

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Resolution 2022-009 – authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) wastewater infrastructure grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

MEETING DATE

June 6, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works/Engineering

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-009; Sample Resolution from MDNR

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 authorizes City staff to file an application for a wastewater infrastructure grant administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law. The Act will fund a multitude of efforts aimed at alleviating the effects of 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 Missouri state legislature appropriated \$410 million dollars of state ARPA funds to MDNR 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 wastewater infrastructure. These grant categories and their available state-wide 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 wastewater 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 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 file an application for an ARPA grant for a wastewater project.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Local Match Share will come from the Wastewater fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2022-009 authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) wastewater infrastructure grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).