

TOWN OF NORWAY

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Representative Lonnie Hosey South Carolina District 91 PO Box 423 Barnwell, SC 29812

RE:

EMERGENCY CRISIS FUNDING

Dear Representative Hosey:

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Town of Norway is currently experiencing a financial hardship due to the lack of incoming revenue which started with the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, our loss of income was so great during that time, that we have not yet been able to bring our financial obligations current. In fact, the situation is dire enough now that we are collecting more in late fees and new bills than we can pay.

I am especially concerned with the fact that we supply water / sewer to Hunter Kinard Tyler Elementary and High School of the Orangeburg County School District. The Town of Norway has one of the oldest water systems in the state and the leaks are an ongoing struggle for a small town. Our water payment each month is not reducing our debt to the Department of Public Utilities because we are billed for more water than we are selling, and we simply are not able to pay the full bill each month. Couple lost income with massive water leaks (that we have been unable to find and contain) and our financial picture is bleak at best.

I request your assistance in possibly obtaining emergency crisis funding to ensure our continued operation. The funding will allow us to pay some of our debt and continue to operate the Town.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (803) 682-5656.

Sincerely,

GREGG COVINGTON

MAYOR

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		OUTSTANDING BALANCES		
		GENERAL	PUBLIC	DUE FROM
TOWN OF NORWAY		FUND	SERVICE	PAYROLL
Blanchard Equipment	Public Works supplies / repairs	213.00		
Brooker Hardware LLC	Public Works supplies / equipment	22.00		
Craig's Firearm	Police Department supplies / ammo	667.00		
Dept. of Juvenile Justice	Police Department (lodging for detained youth)	150.00		
Dominion Energy	Town utilities (street lights, bldgs, WWTP, etc.)	40184.00		
DPI	Kyocera/T/A-3252CI copier (pymt on contract)	165.00		
Gibson's Garage & Used Cars	Vehicle repairs/maintenance (mainly Police Dept)	807.00		
Goodwin, Brad	Loan for McGregor audit payoff	19335.00		
John Deere	2nd lawn mower	5391.00		
Lower State	Fuel for heating (Town Hall)	311.00		
Mansfield	Fuel for Police cars (credit card)	3315.00		*****
Mobile Comm America	Police Car in car camera repair	225.00		
Motorola	Police Department radio service	458.00		
MyAlarm	Town Hall alarm (monthly payment)	387.00		
Nat. Assoc, State Agencies Surplus	Membership allowing surplus property buys			
Nicholson Bus Sys (LawTrak)	Police / Court software system (1 yr) (tickets/dockets)	39.00		
Palmetto Utility Protection Svcs Inc	Public Works operations membership	2400.00		
SC Police Chiefs Association	Police Chief membership	250.00		
		100.00		
Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP	Auditor (working on 2015) (additional expenses apply)	5000.00		
Shorty's	Fuel / supplies mostly for Public Works	2698.00		
Sloan, Keith	Accountant (taxes, retirement, etc. reports)	1150.00		
State Fiscal Accountability Auth	Liability / building / auto insurance	23137.00		
State of South Carolina	1033 Program Dues	500.00		
T&D	Special election ads	486.00		
Valet Tech	IT support	1305.00		History and the second
Waste Management	Town garbage service	6357.00		
Wells Fargo	Copier	491.00		
Williams & Williams	Attorney (consult / emails Mayor Clemons)	2885.00		
Williams, Edgar D.	Reimburse lodging Chief's conference /	789.00		
Wright-Johnston Uniforms	Police department uniforms / supplies	661.00		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Charles F. Williams	Water tank switch repair		1293.00	
Davis Septic Tank Service	Pumping service to clean out lift station		800.00	****
DPU	Town water supply		56456.00	
Estate Mgmt Svcs Inc.	WWTP grass maintenance		780.00	
Evans Electric & Main Svc	Lift station electrical repair		1683.00	
Fortiline	Public Works supplies		981.00	
Leary Tank	Water tank service from 2012		27350.00	
RVS Software	Water billing software / billing forms		1175.00	
USDA Loan	Waterworks/Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bond		227039.00	m management
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Utility Lab Services	WWTP operator / supplies / chemicals		10921.00	
Zorn Consulting LLC	Backflow testing		260.00	
Back from July 2022	Retirement		200.00	9294.00
Back from July 2022	State Payroll taxes			8384.00
Back from July 2022	Federal Payroll taxes			2592.00
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	TOTALS	\$119,878.00	\$512,060.00	\$26,960.00