

RESOLUTION R-2122-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SUBMIT WATERSMART
GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY
GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

1. WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has a funding program entitled “WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for fiscal year (FY) 2022” and pursuant to this funding opportunity R22AS00023, the BOR provides funding for projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader sustainability benefits; and
2. WHEREAS, the Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) has completed an assessment report for the implementation of advanced water metering infrastructure for the City of Norman to accurately measure water consumption to improve water conservation efforts to all the NUA to serve customers further into the future using existing water supplies; and
3. WHEREAS, NUA envisions corresponding energy savings resulting from reduced pump run times and the reduction of fossil fuel usage for vehicles currently used for manual meter reading efforts; and
4. WHEREAS, the NUA wishes to apply for funds to cover a portion of the cost for the advanced water metering infrastructure project by the deadline of November 3, 2021; and
5. WHEREAS, the BOR has directed applicants to include in the application an official resolution adopted by the applicant’s board of directors or governing body verifying 1) the identity of the official with legal authority to enter into an agreement; 2) the board of directors, governing body, or appropriate official who has reviewed and supports the application submitted; 3) the capability of the applicant to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the funding plan; and 4) that the application will work with the BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The NUA hereby finds that it is in the City of Norman’s and public’s interest in health, safety and welfare of the community to file the Financial Assistance Application with the BOR to seek funds made available under the NUA to enter into a cooperative agreement with the BOR to seek funds made available under Funding Opportunity Number R22AS00023.

SECTION 2. The NUA understands and supports the application that will be submitted and finds:

- (a) The NUA has legal authority to enter into an agreement with BOR to receive a grant; and
- (b) The NUA is able to provide the minimum 50% non-federal cost share specified in the funding plan for this application.

SECTION 3. The NUA hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager or his designees, the Director of Utilities or his agents to:

- (a) file and sign, for and on behalf of the NUA, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from BOR for the Advanced Water Metering Infrastructure Project;
- (b) provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application including executing a financial assistance agreement from the BOR and any amendments or changes thereto; and
- (c) represent the NUA in carrying out the NUA' s responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the NUA and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 4. The NUA will work with BOR to meet established deadlines required for entering into a cooperative agreement to obtain the aforementioned grant funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Brea Clark, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda Hall, Secretary