



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/28/2025

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Emerging Contaminants, Small and Disadvantaged Communities (ECSDC) Grant Award and Agreement for Preliminary Study and Design Services for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), in the Drinking Water System of Augusta, Georgia

Department:	Utilities Department
Presenter:	Wes Byne, Director
Caption:	Motion to approve authorization of a grant agreement and funding acceptance under the ECSDC Grant Program between GEFA and Augusta, Georgia for the preliminary study and design services as it relates to evaluation of the presence of PFAS in the groundwater system of Augusta.
Background:	The ECSDC Grant Program established under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Grant is designed to help public water systems reduce exposure to PFAS. This grant funding will benefit Augusta in compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and maintaining water quality.
Analysis:	Augusta Utilities Department has been awarded a \$3,720,000.00 grant through the ECSDC Grant Program. The grant funds will support preliminary activities including sampling and analysis of PFAS compounds, evaluation of treatment alternatives, and development of design plans for future treatment improvements and infrastructure upgrades at Augusta's drinking water treatment facilities.
Financial Impact:	This grant is in the amount of \$3,720,000.00.
Alternatives:	Deny the grant agreement.
Recommendation:	Approve submission of the grant agreement.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A