

RESOLUTION 2022 - 115

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTY MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Chapter 401 of the Montana Session Laws of 2021 through House Bill 632 Section 4 allocated the amount of \$150 million of the coronavirus state fiscal recovery funds to be used to provide minimum allocation grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan;

WHEREAS, the amount a local government is eligible to receive in water and sewer infrastructure grants under this section is in the same proportion and using the same ratios provided for in 15-70-101 (2)(b), (2)(c), and (3) giving County a minimum allocation of \$2,380,376;

WHEREAS, HB 632 Section 4 requires that a local government submit an application for a qualifying water or sewer infrastructure project that complies with the uses authorized for the coronavirus state and fiscal funds and pledge matching funds;

WHEREAS, Montana's counties do not generally own or operate water and sewer infrastructure;

WHEREAS, grant funds must be applied for by November 1, 2022 and awarded or in a pending status by January 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, because counties generally do not own water and sewer infrastructure, HB 632 Section 4 allocated grant funds for qualifying water or sewer infrastructure projects within the counties for which it was allocated, but that any local government eligible to receive minimum allocation funds under HB 632 Section 4 could apply for and pledge matching funds for the county's proportion;

WHEREAS, the City of Helena is a local government as defined in HB 632 Section 4 and has committed to request the funds by November 1, 2022, if the county's allocation made eligible to them and the county has determined this to be a priority use of the allocated funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners:

1. County has determined that the proposed Project is eligible as a minimum allocation project and is a high priority within the county and;
2. By this resolution, Lewis and Clark County requests the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation allow, through its developed application and distribution processes, the City of Helena \$494,913 of its share of the allocated Minimum Allocation funds for the Helena Water System Improvements project.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on this 20th day of December 2022.



Attest: *[Signature]* Reeves/sh

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]
Jim McCormick, Chair

Amy Reeves, Clerk to the Board

