

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RESOURCES INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Michael Colon, City Council President

FROM: Stephen D. Pallone; Superintendent of Water Supply & Treatment

RE: Request for Council Resolution
H2O PA Grant Application - 2022

DATE: November 10, 2022

Please accept this memo as a formal request of City Council to adopt a resolution in support of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA Grant. This program is managed by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The grant will be used to help fund a project to replace the 2-million-gallon Southwest Reservoir located on an access road along Mountain Drive North in Lower Saucon Township. This project will replace the nearly 100-year-old reservoir with a 1-million-gallon tank and allow for demolition of the reservoir (built circa 1924). Replacement of this reservoir will improve water quality to existing residential and commercial properties in the City, Upper Saucon Township, and Lower Saucon Township.

As applicant, the City is obligated to provide matching funds of not less than 50% of the amount awarded under the H2O PA grant program. Based on a total project cost estimate of \$1,935,450, the grant request will be for \$1,290,300, and the city's share will be at least 50% of this amount, or \$645,150. Construction is not expected to take place until 2024 at which time the appropriate funds will be budgeted in the water capital account.

I respectfully ask that the attached draft resolution be placed on an upcoming Council meeting agenda in order to meet the filing deadline of December 21, 2022.

Thank you.

Attached – Resolution
Copies to: File/xc

By: _____

City of Bethlehem
Resolution 2022-

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties hereby requests a Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA grant of \$1,290,300 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for replacement of the 2-million-gallon Southwest Reservoir located on an access road along Mountain Drive North in Lower Saucon Township.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate William J. Reynolds, Mayor, Edward J. Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, and George Yasso, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, the duly qualified Clerk of Council of the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Bethlehem at a regular meeting held on _____, 2022 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Council of the City of Bethlehem and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Bethlehem, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Sponsored by /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk