

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 11, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Lisa M. Saunders, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Latham, Deputy Financial Officer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Approving an Application for North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure Grant Funding Available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for Washington Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence
Strategic Objective: Maintain City’s Financial Strength
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has authorized the distribution of grants to aid eligible units of government in financing necessary investments in water and wastewater infrastructure. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) will administer these funds through the State Fiscal Recovery Fund appropriated in the state budget for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects.

The Washington Park Sewer Rehabilitation project was initiated after Washington Park was identified as an area needing extensive sewer rehabilitation based on the condition assessment performed as part of the Collection System Improvement Program. The scope of work for this project includes the construction of gravity sewer rehabilitation that consists of open-cut pipe replacement, open-cut point repairs, cured-in-place pipe, pipe bursting, replacement or rehabilitation of service laterals, restoration of ground and roadway surfaces, and traffic control. The budget for this project is \$6,300,000 and included in the City of Winston-Salem Capital Improvements Program budget.

Committee Action:

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| Committee | <u>Finance 4/11/22</u> | Action | <u>Approval</u> |
| For | <u>Unanimous</u> | Against | <u></u> |
| Remarks: | <u></u> | | |

Potential stimulus funds may be available from the DWI for this project. To assist in financing the cost of this project, the City of Winston-Salem would like to apply by submitting a grant application through the spring 2022 application cycle to receive a maximum of \$5,000,000 in potential grant funding for this project. The attached resolution approves an application for a grant amount of \$5,000,000, which will assist in financing the efforts of this project.