DOUGLAS, AZ COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBMITTED BY: Luis Pedroza, Deputy City Manager

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Advanced Infrastructure Development and Improvement

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:

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SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-1658, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona **AUTHORIZING** the execution of a **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT** with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority regarding efforts for the **CONSTRUCTION** of the **WEST DOUGLAS UTILITIES EXPANSION PROJECT** in Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona.

Meeting Date: 3/12/2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas applied and has been awarded a \$2 million grant from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority Water Supply Development Revolving Fund program for the construction of the West Douglas Utilities Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND:

This grant will provide construction assistance, specifically for the 12" water line along SR-80 from Copper Avenue to James Ranch Road. This funding compliments the overall West Douglas Expansion Project Phase I, where the city will connect water and sewer from Copper Avenue to Cochise College including the sewer alignment along Kings Highway and South of Puzzi Ranch Road to James Ranch Road.

The city continues to seek grant funding to fund the overall projected cost to extend utilities to the new commercial POE site estimated at \$42 million. With this grant, the city has secured approximately \$19 million and currently has other outstanding grant applications to fund the remaining gap.

The city has completed design of the SR-80 water/sewer and broadband conduit portion and currently in permitting phase with ADOT and ADEQ. Construction is scheduled to begin this Fall.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends accepting the financial assistance grant agreement to be spent towards water line construction of the SR-80 water and sewer west extension.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$2,000,000 in grant revenue for the water fund

Fiscal Year: 2024/2025 Amount Requested: Y / N

Account (s):

"...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 25-1658."