

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.
RESOLUTION 2023-02 – REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO,
AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM, THE CLEAN WATER STATE
REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) FOR WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER
ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Discussion: The American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is making ARPA funds available for Planning, Asset Management, and Energy Audit Measure Implementation projects identified on their 2022 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Laconia is listed as programs 9 and 10 on the Asset Management Programs.

On March 20, 2022, a pre-application was submitted to NHDES to create an Asset Management plan of our wastewater and stormwater systems. The wastewater program will include both horizontal assets (gravity mains, force mains, siphons, manholes, vents) and vertical assets (pump stations). The data and analyses will become an integral part of the capital planning process and Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) program. The Asset Management program will include an update of the City’s current asset inventory, a condition assessment, a determination of Level of Service goals, a criticality assessment and resulting prioritization, a cost and funding strategy, and an implementation and communication plan.

The City of Laconia has been granted \$60,000 for Wastewater Asset Management and \$30,000 for Stormwater Asset Management. If implemented, we plan to start work on May 8, 2023 and complete by August 7, 2023. There is no match required for this grant.

Fiscal Impact: Laconia is eligible to receive up to \$90,000 grant funding for a Sewer and Stormwater Asset Management Plan

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign and submit an application to the NHDES 2022 CWSRF program for a Sewer and Stormwater Asset Management Plan.

This report submitted by: Nate Guerette, Assistant Director of Public Works

Proposed motions:

“I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2023-02 in its entirety and to read by title only.

“I move a first reading of Resolution 2023-02, relative to authorizing application and acceptance of \$90,000 grant funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for wastewater and stormwater asset management.”

“I move to schedule a public hearing on February 27, 2023 during the regular City Council meeting to gather public input prior to any action being taken.”