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INDIANAPOLIS- Yesterday at a Statehouse ceremony, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman awarded the City of Charlestown a \$600,000 Community Focus Fund grant for improvements to the city's sanitary sewer system. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) administers the grants, which are funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Twenty-two communities and counties were recognized at the ceremony, with grant awards totaling more than \$10 million.

"Community Focus Fund grants help Hoosier cities and towns achieve their long-term development goals," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "Infrastructure and quality of life projects, like this one, are crucial to the economic success of rural communities in our state."

The grant will fund improvements to Charlestown's sanitary sewer system. New lines will be constructed to eliminate existing bends near Greenway Park and provide a more direct alignment to the lift station. The project will provide improved service for all residents in Charlestown's utility service area.

The Community Focus Fund grants are awarded twice annually through a competitive application process. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: community and senior centers, special needs facilities, libraries, water system improvements, storm drainage projects, and sewer system improvements.