



## CITY COMMISSION ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

**TITLE:** Resolution 25-22 (Finance and Public Utilities)

**DATE:** April 22, 2025

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR FY 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. –  
**(Finance/Public Utilities)**

### **CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Manager recommends approval to authorize the pursuit of Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) Requests to assist in funding two vital Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$10 million. If funded, to authorize the City Manager to accept the award of the grant funds, execute the grant agreements, expend budgeted funds, and take all necessary steps to implement the terms and conditions of the grant agreements.

The proposed Wastewater Capital Improvement Program Projects are:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Construction of New Headworks Facility \$7 million
- b. Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Phase 3) \$3 Million

### **BACKGROUND OF ITEM:**

The House Appropriations Committee announced that the Committee is accepting requests for Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as earmarks, for the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations process. Through the CPF Program, Members of Congress – who know their districts best – are able to request direct funding for specific entities and projects in their districts to serve the public good. The House Appropriations Committee intends to fund community projects on a limited basis in the FY 2026 Appropriations bills. The CPF Requests that address the most significant needs of local communities, or provide a significant public good, are more likely to be included.

As a governmental entity, the City of Cooper City's CPF Requests require submission to the Office of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-25) for consideration. Per the new rules

enforced by the House Appropriations Committee, each Member of the House may only submit 15 CPF Requests. Therefore, the Congresswoman's Office will not be able to accommodate every request received, even for the most worthy projects.

The House Appropriations Committee will conform to statutory match and cost-sharing requirements. If awarded, these federal awards would normally require a funding match or cost-share by a non-federal entity. Thus, the City must demonstrate the provision of a match source upon making these requests (see the FISCAL IMPACT section).

#### **ANALYSIS:**

The City Manager recommends the pursuit of Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) Requests to assist in funding the (1) Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks Facility Project, and the (2) Cooper City Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Phase 3).

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant New Headworks Facility Project Summary

The headworks process is the initial treatment process for removing bulky solids in wastewater treatment. Currently, the Cooper City Wastewater Treatment Plant lacks a headworks facility, leading to frequent operational challenges, especially during high inflow periods. Without dedicated headworks, debris such as rags and other materials accumulate in the surge tanks, significantly reducing their capacity and efficiency. The introduction of a headworks facility is crucial to remove these materials early in the treatment process, thus protecting the infrastructure, enhancing operational reliability, and safeguarding community health and the environment. This Project includes the construction of a new headworks facility equipped with modern screening and grit removal systems. This facility will effectively intercept and remove coarse and fine debris from the incoming wastewater before it enters the main treatment process, thereby preventing the accumulation of solids in surge tanks, mitigating the risk of overflows, and ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of subsequent treatment stages. This Project is currently in the Design Phase with final design completion estimated in FY2026. In addition, this Project is priority in the City's Water and Wastewater Master Plan. The estimated cost for the Construction is \$7 Million.

#### Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Phase 3) Summary

The City has approximately 17 miles of gravity sewer pipes that have steadily declined in condition due to differential settlement and age. Current condition of the pipes allows ground water into the system, expanding flows and contributes to sanitary sewer overflows from manholes and lift stations, affecting surface water quality. The City's Water and Wastewater Master Plan recommends a phased approach to replace, or rehabilitate, the gravity sewer lines system. The City successfully secured FY2024 CPF Funds for the Gravity Sewer Line Rehabilitation-Inflow and Infiltration Correction Project (\$959,757); FY2024-25 State Appropriation funding for Phase 1 (\$700,000); and recently applied for FY2025-26 State Appropriation funding for Phase 2 (\$722,000). The proposed Phase 3 Project will continue the work and includes the assessment and rehabilitation of critical sewer lines identified as high-risk for leaks and overflows. This Project proposes to employ trenchless technology methods, such as cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, to minimize disruption while renewing the existing sewer infrastructure. This approach not

only extends the lifespan of the sewer system but also enhances its resistance to inflow and infiltration, ensuring improved performance and environmental protection. This Project is a priority in the Water and Wastewater Master Plan. The estimated cost for the Phase 3 Construction is \$3 Million.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Project supports the *City's Strategic Priority #1 Financially Sustaining Someplace Special* to further diversify and increase the City's revenue sources to reduce reliance on property tax revenues. In addition, the Project supports the *City's Strategic Priority #4 Citywide Revitalization* to maintain and improve the City's infrastructure and appearance to support and ensure a sustainable and beautiful environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, these federal awards would normally require a funding match or cost-share by a non-federal entity. To significantly enhance the strength of the City's CPF Requests and demonstrate financial commitment, the City Manager recommends a 50% cost-share, thereby effectively maximizing the impacts of every dollar invested. Efficient utilization of these funds is crucial for swiftly addressing critical infrastructure needs, improving groundwater quality, and enhancing the resilience of the sewer system.

The current line item for WWTP Headworks Project is 453-931-563440-535-WWTPR. The FY26 Budget is listed as \$7,000,000.

The current line item for Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation is 453-930-563610-535-WS003. The FY26 Phase 3 Cost above is listed as \$3,000,000.

We will use a hypothetical Federal Grant Revenue Line Item with a TBD Project Code, 453-000-331450-331-XXXXX.

The City Match will come from an appropriation of retained earnings from Fund 453 (453-000-389980-389) which has a balance of \$22,351,752 as of our 09/30/2024 Audit. It should be noted that we have budgeted an additional appropriation of \$7,491,743 in FY25's Budget.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
453-000-331450-535-XXXXX	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
453-000-389980-389	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
453-931-563440-535-WWTPR	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$7,000,000
453-930-563610-535-WS003	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000

\*Note the two Revenue Line Items total \$10,000,000 as do the two CIP Project Line Items.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If not awarded, the two projects will be funded from fees assessed to residents and businesses.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

## 1. Resolution 25-22