



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 11/04/2025

ECSDC Grant Award and Agreement

Department:	Utilities Department
Presenter:	Wes Byne, Director
Caption:	Motion to approve authorization of a grant agreement and funding acceptance under the Emerging Contaminants, Small and Disadvantaged Communities (ECSDC) Grant Program between the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) and Augusta, Georgia for the preliminary study and design services as it relates to evaluation of the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the groundwater system of Augusta. Approval of this item will include the ability for electronic signature by Augusta.
Background:	The (ECSDC) Grant Program was established under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. The 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 with no local match.
Alternatives:	No alternative is proposed.
Recommendation:	Approve authorization of a grant agreement and funding acceptance under the Emerging Contaminants, Small and Disadvantaged Communities (ECSDC) Grant Program between the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) and Augusta, Georgia for the preliminary study and design services as it relates to evaluation of the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the groundwater system of Augusta. Approval of this item will include the ability for electronic signature by Augusta.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A