

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:  
CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FISCAL  
RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) –  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
(EDA) GRANT OPPORTUNITY

City Council, January 18, 2022

# CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- First available funding was the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act distributed to the Counties and passed through to various eligible agencies such as the City of Joplin
- CARES expenditures covered the time period between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020
- City incurred various expenditures such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), masks for the public, equipment to aid virtual meetings, labor costs directly related to COVID-related response activities, and emergency sick leave
- City spent \$1,621,372.00 and was reimbursed \$1,557,135.00 from Jasper County and Newton County combined

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- Passed on March 10, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants additional economic relief to various agencies
- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a component of ARPA, delivered \$350 billion to state, local and Tribal governments to support the response and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency
- The City of Joplin will receive \$13,779,739.00 over a two-year period from the SLFRF allocation
- The final rule detailing how these funds must be spent was released January 6, 2022

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- The final rule for SLFRF takes effect on April 1, 2022
- These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026
- A full presentation on the SLFRF allocation will be provided once staff has researched the final rule that was just released
- Along with the SLFRF, various federal and state agencies received direct allocations from ARPA which will be awarded through grant application processes

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- The State of Missouri has yet to release the details for the application process of these funds
- City staff is working closely with State legislators to prepare for this process
- It is anticipated that various Federal agencies will also be releasing grant application processes to further augment the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery
- The City has engaged Baker Tilly US, LLP to assist the City in identifying any such available Federal and State grant opportunities and make application for these funds

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- The first grant application funding opportunity is through the Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- The deadline for this grant application is March 31, 2022
- There are six programs applicable for the EDA Grant opportunity, of which Joplin is only eligible for the first four programs:
  - (1) Economic Adjustment Assistance (2) Good Jobs Challenge (3) Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (4) Statewide Planning, Research and Networks (5) Indigenous Communities and (6) Build Back Better Regional Challenge

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- Based upon the types of projects allowed for this grant funding as outlined by Baker Tilly, various possible projects were identified for this grant as follows:
  - Broadband, Bakers Branch East Sewer Extension, Project Launchpad, Empire Market, Workforce Development with Joplin Chamber, Dover Outdoor Recreation Area Project, Tin Cup and Grand Falls Trails, Stormwater Projects, Central Corridor Beautification, Discovery Center, Visitor's Center, or Update to the current EDA Plan

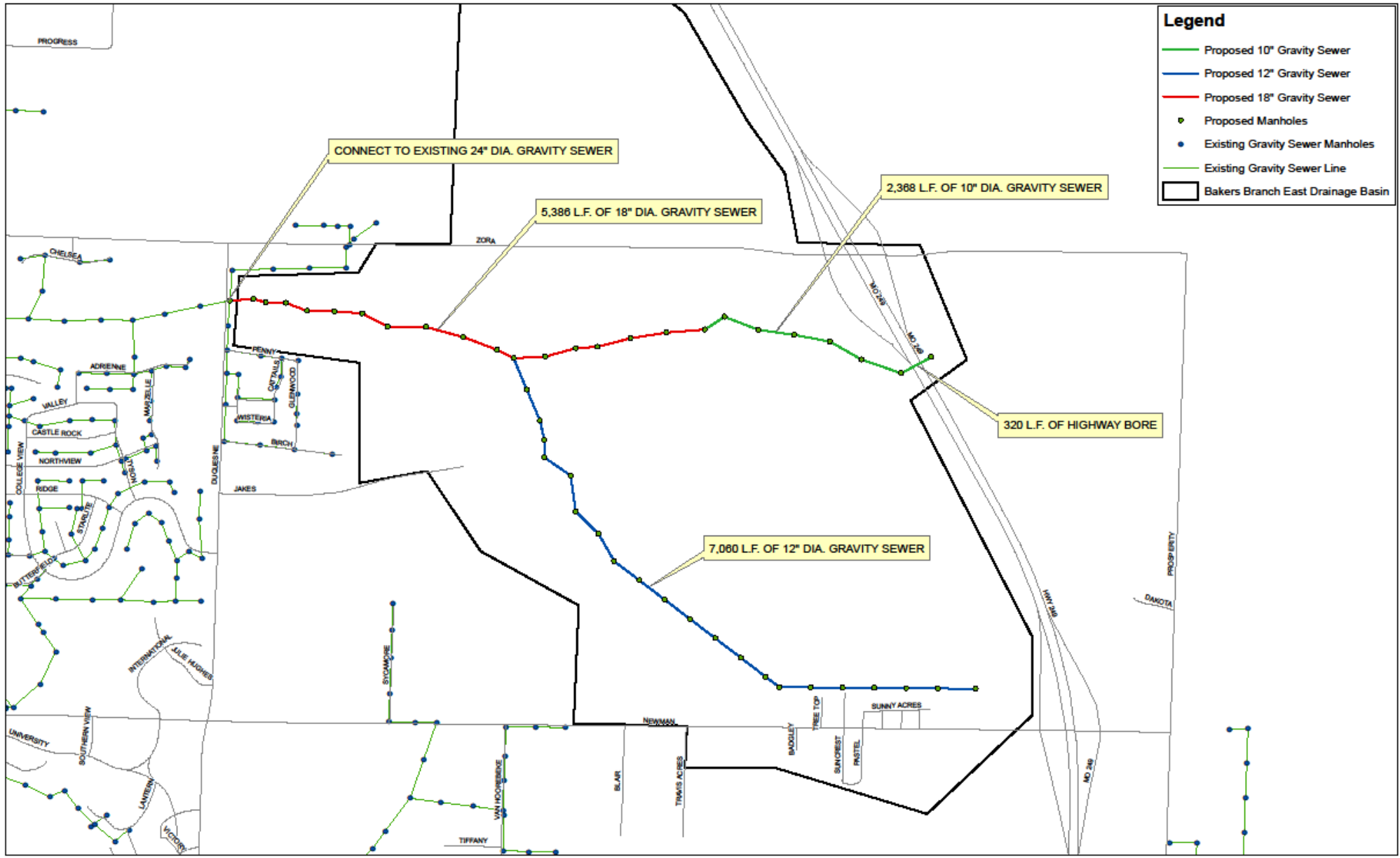
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- After reviewing the grant requirements with Baker Tilly, the possible projects were further narrowed based on the following:
  - Projects must already be designed with environmental assessments underway
  - City must be the owner of the Project
  - City must have matching funds of at least 20%
  - The Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Projects should be already existing projects and the grant request should be an addition to the existing project
  - Needs to be a “Typical EDA” Project such as an infrastructure project that enables or enhances job creation



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- City of Joplin is in the EDA Denver Regional Office
- EDA Denver Regional Office was awarded a total of just over \$59 million to grant for their entire region
- As such, Baker Tilly recommends our grant application should be in the range of approximately \$2 million to optimize our likelihood of grant award
- After the required analysis, the recommended project to request through the EDA grant process is the Bakers Branch East Sewer Extension



# Bakers Branch East Wastewater Extension

- The proposed Wastewater Extension includes the installation of approximately 14,800 L.F. of gravity sewer, 320 L.F. of highway bore, 44 manholes, and all related appurtenances for a complete and functioning sanitary sewer system.
- This sewer extension will serve a drainage area of approximately 978 acres that does not currently have available sanitary sewer service. The proposed area to be served lies along State Highway 249 and two interchanges serving Zora Street and Newman Road, major roads in Joplin that are primed for commercial and industrial development.
- With acceptance of the grant the project will be advertised to contractors in 6 month with construction following and taking up to 12 months.

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- City Staff is working with Baker Tilly to assemble the required information for the grant application in order to submit a well-written application as quickly as possible in advance of the March 31, 2022 deadline
- Finally, there will be additional possible funding opportunities through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021
- In the near future, City staff will be releasing an RFP for outside assistance with the Infrastructure Act

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- The response to and recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic has created historic funding opportunities for State and Local Governments
- City Staff is working methodically and diligently to capitalize on these opportunities on behalf of the City Council, the community, our citizens and visitors
- Here's a look at the current identified possible Community Project Requests

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- Questions???
- Thank You!