

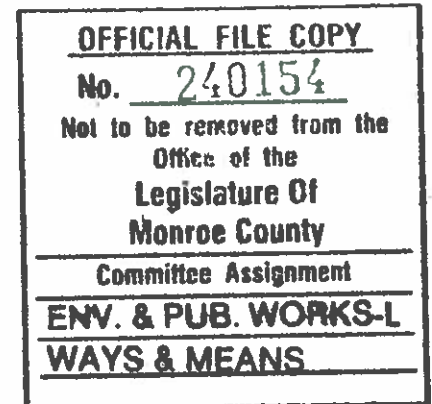


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

May 10, 2024



To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of an Engineering Planning Grant from the New York State Facilities Corporation for the Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility Influent Improvements Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept an Engineering Planning Grant ("EPG") from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in an amount up to \$50,000 for the Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility ("FEV WRRF") Influent Improvements Project, with a minimum local match of 20%, including any in-kind services.

The Rochester Pure Waters District ("District") owns, operates, and maintains the FEV WRRF located at 1574 Lakeshore Boulevard in Rochester, New York. FEV WRRF is an activated sludge sewage treatment facility that is currently permitted to treat 135 million gallons per day. Ahead of the activated sludge treatment process, all flow is conveyed through influent treatment facilities such as distribution structures, bar screens, and grit chambers to remove branches, sticks, leaves, and inorganic materials such as stones and grit. This influent treatment process is imperative not only for the removal of the debris itself, but also to protect and reduce wear of the downstream secondary treatment facilities. The current influent treatment facilities were constructed in the early 1970s and mid-1980s and have reached the end of their useful service life. Influent treatment improvements are required to replace aged equipment and optimize performance of new influent processes to maintain reliability and continuity of services to District customers.

The District will initiate a FEV WRRF Influent Improvements Project with an engineering report to evaluate improvement alternatives, and associated project cost estimates. The FEV WRRF Influent Improvements Project has been selected to receive up to \$50,000 from the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant program through the New York State Clean Water State Revolving Fund administered through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to help pay for engineering and planning to produce an engineering report for FEV WRRF Influent Improvements.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a Grant Agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill Monroe County's obligations under the Grant Agreement for the Frank E. Van Lare Water Resource Recovery Facility Influent Improvements Project (EFC Project No. 131784), with a minimum local match of 20%, including any in-kind services.

2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services by appropriating the sum of \$50,000 into pure waters fund 9007, funds center 8575010000, Rochester Pure Waters District Special Expense Administration.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) (24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigation and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant requires a minimum local match of 20%, including any in-kind services. Funding for the local match is appropriated in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, pure waters fund 9007, funds center 8575010000, Rochester Pure Waters District Special Expense Administration. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


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