

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Resolution 2022-007 – authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stormwater infrastructure grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

MEETING DATE

June 6, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS

Sample Resolution from MDNR, Resolution 2022-007

REVIEWED BY

Interim Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY

This Resolution grants approval for the support of the City's intent to apply for a stormwater grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under the American Rescue Plan Act.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law. The Act will fund a multitude of efforts aimed at alleviating the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic downturn. As part of those efforts, the ARPA provided over \$2.6 billion dollars to the State of Missouri for a number of uses, including funding to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Based on a recommendation by the Governor, the state legislature appropriated \$410 million dollars of state ARPA funds to the Department in state fiscal year 2023 to invest in Missouri's water infrastructure through community grant programs. MDNR's Financial Assistance Center (FAC) will administer four separate ARPA grant programs for water and sewer infrastructure. These grant programs and their available funding amounts are listed below:

- Drinking water infrastructure projects: \$125 million
- Wastewater infrastructure projects: \$125 million
- Stormwater infrastructure projects: \$150 million
- Lead Service line inventories: \$10 million

The maximum grant award for any individual project is \$5,000,000. City staff will identify suitable stormwater infrastructure project(s) for the grant application, based on the scoring criteria identified by MDNR for the grant.

For drinking water, wastewater, and lead service line inventory funding, applicants may only apply for a single project within a particular grant category but may submit separate applications for projects in different grant categories. Applicants may submit multiple projects under the

stormwater grant category. All ARPA funds must be obligated to a project by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. With this resolution, Council is authorizing City staff to submit an application(s) for an ARPA grant for a stormwater project(s), and committing to MDNR that upon grant award, the City will provide the matching funds to construct the necessary improvements funded by the grant(s).

FUNDING SOURCE

The Local Match Share will come from the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2022-007 authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stormwater infrastructure grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).