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## House passes \$69 million in funding for Arkansas conduit

FORT COLLINS (AP) — The Arkansas Water Valley Conduit could get \$69 million in funding through a bill moving through Congress.

The U.S. House on Thursday passed the Water Resources Development Act, which includes money for the water pipeline to provide drinking water to the Lower Arkansas Valley more than 40 years after it was authorized by Congress in 1962.

"Since the time President Kennedy occupied the White House, residents in Southeastern Colorado have been working to get money

and build a pipeline that provides quality water. I am pleased to say their wait is close to ending," Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., said in a statement.

The conduit would be a gravity-fed line stretching 140 miles from Pueblo Dam to Lamar, with spurs serving towns in Crowley and Kiowa counties as well as communities along the Arkansas River.

The project is also supported by Colorado Rep. John Salazar, Sen. Ken Salazar and Sen. Wayne Allard.

Total cost of the project is expected to top \$250 million.