

Staff Report

Subject: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Amendment
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Meeting Date: 1/7/25
Item Description: Consideration to ratify and approve an amendment from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends the ratification and approval of the amendment from the OPB Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program.

Executive Summary:

The Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) awarded Effingham grant funds intended to fully cover the cost of design and construction of a new waste water treatment plant. The original grant was for \$41,724,235. Later, OPB issued the first amendment to the terms & conditions, adding in contingency funding and increasing the total award to \$45,896,658.50. Now, this new amendment is the second amendment to terms & conditions, and in it OPB (in coordination with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) is increasing the total funding to \$51,596,658.50. These additional funds are solely available to address cost overruns to the approved scope of work caused by the unforeseen increase in the cost of goods and services that has taken place since the initial date of your award. These funds may not be used for additional projects or project elements, or for changes to the approved project scope.

Background:

1. The Board originally accepted this award on 5/2/2023.
2. The funds will be used to help construct Effingham County's new waste water treatment plant.
3. The amendment increases the grant award by \$5,700,000.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Ratify and approve the contingency amendment for the OPB Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program.
2. Do not ratify and approve the contingency amendment for the OPB Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program
1. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Ratify and approve the contingency amendment for the OPB Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance

Funding Source:

Attachments:

Amendment to the grants terms & conditions