

Called Meeting Agenda **Monday, August 29, 2022 ◊ 5:00 PM** Sinclair Water Plant

Opening
1. Call to Order

Called Meeting

2. ARPA Funding Opportunity

Closing

3. Adjournment

File Attachments for Item:

2. ARPA Funding Opportunity

2022 ARPA
Grant to
Support Growth



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What is ARPA?

American Rescue Plan Act

- Local Round (population based)
- State Round (competitive for infrastructure)
- <u>Current Round</u> (Drinking Water for Population Growth)

Current Round vs. State Round

State Round

- Water and/or sewer tied to COVID response
- Due October 2021. Awarded 1st Quarter 2022
- Eligibility mirrored GEFA SRF program
- Specifically deemed projects to support growth ineligible

Current Round vs. State Round

Current Round

- Application period August 15, 2022 September 5, 2022
- Eligible projects will be restricted to drinking water required to support increased population
- Match not required but will be used in scoring

ARPA to Support Population Increase

Eligibility Requirements

- Needed to support increased population
- Designed to support "reasonable level" of projected need
- Cost effective
- Projected to provide adequate level of drinking water over its useful life

Application Requirements

- Register through OPB Online Application
- Cost Effective Analysis Narrative evaluating alternatives
- Vendor Management Form & W-9
- Financial Information (Audits, Budget)
- Tool for Assessing Risk Online Two Page Form
- SAM.gov Registration

Application Requirements (contd)

- Project Timeline
- Detailed Budget Worksheet
- Letters of Support

<u>Is SWA Eligible?</u>

Eligible applicants are Counties & "Units of Local Government"

Water Sewer Authorities <u>with</u>
enabling legislation are eligible to apply

Will SWA Have a Competitive Application?

- Does SWA have a population increase?
- Does SWA have a project(s)?
- Is SWA willing/able to match?

SWA Population

| Entity | 2010 Population | 2020 Population | % Change |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| City of Milledgeville | 17,715 | 17,070 | -3.64% |
| City of Eatonton | 6,480 | 6,307 | -2.67% |
| Baldwin County | 45,720 | 43,799 | -4.20% |
| Putnam County | 21,218 | 22,047 | 3.91% |
| Total | 91,133 | 89,223 | -6.61% |

*based on US Census data

Other Options to Demonstrate Growth

"Applicants must demonstrate actual growth in the geographic area by providing relevant historical & current population numbers and trends and/or current or announced industrial projects..."

- Local population data (not projections) Regional Commissions, GMA, ACCG, etc.
- Addition of customers
- Building permits
- Others??

Project(s)

- Water Plant Improvements
- Raw Water Intake and/or Piping Improvements





Match

- No "requirement" but will be a part of scoring... the more you put in, the more competitive the application
- 40% was the average match on the State round
- No GEFA SRF money as match

Cost

- Hourly Not to Exceed \$5,000 to prepare & submit application.
- If chosen, permitting, design, construction administration and ARPA reporting fees will developed during the application process and submitted to SWA for review & approval prior to application submission

QUESTIONS or COMMENTS?



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