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City of Manitou Springs on Schedule to Build an Additional Water Tank at No Cost to Manitou Springs Ratepayers

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The Manitou Springs community is set to enhance its water storage capabilities, securing a brighter and safer future for its residents. With the crucial support from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant amounting to \$953,600 and the allocation of \$1,354,775 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the City is forging ahead with an essential water infrastructure project.

Water storage is undeniably critical for the well-being of the Manitou Springs community. In the face of increasing challenges, such as fighting fires, repairing the existing Mesa Tank, and minimizing the impact of hard-to-treat water on the water treatment plant, this project holds paramount importance for the City's resilience and preparedness.

The substantial financial backing from the EIAF grant and ARPA funds ensures that the City can progress with the much-needed expansion of water storage facilities, without affecting our existing Water Enterprise Fund. The allocated funds will cover the essential infrastructure connecting the new tank to the water treatment plant and seamlessly integrating it into the city's water system. Furthermore, the project will include the replacement of a portion of the water line that connects the Mesa Tank to the City's water system, enhancing overall efficiency and reliability.

Denise Howell, City Administrator for the City of Manitou Springs, spoke with great enthusiasm about this landmark project, emphasizing its paramount importance. She stated, "With this significant step forward, we are ensuring the continuity of water quality, bolstering system redundancy, and reinforcing fire suppression capabilities." Additionally, she highlighted the project's broader benefits, saying, "Furthermore, this endeavor grants us the opportunity to efficiently repair the existing Mesa Tank, minimizing any disruptions to our water storage operations."

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