



April 3, 2024

The Honorable Jimmie Smith
Mayor
City of Meridian
601 23rd Avenue
Meridian, MS 39301

RE: Medical District Water Tank Funding

Dear Mayor Smith:

I am offering my support of the City of Meridian's request for Community Project Funding (CPF) to develop and construct a water storage facility in the city's Medical District. This additional water supply near our hospital and other critical health service providers will ensure that our patients are not negatively affected by water outages that may occur from infrastructure failures, power outages, or weather events.

We recently experienced a water outage due to an unplanned municipal water line failure. This outage caused a significant interruption in our daily operations and required us to activate emergency operations response. If a water storage facility had been in place during that outage, we would have continued to operate unaffected.

On any given day, we have over 300 patients and 400 staff members in our downtown Meridian facilities. As a health system that provides life-saving care to critically ill and injured patients, it is imperative that we have a stable water source. This water storage facility is an important capital project for the Medical District that will allow sustainability and resilience in our day-to-day operations which is critical to those we serve in the East Mississippi area.

Sincerely,

John G. Anderson
Administrator and CEO



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Dear Mayor Smith:

I am offering my support of the City of Meridian's water storage facility project in the City's Medical District and their request for federal funding. The addition of water storage near our hospital will ensure we can continue to serve our patients with quality medical services even in times of water supply issues. This project would provide a valuable community resource in the Medical District to both the citizens of Meridian but also to those people we serve across the surrounding counties.

This water storage facility is a much-needed addition to the Medical District that allow to continue day-to-day operations in times of water loss due to weather, power outages, or infrastructure failure.

Sincerely,

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Larkin Kennedy
Chief Executive officer
Ochsner Rush Health



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April 8, 2024

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Mayor
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**RE: Mayor Smith, City of Meridian
Medical District Water Tank CPF Funding**

Dear Mayor Smith:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation (EMBDC), we offer this letter of support to the City of Meridian's request for federal funding for the construction of a water storage facility in the City's Medical District.

This project will provide resilience to our hospitals and medical clinics that depend on clean, safe drinking water for their patients, their services, and their employees. Critical surgeries and services such as dialysis depend on continuous water services. Additional storage will also ensure plentiful water for fire protection in the downtown medical district.

This project is critical to our community and those the medical district serves outside the City proper. We support the funding of this project.

EMBDC is the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Organization and the Main Street Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hannah
President
East Mississippi Business Development Corporation

*Board of Directors (*attached*)



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Medical District Water Tank CPF Funding**

Dear Mayor Smith:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Growth (*the Lauderdale County, Committee of 100 for Economic Development*), we offer this letter of support to the City of Meridian's request for federal funding for the construction of a water storage facility in the City's Medical District.

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Bill Hannah
President
Alliance for Growth

*Board of Directors (*attached*)



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