

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JUNE 27, 2022**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.
REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT PRE-APPLICATION TO THE NH
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' STATE AID GRANT
PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHERN LAKEPORT SEWER PROJECT**

Discussion: NH RSA 486 established the State Aid Grant (SAG) program, which provides financial assistance in the form of a grant to NH communities to offset the planning, design and construction costs for eligible sewage disposal infrastructure. The SAG program provides a 20 to 30 percent grant, depending on the community's sewer user fee, to NH communities for eligible sewage disposal facilities.

A municipality can submit any sewer project that meets the eligibility criteria for the SAG program regardless of the funding source for the project. Public Works requests to submit an application for the Northern Lakeport Sewer project. This project is being funded by a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan and a \$747,600 grant from the DES using ARPA funds. The requirements of the State Aid Grant program, including federal wage rates and American Iron and Steel provisions, are also part of the CWSRF program so would not impose additional requirements on the project.

Fiscal Impact: The Northern Lakeport Sewer project is scheduled to bid in August 2022 and has an estimated construction cost of \$2.4 M. A 20 to 30 percent grant would provide between \$480k and \$720k in grant funding.

Staff Recommendation: The City Council authorize Public Works to submit a pre-application to the NH DES State Aid Grant program for the Northern Lakeport sewer project.

This report submitted by: Krista Larsen, Assistant Public Works Director

Proposed motion:

"I move that the City Council authorize Public Works to submit a pre-application for the Northern Lakeport Sewer Project to the Department of Environmental Services' State Aid Grant Program."