

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO APPLY FOR AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA  
WATER RESOURCES BOARD.

1. WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are being made available as grant funds being administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB); and
2. WHEREAS, the OWRB ARPA program will fund \$40 million for water/wastewater projects by communities with a population greater than 7,000 or rural water districts with more than 2,300 non-pasture taps; and
3. WHEREAS, the OWRB is limiting funding to no more than \$2 million per applicant and a minimum 50 percent cost share; and
4. WHEREAS, applications must be submitted to the OWRB by November 30, 2022, to be considered for funding as part of the competitive evaluation; and
5. WHEREAS, the following water and wastewater needs justify the Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) apply for OWRB ARPA grant funds:
  - A. Project WA0352 – Southlake Water Line Replacement – Necessary to replace existing water lines with corrosion and higher incidences of water line breaks and leaks;
  - B. Project WA0351 – Advanced Water Metering – Improvements necessary to replace existing meters and upgrade to current meter reading technology to become more efficient, better conserve water, and provide improved customer service;
  - C. Project WA0212 – Groundwater Water Well Improvements – Install groundwater well on currently permitted site and re-drill two existing wells that have failed;
  - D. Project WA0329/WW0329 – Line Maintenance Facility – Construct new facility to allow the Line Maintenance Division for the Utilities Department to have sufficient space for equipment and staff and also making additional space available at the current City-owned North Base complex;
  - E. Project WA0338 – James Garner Water Line Replacement – Replace existing 16-inch iron pipe installed in the 1950s along James Garner Avenue prior to streetscape project.
  - F. Project WA0353 – Jenkins Water Line Replacement – Replace existing 6 and 12-inch ductile iron water lines prior to a street widening project; and
6. WHEREAS, the OWRB 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 applicant will work with the OWRB to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement; and
7. WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Norman and the NUA to expedite the preparation and submission of an ARPA grant application to the OWRB.



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 ARPA application with the OWRB.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the NUA is hereby authorized and directed to sign this resolution authorizing and directing 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, the ARPA application with the OWRB for the above referenced projects;
- (b) provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the ARPA application or resulting award (if successful); and
- (c) represent the NUA in carrying out the NUA's responsibilities under the ARPA grant (if successful), including certifying payment of fund requests on behalf of the NUA and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Larry Heikkila, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hall, Secretary