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**Sen. Welch - Congratulations on your CDS Award**

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**United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Josh Arneson, Town Manager  
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**Re:** Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility

Dear Josh:

I am delighted to let you know that the FY26 Minibus Appropriations bill, passed by Congress on January 15, 2026, was signed by the President on January 23, 2026. This bill includes a congressionally directed spending (CDS) grant from the IE-EPA Clean Water SRF account in the amount of \$1350000 for the Town of Richmond “Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility” project. This is a shared project with Senator Sanders.

You can find a list of all the CDS projects approved by Congress at <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy-2026-congressionally-directed-spending>.

You should be hearing directly from the federal agency named above about next steps. If you have questions about congressionally directed spending for your project, or you have not heard from the federal agency in the next two months, please feel free to contact Rebecca Ellis, [Rebecca\\_Ellis@welch.senate.gov](mailto:Rebecca_Ellis@welch.senate.gov), in my office.

I look forward to seeing you in Vermont.



PETER WELCH  
United States Senator

