

# City of Kennedy



Since the City of Kennedy's water tower froze and became non-functional in 2017, the city has been providing water to its residents through a direct feed supply line that stretches approximately 18 miles long. Other than the 5,000 gallons of non-potable water our fire department has on hand for fire protection, we have no water reserves for the city while operating this way. Should there be a break anywhere along that supply line, the city would be without running water until repairs could be made. This could mean days without running water to our residents. Operating this way was only meant for maintenance to the tower, but remains our current operating system, even after 8 years.

Access to safe, affordable, and reliable water is a basic human right. It is also essential for fire protection.

## PROJECT SCOPE:

- Rehab existing underground water storage tanks
- Construct new domestic pumping station to allow the city to have a water reserve as well as better fire protection
- Install new gate valves and hydrants near pumping station
- Construct new access road around the new pumping station
- Install new watermain piping to the new pumping station

## Project Affordability

- The population of Kennedy is 170.
- Kennedy has 103 homes.
- The median household income is \$60,000.
- Many of the residents are retired and on a fixed income.
- Current water reserve is 5,000 gallons non-potable water (only to be used as fire protection).
- Water reserve after project is completed will be 64,300 gallons.
- SENATE BILL - SF1377
- HOUSE BILL - HF603

Expected  
Project Cost:  
\$2,696,250

Grant money  
secured:  
\$1,733,000

HF 603 Bonding  
Request:  
\$734,000

City of Kennedy  
Contribution:  
\$229,250

## WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS:

This project will improve the safety and well-being of residents by ensuring access to an emergency water supply. The City of Kennedy respectfully asks for your support of House File 603 requesting \$734,000 in Minnesota Legislative Bonding. Since 2024, the estimated cost of this project has increased \$100,000. The city has not increased our bonding request as we intend to cover those additional costs.