

Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Fiscal Year 2010 Non-Defense Appropriations Request Form

(Please email to: Appropriations@Gillibrand.Senate.Gov by February 20th)

Section I (Organization Information)

- **Date Submitted:** 02/19/2009 **City:** Greenwich **County:** Washinton
- **Name of Submitting Institution:** Village of Greenwich
- **Address:** 6 Academy Street
- **Phone:** 518-692-2755
- **Website:** <http://www.greenwichny.org/village>

Section II (Project)

- **Project Title:** Repair or Replacement of Village Water Tower
- **Project Description** (*2-3 specific sentence description of how the federal funding is intended to be spent*): This project will result in the design and replacement of the municipally owned water tower, built in 1957, that is in deteriorating condition. The existing water tower will be left in place; if the project comes in under budget, the remaining monies will be dedicated to beginning a restoration of the existing tower, which would be used as a backup source during maintenance, thus extending the life of the new tower.
- **Amount of funding requested for FY2010:** \$1,200,000
- **Total Project Cost:** \$1,600,000
- **Priority (if submitting more than one request):** 2 of 3
- **Why does this project warrant federal funds?** (*2-3 specific sentence description*): The residents of the Village, the local school system and local commercial interests have come to depend upon the Village being able to deliver a clean and safe source of drinking water. The failure of the existing tower before a new tower is online would result in an major catastrophe for our small community. This is the type of project that is beyond the capacity of a small village to fund 100% and is the type of public works project that helped bring America out of the depression of the 1930's.
- **Authorizing Federal Legislation** (*if applicable*):
- **President's Budget** (*if applicable*):

Is your organization not-for-profit? Yes No N/A

If seeking funding for a transportation project, is your project on the State Transportation Improvement Plan? Yes No N/A

If seeking funding for a water or sewer project, is the system currently under consent decree? Yes No N/A

- **What is the estimated start date for your project?:** Summer 2010
- **Please list the counties that will benefit from your project:** Washington
- **Please list the current number of employees at the organization:** 20
- **Please list the approximate number of jobs this funding would create:** 30

Section III (Sources of Funding)

Appropriation Bill: Energy and Water*

Account Title: Rural Utilities

House Member:

House Staffer(s): Heather Loneck

- **Please list ALL anticipated and received sources of funding for this specific project, and the amount you expect to receive or have already received from each source including the year. (e.g. State, Local, Private):** Funding requests have been submitted to NY State and Washinton County, New York.
- **If required, will matching funds be made available?**
(Many projects have a cost-sharing requirement, which can range between 20-45%. Example of a project with a 45% match requirement – a \$1 million project would receive a maximum of \$550,000 from the Federal government and the remaining \$450,000 would have to be paid for through a non-federal source)
What percentage of the total request will be matched? 25%
- **What other projects has your organization requested during this appropriations cycle?** installation of a water filtration system + design and construction of a new fire house

Section IV (Past Funding)

If you have previously received federal earmarked funding for this specific project, please list the amount of funding this specific project has received over the last four fiscal years.

FY09 Appropriation (*requested and funded*): N/A

Member of Congress:

Source of Funding:

FY08 Appropriation (*requested and funded*): N/A

Member of Congress:

Source of Funding:

FY07 Appropriation (*requested and funded*): N/A

Member of Congress:

Source of Funding:

FY06 Appropriation (*requested and funded*): N/A

Member of Congress:

Source of Funding:

- **Other Sources of Federal Funding, Year, and Amount** (*federal grants, contracts or other*):
- **Has your organization ever received federal funding in the form of an earmark?:**
No
- ***If yes, please name the project and the fiscal year it was included:**

Section V (Contact Information)

Staff Contact Information at the Institution:

Name: Diane Kelley

Address: 6 Academy Street

Email: vilclerk@nycap.rr.co,

Phone: 518-692-2755

Cell:

Weekend:

Other (24 Hour Number):

Highest Level Person at the Institution (who the Senator may contact directly):

Name and Title: Mayor David Doonan

Address: 6 Academy Street

Email: villagemayor@greenwichny.org

Phone: 518-692-2755

Cell: 518-361-7220

Weekend: 518-692-7215

Other (24 Hour Number): 518-265-4030

Institutions Representative (not required):

Name and Title:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Other (24 Hour Number):

Cell:

Weekend:

Section VI (One Pager)

Please provide a one-page summary that describes your proposed project and explains how the project meets the criteria of the bill and program title that you have selected and how the project benefits the region in the State of New York. The Village water system serves 2,000 Village residents, a small number of non-residents, as well as the Greenwich Central School system, the Cynthia Meadows Senior Housing center and the Village Fire Department.

The State of New York's Department of Health recommended to the Village Board of Trustees in a letter dated April 19, 2007 that our municipal water tank be dealt with in the next two years with upgrades or replacement. The letter informs the board of two possible public health risks (1) contamination of our water supply and (2) potential loss of water system storage capacity.

Problems were attributed to the extremely poor condition of the internal structure and in need of extensive coating rehabilitation. The tank that presently holds the village's water was built in 1957, stands 56 feet tall and holds 560,000 gallons of water. These findings were supported by an engineering report issued to the Board in July 2007 which stated the need for extensive coating rehabilitation. The report states "the interior wall coating is 100 percent compromised by failure to adhere or biological coating. Suspended coating particulates could be observed throughout the entire water column in the tank."

At the recommendation of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, this project was been combined with a GWUDI advisement and placed on the Intended Use Plan of the EFC.

CT Male and Associates of Albany, NY are currently studying this issue. At a meeting held with CT Male on February 18, 2009, the solution discussed was the construction of a new water tower on municipally owned land beside the current tower. We anticipate leaving the existing tower in place and in the future seek funding to sand and recoat the interior. Once that is done, the Village will have a full backup system in place, allowing for regular maintenance on the new tower, which will extend it's lifespan considerably.

Completion of this project is critical for the Village of Greenwich to be able to continue to supply a safe source of drinking water to residents of the Village of Greenwich and Towns of Greenwich and Easton, along with the Greenwich Central School and Cynthia Meadows Senior Housing Center.

Section VII (Budget)

Please provide a detailed budget of the project.

Section VIII (Letter of Support)

Please attach ONE letter of support from an agency/local government official/organization that supports your request for funding. Only the first letter received will be accepted, any additional letters will be discarded.



Village of Greenwich

6 Academy St.
Greenwich NY 12834

Preliminary Budget for Replacement of the Village Water Tower

In July 2007, The LaBerge Group of Albany, NY submitted a report to the Village stating that the replacement cost for a new tower would be \$1,690,000. The cost to sandblast the interior, repair and recoat with a 3-step coating system, spot treat the rusted areas and overcoat the exterior would be \$245,000.

After contracting with CT Male and Associates of Latham, NY to address a different water issue, representatives of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation recommended that the Village combine both projects, which was done and placed on the Intended Use Plan.

A meeting was held on February 17, 2009 with representatives of CT Male to review a preliminary set of drawings for the other water project, discussion turned to the Water Tower, where the Village was assured that the \$1,690,000 quoted earlier was still valid.

The Village expects a full set of drawings and budget to be delivered during the summer of 2009.

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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Kristen Gillibrand
120 Cannon House Office Building
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Greenwich, NY FY09 Appropriations Request
Replace/Repair of Water System Storage Tank

Dear Mrs. Gillibrand:

It is without hesitation and on behalf of The Board of Education for the Greenwich Central School District located in Washington County in the 20th Congressional District of NY, we offer this letter of support for the replacement and/or repair of the Village of Greenwich's water system storage tank.

This letter is an effort to clearly show our full support and the support of approximately 1,200 children and 200 staff members with regards to the critical issue of having a safe and reliable water system of the Greenwich Central School and village residents.

As indicated in the Village of Greenwich's (Julie Mosher) request, the Greenwich Central School District solely relies everyday and assumes we will have a clean and safe drinking water supply for our students, teachers, support staff, administrators and visitors. If this water supply was to fail or be compromised, then it would be devastating to our school community and the education process we all work so hard to maintain and continuously improve. The ability to provide sufficient, safe and reliable drinking water and fire protection to our school is a paramount priority and all too often assumed to be a given. It is apparent that significant financial assistance in the matter is of the utmost importance and a matter of health and safety for our children and the residents utilizing the Village's water supply and system.

We are very aware and sensitive to the significant burden we as elected officials continually place upon the taxpayers of New York. We take very seriously the financial impact this request has on all constituents, but respectfully ask you to consider this letter of support as an indication of how extremely important it is for the Greenwich Central School and all stake holders to maintain a safe and reliable water supply and storage system.

We thank you for your time, effort and any support you can provide in helping research and procure grants and federal assistance for this capital project.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or any other Board member if you have any question or need additional information. We look forward to hearing from you and your staff in hopes of providing support and sufficient funding assistance and resources for this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph O'Malley
Greenwich Central School
President - BOE