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# Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C. --- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall, (D-4th), has called upon three members of President Carter's Cabinet to approve grant and loan applications for the City of Williamson.

In a letter to Secretary of H.U.D. Patricia Harris, Rahall urged support for a \$941,000 grant to assist in the construction of a new water system. Congressman Rahall stated, "This grant is needed to complete a system that has caused increased water bills due to the severe winter and the April flooding."

Rahall called upon Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 to assist in the construction of the Williamson water system. Rahall asked Secretary Kreps to give this project, "Top priority."

The Farmers Home Administration has also been urged by Congressman Rahall to approve a \$5,000,000 grant to construct the water system.

"These funds are sorely needed," Rahall said, "and without them it will place an added burden on the residents of Williamson who have already suffered greatly due to natural disasters."

Rahall observed that if the City of Williamson does not receive the grants, "The City will have to borrow the money from the Farmers Home Administration. However, if this nation can send millions overseas, we can certainly send money to those in our own country who need the help."

Congressman Rahall, after attending the Magnolia Fair in Matewan over the weekend said, "I am pleased to hear that so many area businessmen are taking advantage of the lowered interest rates. It was a great victory for southern West Virginia when President Carter signed the bill into law."