



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** August 1, 2023
FROM: Scott Schultz, Asst. Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council ratification of the submittal of an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Water Quality Protection Grant, for Phase III of the Harbor Road Wastewater Treatment Facility (HRWWTF) expansion which includes a force main from Lift Station #2 to the HRWWTF and the “mothballing” of the South WWTF in the amount of \$6 million dollars.

BACKGROUND

The FDEP has opened grant opportunities for water quality improvement projects in Florida. This is a separate program from that of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) which the city has used to finance / receive grants for the HRWWTF and other projects to improve its water and wastewater facilities.

Since the current Phase II construction of the HRWWTF is a year behind schedule it has impacted the implementation of the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program (CIP) schedule which is needed to properly manage the growth of the system (Rookery,

This project is also imperative to complying with the Surface Water Discharge Elimination Act (Senate Bill 64) by bringing the south service territory waste to HRWWTF to be converted to reclaimed water and distributed to the area where reclaimed water customers exist.

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated Fiscal Impact will be 3,000,000.00 factoring in a potential 50% grant funding. Submitting for the program does not automatically commit the utility to completing the project. All efforts (grants, etc.) will be taken to minimize financial impact

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the submittal of an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Water Quality Protection Grant, for Phase III of the Harbor Road Wastewater Treatment Facility (HRWWTF) expansion which includes a force main from Lift Station #2 to the HRWWTF and the “mothballing” of the South WWTF in the amount of \$6 million dollars.