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Governor's bonding plan recognizes cities' struggle to pay for much-needed water infrastructure upgrades

Below is statement from CGMC President and Granite Falls Mayor Dave Smiglewski regarding Gov. Dayton's \$1.5 billion public works proposal, which was unveiled this morning.

“It is promising to see that Governor Dayton’s bonding proposal includes \$167 million for clean water infrastructure programs. Clean water is a vital part of a healthy community, yet wastewater and drinking water facilities throughout the state are aging and in dire need of expensive repairs and upgrades. Cities are facing astronomical costs and many simply cannot afford to make these needed infrastructure improvements without assistance from the state. We are pleased to see that Gov. Dayton’s bonding plan recognizes this need.

Clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs have consistently received bipartisan support at the Legislature, and we are hopeful that will continue in 2018. As we move into the legislative session, we hope the Governor and Legislature will be able to put their other squabbles aside and pass a bonding bill that promotes economic development, strong infrastructure and thriving communities.”

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