



**BAPTIST ANDERSON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

April 18, 2025

The Honorable Jimmie Smith  
Mayor  
City of Meridian  
601 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Meridian, MS 39301

**RE: Medical District Water Tank Funding**

Dear Mayor Smith:

I am offering my support of the City of Meridian request for community project funding (CPF) to develop and construct a water storage facility in the City's Medical District. This additional water storage near our hospital and other critical health service providers ensures that patients we serve in and around Meridian are not negatively affected by water outages that may occur from infrastructure failures, power outages, or weather events. We have recently experienced such an event and had this projected been in place, we would have continued to operate unaffected.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John G. Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John G. Anderson  
Administrator/CEO



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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 Alliance for Growth, 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. We support the funding of this project.

The Alliance For Growth is the Economic Development "Committee of 100" for Lauderdale County. Our work, our investments and our efforts are in support of the the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation, Lauderdale County, the City of Meridian and the Town of Marion as we all work together to grow and improve our community for our citizens.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Hannah".

Bill Hannah  
President  
Alliance for Growth

\*Board of Directors (attached)



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The EMBDC is the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Organization for Lauderdale County, and also the Main Street Organization for Downtown Meridian.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Bill Hannah', is written over the typed name.

Bill Hannah  
President/CEO  
East Mississippi Business Development Corporation

\*Board of Directors (attached)





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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Jimmie Smith  
Mayor  
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Meridian, MS 39301

**RE: Medical District Water Tank Funding**

Dear Mayor Smith:

I fully support 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 shortage/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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larkin Kennedy".

Larkin Kennedy  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ochsner Rush Health

Ochsner Rush Medical Center