

**Conduct at least one public hearing on the activities proposed in the application and at least one public hearing on the status of funded activities following an award. Make sure all nine (9) points are covered (see list below) and included in the public hearing minutes.**

**The application public hearing must include a review of:**

**(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects were identified;**

The need for the CDBG water/sewer grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) came from various planning sessions within the city. The City of Oelwein received a notice of violation from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in December of 2020. The notice outlined operation and maintenance issues within the sanitary sewer collection system. There had been 22 instances of basement backup, 8 bypasses that were caused by rain events and regular use of the EQ basin during wet weather flows. Due to this, it was required that a preliminary engineering report be submitted that outlined steps to address inflow and infiltration (I&I) and bypass issues in the most affected areas of the collection system.

**(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds;**

The request from the IEDA will be \$600,000. If successfully funded, the remainder of the proposed activity will be funded through American Rescue funds of \$820,000 and city funds of \$427,000 for a total project cost of \$1,846,338.

**(c) the date the CDBG application will be submitted;**

The CDBG water/sewer application will be submitted on or before July 1, 2022 to the IEDA.

**(d) requested amount of federal funds;**

The requested amount is \$600,000.

**(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;**

Per year 2015 low and moderate income (LMI) data from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Oelwein's LMI is 60.2%. Therefore, it can be expected that the same proportion of the funds will benefit that group of residents or a total of 3,861 persons.

**(f) where the proposed activity or project will be conducted;**

The project will be conducted within the northeast portion of the city limits of Oelwein in the following areas: Site A is located on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE to 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, then over to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE up to 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Site B is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE from North Frederick Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE.

**(g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects;**

No businesses or persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed facility upgrades.

**(h) plans to assist persons actually displaced, and;**

No plans to displace any persons.

**(i) the nature of the proposed activity or project.**

The nature of the proposed project within the City of Oelwein is for two proposed collection system projects to reduce the likelihood of basement backups and sewer bypasses. The existing clay sanitary sewer mains will be replaced with larger diameter plastic pipe. The existing brick manholes will be replaced with concrete manholes. New sanitary sewer services will be installed beyond the edge of pavement. These improvements will greatly reduce the amount of I&I into the sanitary sewer collection system.