

Staff Report

Subject: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program

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Department: Finance Department

Meeting Date: 7/18/23

Item Description: Consideration to ratify and approve a contingency 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 a contingency amendment from the OPB Water / Sewer Infrastructure Grant Program.

Executive Summary:

The Office of Planning and Budget is pleased to announce its implementation of a contingency budget line for your grant award program. Therefore, your award budget will be amended to include a 10% contingency line item for approved cost overruns in the event that the actual costs of your project exceed the planned approved budget. To utilize this contingency line for cost overruns, your organization will be required to submit a budget adjustment request with a narrative and supporting documentation to demonstrate the cost overrun. Additionally, to receive the contingency budget line, your organization will be required to sign an amendment to the terms and conditions agreement between OPB and your organization. Failure to sign this amendment will result in a rejection of any budget request(s) for contingency funds. If your organization already has an approved final budget in OPB's grant system, a new final budget and score card will be sent to you by Monday, May 15, 2023. If your organization does not already have an approved final award budget, the contingency budget line will be added during the budgeting process.

Background:

1. The Board 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 contingency amount is \$4,724,235.00.

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:

Contingency Amendment