

# Gov. Evers: Announces \$3.75 million grant for city of Park Falls water utility

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PARK FALLS — Gov. Tony Evers today announced a \$3.75 million investment for infrastructure fixes to support water conservation efforts and safe drinking water for the city of Park Falls. The investment will help address rising operating costs.

“The city of Park Falls has faced changing community needs, higher costs, and limitations of older infrastructure for years. Today’s investment will make necessary improvements to the city’s aging water utility system, and make sure that residents have access to clean, safe, and reliable water,” said Gov. Evers. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to work with Mayor Bablick and his administration to address the imminent needs of the Park Falls community and greater area, and to help ensure folks and families aren’t stuck footing the bill for this upgraded infrastructure.”

The water utility has faced a significant shift in demand following the closure of the local paper mill. The grant will help the city install a new water mains, make water tower improvements, and other infrastructure fixes meant to save water, prevent freezing water lines in the winter months, and ensure reliable water services for the city’s residents. The grant is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

“City staff and I have been working very hard to find solutions to deal with the aftermath of the permanent Mill shutdown,” said Mayor Michael Bablick. “We are very thankful to Governor Evers and his staff for working so hard to help us in our time of need. These funds will go a long way in solving our infrastructure needs in

the utility, protecting future ratepayers.

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