

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM

**Title: Grant Application Resolution**

From: Robby Stone – Public Services Director
Derrick Boone – Asst. Director Public Services

Public Hearing: N/A

Meeting Date: April 18, 2022

Advertising Date: N/A

Advertised By: N/A

Attachments: Resolution

PURPOSE:

The Public Services will be competing for grant funding for various projects. Submission for grant funding requires City Council to adopt a resolution. The first round of submittals are due on May 2, 2022, which must contain a copy of the adopted resolution to be considered for funding. Funding opportunities are through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and State Revolving Fund (SRF) which is a separate allocation from the ARPA funding previously awarded to the City.

BACKGROUND:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): In March 2021, ARPA was signed into law to provide financial relief through several economic outlets, including providing funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. The North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure (NCDWI) has been tasked with distributing the funds as part of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Applications are received twice a year, in the Spring and the Fall. It is anticipated that a majority of NCDWI's remaining ARPA funds for water and wastewater projects will be distributed as part of the Spring 2022 cycle. NCDWI's ARPA funds associated with stormwater projects is expected to be distributed in the Fall 2022 cycle.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIB): In November 2021, BIB was signed into law to provide financial relief and economic stimulus through several programs, including increasing funding to the Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF) and Clean Water SRF (CWSRF) programs to address lead service line replacement, emerging contaminants, and failing infrastructure. BIB is anticipated to be rolled out over a 5-year period, but exact guidance on distribution has not been defined at this time. NCDWI administers the SRF programs and has indicated funding associated with BIB is anticipated to start being distributed in the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 cycle.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No budget impacts are anticipated from this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Public Services Department recommends adopting this resolution to allow complete application submittal for various funding opportunities.

CITY OF HIGH POINT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HIGH POINT

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of water and wastewater treatment plants, and

WHEREAS, The City of High Point has need for and intends to rehabilitate its wastewater collection infrastructure with two projects described as Upper Boulding and Whites Mill Lift Station and Force Main Extension, and

WHEREAS, The City of High Point intends to request state (loan or grant) assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of High Point will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State (loan or grant) award.

That the City of High Point will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the City of High Point agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the City of High Point to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the City of High Point any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the City of High Point will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Tasha Logan Ford, City Manager, the authorized official of the City of High Point, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of High Point with the State of North Carolina for a (loan or grant) to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the City of High Point, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the City of High Point has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted by High Point City Council this (date) in High Point, North Carolina.

[SEAL]

Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting [title of officer] of the City of High Point does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the (name of governing body of applicant) duly held on the- _____ day of _____, 20____; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

(Title of Recording Officer)