



AGENDA ITEM #: 22-61
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 3, 2022
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SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Grant Application Authorization

STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 5-19-22

PURPOSE

To request Town Council authorization to submit an American Rescue Plan Act grant application to the NH Department of Environmental Services to fund the Autumn Woods Community Water System Arsenic Treatment Project

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Town Council is urged to accept this funding after the May 19 public hearing which will reduce the local share of this project, which is designed to improve water quality for the residents of Autumn Woods.

BACKGROUND

On November 16, 2021, the Derry Town Council appropriated \$280,000 for the Autumn Woods Community Water System Arsenic Treatment Project (Resolution No. 2021-074). The project is necessary for the Autumn Woods water system to install a treatment system to meet the State of NH's new water quality standard of 0.005 ppm for arsenic.

The project includes a new arsenic absorption unit, new level transducers, well pumps and VFD's for each of the two wells, and to clean, repair, and epoxy coat the atmospheric and pressure storage tanks.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Public Works submitted pre-application for funding through the State of NH's State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program. On November 9, 2021, the State notified the Town that, although loan funds were not available for this project, it would be eligible for up to \$52,000 in grant funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

The final grant application, which is due June 1, 2022, requires the Town Council to authorize the application.

FISCAL IMPACT

ARPA grant funding approval will reduce the project cost to the Town by up to \$52,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

It is recommended that the Council vote to enter into an American Rescue Plan Act Fund grant agreement with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services to fund the Autumn Woods Arsenic Treatment Project and to authorize David Caron, Town Administrator, to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the grant agreement.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Please see Resolution #2022-040