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### **PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant Will Benefit Westmoreland County Businesses**

**September 21, 2018** – This week the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) approved a \$424,996 PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant to the Unity Township Municipal Authority to install a 4,000 feet sanitary sewer line to serve two businesses that are expanding operations along Donohoe Road in Westmoreland County.

The Unity Township project became a priority for the [Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation](#) (WCIDC) and the [Economic Growth Connection](#) (EGC) when they learned local companies needed to expand, but were limited due to the existing sewage constraints in the area.

The WCIDC and EGC collaborated with the local companies, Unity Township municipal officials, Unity Township Municipal Authority, the Governor's Action Team, and State Senator Kim Ward to seek funding from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program for Phase I of the project.

"We are grateful for the CFA to recognize the value these employers have in Unity Township, and the opportunity this funding provides for all of them to expand their facilities and create new jobs," said Senator Ward. "I look forward to continue working with the officials from Westmoreland County, Unity Township, and the Unity Township Municipal Authority, to find ways to complete Phase 2."

The phased project will bring sewer service to four companies along Donohoe Road and affect more than 300 jobs. Phase I will bring sewage to Product Evaluation Systems Inc. (PES) and JMS Fabricated Systems (JMS).

"PES Inc. is excited about the grant approval. We can now move forward with our new 12,000 SF addition. This project will help us add new test capabilities for continued growth. Can't thank the EGC and WCIDC enough for the support along the way," said PES President, Walt Moorhead.

"JMS is excited to see this through since it will benefit the future of our business. We recently hired six more employees and are looking to hire six to eight more. Plus, with the recent purchase of property behind our facility, we are considering a building expansion," said JMS President, Joseph F. Torerro.

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