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STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date:	July 11, 2023
Agenda Title:	Septic Remediation Update
Requested Action:	Hold a Work Session
Department / Agency Lead:	Department of Community Development
Staff Lead:	Denise Harris

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town was unsuccessful in obtaining the original VDHC grant funding that was applied for in 2021. We now have the opportunity to apply for a DEQ grant worth \$750,000 that is tied to State ARPA funding. Staff is working on a program that describes how the funding will be used in conjunction with those properties that continue to be served by septic fields within the Town. Staff would like to submit a program that will provide funding on a first come, first serve basis. The application is due by the end of September 2023 and there is no guarantee that funds will be awarded once the application is submitted to DEQ.

BACKGROUND

The Town application to receive funding from VDHC was not successful. DEQ is currently accepting applications to provide up to a \$750,000 grant to aid in connecting properties to public sewer utilities. Depending on the owner's income level, funding reimbursement will be based on a percentage basis. Those earning more than \$152,100 per year are eligible for a 50% cost share while those earning less than \$152,100 are eligible for a 100% cost share. Of the \$750,000 grant, 35% of the grant can be used for administration of the program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Hold the work session to discuss next steps.

Service Level / Policy Impact

Receiving any funding would allow for the ability to provide public sewer to those that are currently being served by a septic field. The funding will not be sufficient to provide public sewer to everyone at this time.

Fiscal Impact

The DEQ grant does not require matching funds from the Town.

Legal Impact

None known at this time.