

**CITY OF MANCHESTER  
BONDING BILL FOR 2025**

March 6, 2025

To those it may concern

The City of Manchester is a small city in southern MN that provides water and sewer services to 54 residential and business properties. The current water distribution system for potable water was installed in 1948 using transite piping that contains asbestos due to the lack of cast iron during WW2 war efforts. We believe the water mains are in disrepair as visible rust contaminates are seen in residential housing water fixtures. Research shows that transite piping breaks down after 40 years and asbestos can flake off into the drinking water. As asbestos is known to cause health and safety risks, it would improve the health and safety of those that live, work, and play in our community to have this infrastructure replaced.

For health and safety reasons, we are asking the State to assist in funding 90% of our project cost to remove the asbestos watermain and install a safe water main pipe and other water-related elements to deliver safe and reliable water to the residents of Manchester.

Thank you for your consideration.

**N 1. Appropriation** - \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Public Facility Authority for a grant to the City of Manchester for the design and construction of a new water distribution system, treatment plant, well, and related water improvements. These proceeds are necessary due to the presence of existing asbestos water main pipes and lead in our water system that may be harmful to the residents and businesses within system that may be harmful to the residents and businesses within our community.

Sincerely,

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