

West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council
Critical Immediate Need/No Service Funding
Application Form

(See Appendix A of the policy before completing this application.)

I. Utility (Sponsor)

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II. Administrator (If the Applicant is not the Utility, please fill out this section.)

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I. Describe the Critical Need

Verso Paper Mill provided raw water to the City. It shut down and discontinued supplying water in Oct. 2020. At that time, the City began buying raw water from Westernport with a planned connection to purchase treated water after 18 months. This failed to materialize for various reasons. A change of scope was requested and denied to extract water from the Potomac and/or Savage Rivers. Westernport continues to provide raw water has increased the price from \$3,000 per month to \$6,991 to \$9,545 and negotiated back down to \$6,991. Piedmont struggles to pay this much monthly for untreated water. Westernport has now given them to July 1, 2024 to find another source before cutting the water supply off, leaving the City with no raw or treated water for their 271 customers.

II. Total Estimated Cost

Phase I \$295,000.00

III. Schedule to Resolve Critical Need

Hydrogeologic & Test wells to be completed as soon as possible with a goal of 60 days after funding is secured.

IV. Proposed Remedial Action

Following an engineering study and report, we propose to have a hydrogeologic study done, then two test wells drilled, and aquifer testing completed. Assuming these provides good results we intend to complete the project by applying for additional funding .

V. Account Balances

Revenue Fund	\$4,630.19	(as of 2-26-24)
Renewal and Replacement Fund	\$2,321.00	(as of 2-26-24)
Capital Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$2,584.52	(as of 2-26-24)

VI. Last completed fiscal year
audit 2023

Submitted by: Keni Ruddle

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