

Ottumwa, Iowa Combined Sewer Overflow

Proposed recipient:

City of Ottumwa

Recipient address:

105 East Third Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501

Requested amount:

\$2,500,000

Explanation of request:

The Blake's Branch Sewer project is a piece of the City of Ottumwa's continued efforts to meet federal and state mandates to remedy the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) throughout the City. Ottumwa has worked since 2006 to separate its septic and storm sewers under a state mandate. The City has already spent \$78.5M toward the issue with an estimated \$65M remaining. The City is considered a high poverty area, and the median income (\$41,722.00) is below the state average (\$56,570.00). The burden of this unfunded mandate has increased utility rates and tax levies to a burdensome level.