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**APGA Applauds PHMSA Grant Recipients**

*Washington, D.C. (April 5, 2023)* – The American Public Gas Association (APGA), representing more than 730 municipally owned natural gas systems in 38 states, issued the following press release in response to the announcement of the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration’s (PHMSA) Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization grant program 2022 awardees:

“APGA celebrates the recent recipients of [PHMSA’s Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) grant program](https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/biden-harris-administration-announces-historic-funding-37-projects-improve-safety-fix). We’d like to congratulate and now recognize the following systems whose projects were selected for the 2022 funding cycle:

* Borough of Chambersburg
* Citizens Energy
* City of Alexandria
* City of Carencro
* City of Charlottesville, VA
* City of Donaldsonville
* City of Hawkinsville, GA
* City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department
* City of Lanett
* City of Lawrenceville, GA
* City of Milton, FL
* City of Morgan
* City of New Albany Gas Department
* City of Trinidad, CO
* City Utilities of Springfield, MO
* Gas Board of the City of Fultondale
* Gas Utility District #2 of East Feliciana
* Graysville, AL
* Lake Apopka Natural Gas District
* Las Cruces Utilities
* Laurens Commission of Public Works
* Metropolitan Utilities District
* Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District
* Midwest Energy, Inc.
* Norwich Public Utilities
* Philadelphia Gas Works
* Richmond Gas Works
* Tallassee, AL
* Town of Woodworth, LA
* Village of Deshler - KNG Energy
* Village of Montpelier
* Village of Stuart, NE
* Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department
* Waterworks and Gas Board of the City of Cordova
* Welch Gas Cooperative Association
* Westfield Gas + Electric
* York County Natural Gas Authority

Since Congress passed the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3684/text), the Biden Administration has been implementing the NGDISM grant program. APGA is grateful that both Congress and the President want to invest in the modernization of gas distribution pipelines across the nation through funding the repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of existing pipeline infrastructure, as well as certain methane emission mitigation equipment purchases. With this support from policymakers, public gas utilities can continue to play the role they should in achieving America’s sustainable energy future.

Both the public gas infrastructure and the valuable workforce that operates it deliver affordable, reliable, and efficient energy that should be leveraged well into the future. Funding programs such as this create even more opportunities for jobs, improve pipeline safety, and reduce emissions. We hope the NGDISM grant program is just the start, and we urge policymakers to continue investing in public gas utilities to strengthen the proven infrastructure and workforce that sustainably energizes over 180 million Americans’ homes and businesses.”