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March 27, 2023

Ms. Diane Seaford, Town Manager Town of Landis PO Box 8165 Landis, NC 28088

Subject: Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant

Letter of Intent to Fund

Sanitary Sewer Asset Assessment and

Evaluation

September 2022 Application Cycle Project No.: AIA-W-ARP-0200

Dear Ms. Seaford:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has reviewed your application to the Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) grant program, and the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) has approved your project as eligible to receive grant funding from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and the State Reserve Program (SRP). The total grant funding amount will be \$400,000 from the following funding sources:

State Reserve Funds (SRP) grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Projects funded from ARPA must meet applicable federal law and guidance. The ARPA-Study Grant will be one hundred percent of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$400,000.

Please note this intent to fund is contingent on meeting **all** project milestones.

The first milestone for the AIA grant is the submittal of a preliminary project scope that includes a cost estimate and schedule for each major task by May 15, 2023. Please email this to your Division project manager, Matthew Rushing, EI, at matthew.rushing@ncdenr.gov. Upon the Division's review and approval of this information, we will issue the grant agreement and information package for your signature and approval.

All costs incurred prior to March 3, 2021, are not eligible for ARPA funds and the Division will make no reimbursements for ARPA funds after December 31, 2026.

Please contact us if you plan to proceed with study work prior to receipt of the Division's grant offer, as such work may later be determined to be ineligible. Additionally, ensure you review past work completed or underway to develop the current scope of work needed. We have resources on <u>Division's Website – AIA</u> to assist you and your consultant in preparing your scope.



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Engineering Services Procurement

The Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327 gives minimum requirements for procurement, with 2 CFR 200.319(b) addressing engineering services procurement guidelines. ARP-funded projects must also adhere to North Carolina State law, specifically NC General Statute 143-64.31, Article 3D Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying (A/E) Services. NCGS 143-64.32 cannot be used to exempt Recipients from a qualification-based selection for A/E. The State provides applicable certification forms that must be completed prior to receiving funds for any engineering services covered under this funding offer.

Upon receipt of your letter of intent to fund, please fill out the attached Federal ID & Unique Entity ID (UEI) form and email it to Pam Whitley at pam.whitley@ncdenr.gov. If you choose to decline this funding, the Authorized Representative as declared in the application must directly contact the Division project manager via email or letter on the applicant's letterhead.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Rushing, EI, at matthew.rushing@ncdenr.gov or by phone at (919) 707-9060.

Sincerely,

Victor A. D'Amato, PE, Supervisor

Viable Utilities Unit

EC: Gary Flowers; Municipal Engineering, Inc. (via email)
Matthew Rushing, EI (via email)
Pam Whitley (via email)
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