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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of September 14, 2026

Title/Subject

Resolution 2442: Regional Infrastructure Fund Grant Application

Summary

This resolution will support submission of an application to the State of Oregon's Regional Infrastructure Fund to support construction of a sewer main.

Background

The State of Oregon's [Regional Infrastructure Fund](#) allocates \$10 million toward infrastructure projects which are immediately ready to construct, and guarantees at least \$500,000 toward each region of the state. The intention of the fund is to specifically support one of the statewide needs of Housing, Childcare, or Economic Development.

Resolution 2416 authorized financing for construction of a 13,000 foot sewer main project in Feedville Road and Highway 207. Resolution 2441 follows up with establishing the private-sector contribution toward the project.

The project supports future housing development by overcoming one of the most expensive obstacles toward developing the 350 acres of residentially zoned land in SW Hermiston, which has had legitimate development interest in the past for construction of more than 1,000 housing units, by extending sanitary sewer infrastructure to that area.

This resolution (2442) looks to minimize the City of Hermiston's financial contribution toward the project by supporting an application to the RIF to help cover the City's portion.

Tie-In to Council Goals

City Facilities: Public facilities that meet the community needs of today and the future

Fiscal Information

This is an application for an undetermined amount of competitive grant funding, up to \$1 million, and should be viewed as 'icing on the cake.' This funding opportunity points to the challenges often faced with competitive grant funding which can only be overcome through

courageously advancing important projects. This opportunity requires 'development ready' projects with fully designed plans ready to bid; which of course takes upfront investment and commitment to deliver on a project. I am hopeful that through the size and impact of this project, combined with the private sector contribution, it will compete well for this funding opportunity; however it is unclear what the final funding amount might be.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2441
2. Reject Resolution 2441
3. Table Resolution 2441

Recommended Action/Motion

Approve Resolution 2441

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