

News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)
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Spratt Announces \$1.5 Million Grant for Sumter

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the City of Sumter has won a \$1.5 million federal grant to expand and improve its water and sewer infrastructure.

The grant, from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), would go toward a 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and over six miles of sewer lines. The project will serve the new \$85 million biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility being built by the Biopure Corporation, of Cambridge, Mass.

“EDA has come through once again for Sumter,” said Spratt. “These grants require proof of a return on the infrastructure investment in the form of jobs, and in this case, there is a substantial return. I am delighted to see the grant approved. It is one more step toward making Biopure’s Sumter plant a reality.”

Spratt said EDA helps plan and implement economic development projects in communities nationwide, working with state and local governments, regional economic development districts, non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes.

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