to utilities, backing projects across 19 states. Notably, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Year 2, revealed on May 23, 2023, featured a substantial increase in available funding compared to the previous year, with similar expectations for funding in Year 3 of the program.

HOW WE ARE **HELPING UTILITIES**

Since the program's inception, Magnolia River has successfully guided numerous utilities through the grant application process, offering a wide range of support services including:

- Development of project budgets and scope proposals
- Compilation of grant application packages
- Conducting audits and reviewing applications for potential projects

Let us help you secure the funding you need for your infrastructure improvements. Magnolia River has the experience and expertise to guide you through the grant application process.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED WITH OUR GRANT SUPPORT INCLUDE:



Review of existing system data including existing information on mains, services, leak history, etc.



Research and analyze available GIS data sources to support grant submission requirements



Evaluation of proposed projects or programs against anticipated grant program criteria



Comprehensive project or program cost estimation using Magnolia River's custom pricing tools



Audit of proposed projects or programs with existing Federal programs reporting requirements (DIMP, SHRIMP, etc.)



Administrative and technical support for grant submission processes

WHY CHOOSE MAGNOLIA RIVER?

Magnolia River is an industry-leading solutions provider specializing in professional services, field services, and software with a focus on serving clients in the utility sector. Magnolia River's primary business units: Engineering, Inspection, GIS and GeoCurrent provide a host of solutions—from front-end engineering design to distribution & transmission inspection to technology-based geospatial solutions.

We have over 20+ years of experience supporting APGA and public gas utilities. We support over 100 public gas utilities on annual basis across several service offerings, including: Engineering, Pipeline and Service Line Inspection, Land Survey, GIS, Software and Leak Survey. Let us use that knowledge and experience in helping you plan, prepare, and win these Federal grants to support your gas system.



Interested in learning more?

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