

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: A Resolution Accepting the Grant Writing Proposal from Baker And Tilly for The ERA Fixed Award Grant Project

Staff Contact: Blake Toliver Superintendent of Electric Operations

Summary: Bakertilly was contracted to help Rochelle Municipal Utilities with the pre-application for a department of energy grant to assist with rebuilding two existing areas of infrastructure in our service territory. The department of energy has accepted our pre-application and we have been invited to submit the full application. Bakertilly has submitted a proposal not to exceed \$30,000 to assist in writing this submission for the utility. We think it would be best to move forward with this proposal as it gives us the best shot at receiving these funds. The two projects this will fund are the diesel plant feeder tree replacement and the Westview Drive underground installation. The grant would be nearly \$2,000,000 if received.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Electric Funds	\$152,500	\$30,000

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Infrastructure Effectiveness & Improvement, Financial Management & Stability

Recommendation: Approve a Resolution Accepting the Grant Writing Proposal from Baker And Tilly for The ERA Fixed Award Grant Project