



CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | 6:00 PM
Council Chamber- City Hall
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

I. Public Hearing

- I.1. Consideration of introducing Resolution #R-23-029 amending the FY 2023 Sewer Capital Projects Fund budget and appropriating \$6,600,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant awarded by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Richland Hills Sewer Project.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

March 21, 2023

PRESENTED BY

Tim Mitchell, Director of Water Resources

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RECOMMENDATION

Upon conclusion of a Public Hearing adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2023 Sewer Capital Projects Fund Budget and appropriate \$6,600,000 with resources from a Department of Environmental Quality American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Sewer Collection System (SCS) Program grant to the City of Lynchburg for the Richland Hills Sewer Extension Project.

SUMMARY

In December, 2022 the City submitted a grant application to the Department of Environmental Quality requesting a total of \$6,600,000 in grant funds for the Richland Hills Sewer Extension Project. The Department of Water Resources was notified on March 6, 2023 that we have been awarded \$6,600,000 in ARPA funds through DEQ's Sewer Collection System Program for this project. The DEQ based the awards on factors such as: project type, environmental impacts, fiscal stress, readiness to proceed, among other criteria. In order to accept these funds we must notify DEQ in writing including a project description, timeline, and budget by April 5, 2023. Failure to accept the funds by this date will result in the forfeiture of the grant. The grant does not require a local match. These funds will enable the project to be completed all at once instead of in phases and will save \$6,600,000 in local funding.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

None

FISCAL IMPACT

\$6,600,000 savings in local Sewer Capital Funds.

CONTACT(S)

Tim Mitchell, Director of Water Resources

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Richland Hills ARPA RESOLUTION
2. Department of Environmental Quality ARPA Grant Offer Letter

REVIEWED BY



Tim Mitchell, Director of Water Resources

Date: March 16, 2023



Greg Patrick, Deputy City Manager

Date: March 16, 2023



Alicia Finney, Clerk of Council

Date: March 16, 2023

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2023 Sewer Capital Projects Fund budget is amended and \$6,600,000 is appropriated with resources from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Sewer Collection System Program American Rescue Plan Act Grant to reimburse costs associated with the Richland Hills Sewer Extension Project.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

Cc: T. Mitchell
D. Witt



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March 6, 2023

Mr. Eric Schrader PE
City of Lynchburg
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Lynchburg, VA 24501
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Re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Sewer Collection System (SCS) Program
City of Lynchburg – SCS-14 – Richland Hills Sewer Extension
Funding Offer

Dear Mr. Schrader:

I am pleased to inform you that the Director of DEQ has tentatively authorized an ARPA SCS Program grant for the referenced project. The authorization is contingent upon compliance with federal and state laws governing ARPA funds and with ARPA SCS program requirements. The grant amount offered to City of Lynchburg is **\$6,600,000**. More information about the application review and evaluation process can be found at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/water/clean-water-financing/american-rescue-plan-act>.

City of Lynchburg has 30 days from the date of this letter to accept this funding offer and submit a project schedule and budget, which must outline all funding sources for the project. **Acceptance of this offer and submission of the project schedule and budget should be emailed to CWFAP@deq.virginia.gov by April 5, 2023.** If this information is not provided, or if the offer is declined, the tentative authorization for the project will be withdrawn. Please note the identifier number as referenced **SCS-14** is the ARPA number assigned to your grant project. This number should be used on all correspondence and documents associated with the project.

We look forward to working with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 836-5912 or karen.doran@deq.virginia.gov if you have any questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karen M. Doran'.

Karen M. Doran, Program Manager
Clean Water Financing & Assistance Program

cc: Drew Miller – DEQ/BRRO – Project Manager
James Moneymaker – DEQ/BRRO – Project Officer