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CA	Dianne Feinstein, Alex Padilla	Paul Ruiz (36)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Colonias	Coachella Valley Water District	\$1,540,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist with the replacement of water main pipeline at the North Shore and Dale Kiler Road (Mecca) locations and the replacement of booster stations 7101, 7102, and 7990 within the Cove Community System as described in the Capital Improvement Plan. The installation of new pipeline to replace the leaking pipeline and the upgrade of booster pump stations will increase sustainability of the CVWD drinking water supply system by providing increased infrastructure efficiency. It will allow more water to be pumped through the pipeline distribution system in order to provide adequate water service to customers.
NM	Martin Heinrich, Ben Ray Lujan	Yvette Herrell (02)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Colonias	Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority	\$2,854,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to continue the next phase to upgrade the combined wastewater system in the communities of Mesquite and Brazito in southern Dona Ana County. With our financing we have contributed to the successful completion of the first phase of this project. Now we are proudly partnering once again with this Colonias community to finance phase two. When completed, this project will improve services for customers using a gravity sewer system by replacing the distribution lines with updated material and putting them deeper in the ground. The project scope also includes many updates and modernized features for their lift stations. Upon completion of this project, it will not only greatly reduce the costs to operate, but more importantly it will remedy a health and sanitation issue identified by the consulting engineering firm. Located 20 miles north of El Paso, Texas this community resides in a persistent poverty-stricken area with a small population of 1112 residents.



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AZ	Mark Kelly, Kyrsten Sinema	Tom O'Halleran (01)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Native American	Painted Desert Demonstration Projects Incorporated	\$1,237,137	This Rural Development investment will be used to make water system improvements for Painted Desert Demonstration Projects Inc., which is a nonprofit organization serving Tribal residents in northern Arizona. This project will replace a 84,500 gallon water storage tank with a 150,000 gallon tank and expand the on-site solar system to power water pumping for the water system. Seventy-two percent of the homes in the immediate vicinity do not have running water, and the need for clean drinking water was accentuated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will provide treated, monitored water so that residents of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribes, who are currently hauling water, have access to point-of-service watering stations that provide safe, clean drinking water.
ME	Susan Collins, Angus King	Jared Golden (02)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Native American	Houlton Water Company	\$1,082,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to replace the Foxcroft Road and Clover Circle lift stations which serve the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. These two lift stations are 30 years old and were originally designed to handle 38 housing units. The lift stations serve the Riverside Village development of over 285 tribal citizens, which now includes 56 single family homes, seven duplex units, one six-unit and one eight-unit apartment complexes, and the tribal health clinic and tribal preschool complexes. The pump stations have experienced frequent backups creating a serious public health concern. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indian tribal leadership worked diligently with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Indian Health Service, and the Houlton Water Company to secure this Rural Development investment as well as a \$1,000,000 investment by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The new lift stations will have the increased capacity to handle all existing tribal users plus the expansion of an additional 25 households. Continuity of service will be enhanced with the addition of a generator at both lift stations. New technology upgrades will mitigate the threat of overflow events, and the cost of operation and maintenance will be greatly reduced.



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ND	Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Native American	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	\$2,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install water supply and sewer system pipes for the residents of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in Belcourt, North Dakota. Current water mains are mostly asbestos cement pipe and the sewer mains are clay tile/asbestos cement which have been failing. With the completion of this project, which will replace the deteriorated water and sewer mains, constituents in the city of Belcourt will see improved water supply and sewer services.
ND	Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	306C Water and Waste Grants - Native American	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	\$3,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install a water main from Kenel, South Dakota to the North Dakota border to benefits the residents of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. There is no rural water service to this area of the reservation and many wells do not provide adequate or reliable water for residents. The new water main will allow for residents to have access to a safe water supply from the rural water system. This project will benefit 253 residents.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Appalachian Regional Commission Grant	KY Community & Technical College System	\$1,161,684	This Rural Development investment will be used to renovate a welding technology laboratory space on the Mayo Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Paintsville, Kentucky. The renovation will enable the site to add welding training stations, welding stands, and curtains to support welding instruction aligned with the American Welding Society's curriculum and professional certification. The project will also enable the school to pursue designation as an AWS Accredited Test Facility for welding. This project will serve Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,874,821</b>	