

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RESOURCES INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Adam Waldron, City Council President

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, P.E., Director of Water and Sewer Resources

RE: Request for Council Resolution
PennVest Grant Application – Lead Service Line Replacement

DATE: January 14, 2021

In 2019 the federal government enacted the Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act (WIFTA) which allocated funding to the states to remediate lead service lines in drinking water systems. In Pennsylvania, this program is being administered by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVest).

The City of Bethlehem will be applying for a grant from PennVest to replace lead service lines in its water service territory. In the 1920's and 1930's lead was commonly used as a pipe material for water services to individual homes and businesses. We believe that several hundred lead services remain in place, most of which occur in the older sections of the City's central core. Even though the City's drinking water system meets all federal and state regulations regarding lead levels and pipe corrosion prevention, it is prudent for us to take advantage of this grant program to remediate as many lead services as the available funding allows.


To this end, PennVest requires that a resolution be adopted by City Council authorizing the City to proceed with the grant application. This is a 100% reimbursable funding program, i.e. no City match is required.

I respectfully ask that the attached draft resolution be placed on the January 19, 2021 Council meeting agenda in order to meet the filing deadline of February 3, 2021.

Thank you.

Attached – Resolution

Copies to: File/xc

By: 

City of Bethlehem
Resolution 2021-

The undersigned, an authorized representative of the City Council of the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, hereby certifies that at a meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021, after due notice, at which a quorum was present, the City Council adopted by a majority vote the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties shall be, and the same hereby are authorized to submit a Financial Assistance Application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST), substantially in the form presented at this meeting for the purpose of financing the construction, rehabilitation, and/or extension of the City of Bethlehem water system. Appropriate officers of the City of Bethlehem are hereby authorized to execute all certifications and documentation required in connection with the application.”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereby certify that the above Resolution is in full force and effect as of this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Sponsored by /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

/s/ _____

Adam Waldron
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Robert G. Vidoni
City Clerk