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Terrebonne Sanitary District Update & Funding Request

District Update: The Terrebonne Sanitary District has made significant progress in 2024 thanks to past ARPA allocations by the BOCC. Nearly 100 annexation applications were received from property owners in Terrebonne, signaling growing community interest and support for the system. The Terrebonne STEP Collection System Project is on the DEQ CWSRF funding Intended Use Plan, including \$2 million in principal forgiveness. Additionally, \$1 million in Community Project Grant Funding for the Terrebonne Sewer system is included in HR 8998, thanks to Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer. ODOT has awarded the US 97 / Lower Bridge Way project to High Desert Aggregate & Paving, who has begun installing sewer mains within the highway project limits. The District is currently working on finalizing the sewer system design and securing funding to construct the system over the next several years. The Terrebonne Sewer Planning & Design project is nearing a critical phase in where additional funding is essential to ensure its successful completion in 2024 with "shovel-ready" status. To cover unanticipated efforts and wrap up the project effectively, we are requesting an additional \$75,000 in ARPA funding.

Unanticipated efforts: The Terrebonne Sewer Planning & Design project faced several unanticipated efforts, including additional work for the annexation process, cultural/historical surveys, and biological evaluations, as well as legal and regulatory agency coordination. These unforeseen activities have contributed to the need for additional funding to ensure the project's successful completion.

Opportunity for Successful Completion: Securing this additional funding will enable us to complete several key activities that are crucial for the project's success. These include finalizing the Planning Loan Application and checklist requirements, completing the CWSRF design/construction loan application, and wrapping up the annexation process. Additionally, we will be able to engage subconsultant services from Nancy Blankenship for administrative counsel and support, and Linda Swearingen for public outreach/involvement. Continued meetings, project management, finalizing plans and specs for DEQ review and approval, and preparing bid documents for contractor bidding are also part of this request.

Funding Request: We are requesting an additional \$75,000 to cover these critical activities and ensure the project's successful completion. If \$75,000 is not available, a minimum of \$35,000 is requested to assist the District with securing the CWSRF funding it needs to cover its administrative expenses and continue sewer planning and design efforts next year. This reduced budget would cover the services described above, except for final plans/specs and bid documents which would be deferred until future funding is available via other sources.

Project Benefits: The additional funding will help reduce the risk of exposure to wastewater effluent, preserving public and environmental health. It will also help preserve low-income housing at risk of septic system failure, which could lead to houselessness, and facilitate the development of workforce and affordable housing. Additionally, it is expected to eventually reduce the burden on Environmental Health Division staff resources related to dealing with onsite wastewater system issues in Terrebonne.

Conclusion: The additional funding will support the successful completion of the Terrebonne Sewer Planning & Design project. This investment will help finalize the project and secure necessary funding for future efforts. Thank you for considering this request.

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