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**Lafayette Utilities System Receives \$9.5 Million ARPA Grant from State for
Water and Wastewater Projects**

Lafayette, LA (February 18, 2022) – Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) has been awarded four grants totaling over \$9.5 million from the state to fund projects to be used for water and wastewater improvements.

The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB), at the recommendation of the Water Sector Commission (WCP), reviewed LUS projects for resiliency and consolidation of our systems to allocate ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The water and wastewater ARPA grants will fund the projects detailed below:

- The North Water Treatment Plant will install a new power generation system able to run at full capacity during systemwide power outages.
- South Water Treatment Plant will construct a secondary ground storage tank and a new media filter for water filtration.
- North East Sewer Plant and Ambassador Sewer Plant will rehabilitate the headworks system used for filtering out materials during wastewater treatment.
- New water main system on Sabatier Road.
- Installation of new dedicated generators for lift stations and water wells for reliability during power outages.

“We are excited to get started on these vital projects and appreciate the State’s grant opportunity for funding a portion of them,” said Jeff Stewart, LUS Utilities Director.

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Lafayette Utilities System is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year as Lafayette’s publicly owned electric, water, and wastewater utility system. Since 1897, LUS has been serving the Lafayette community providing high-quality, competitively priced services that exceed our customers’ expectations.