



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/08/2022

REQUESTER: Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

PRESENTER: Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SUBMIT AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT APPLICATION TO THE OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funds are being made available as grant funds being administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) for water and wastewater projects. The maximum grant allowed for large systems is \$2 million with a 50 percent local contribution. Norman is classified as a large system since the population exceeds 7,000. A total of \$40 million is available for disbursement and applications will be competitively scored.

DISCUSSION:

Applications are open from October 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022. An approved or adopted resolution is a required component of the application. The Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) City of Norman has six (6) projects that could qualify for OWRB ARPA grant funds:

1. Project WA0352 – Southlake Waterline Replacement
2. Project WA0351 – Advanced Water Metering
3. Project WA0212 – Groundwater Well Improvements
4. Project WA0329/WW0329 – Line Maintenance Facility
5. Project WA0338 – James Garner Water Line Replacement
6. Project WA0353 – Jenkins Water Line Replacement

The application and resolution do not commit the NUA to accepting funds. If NUA is able to secure the grant, the decision would return to the NUA Trustees for approval at that time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Norman Utilities Authority adopt Resolution R-2223-51 authorizing the submittal of an ARPA grant application to the OWRB for water and wastewater.